

The Andover Village Board met on Monday, August 4, 2025, with the following members present Kevin Betcher, Elma GayDan Heiar, Valli Putnam, Conner Riddell, Mike Mielke, and Bev Josephson. Also present was Dave Riddell. Village Water Operator, Ron Grymonprez Village Employees; and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of July 7, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed with corrections noted. A motion was made by Elma to accept the minutes, and Valli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Statement of Financial Condition through July 31, 2025, was reviewed. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Kevin to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover General Bills through August 4, 2025, were reviewed. Dan made a motion to pay the bills as presented and Valli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Andover Water Bills through August 4, 2025, were reviewed. The motion was made by Conner and seconded by Jennifer. Motion carried.

The Andover MFT bills through August 4, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made by Elma and seconded by Valli. Motion carried.

Visitor Comments

Correspondence

Mike said the parade is on August 30th and may pull the Jenny Lind Chapel float. Flyer from Orion Tire and Repair. Annual customer's appreciation on August 30th. 40% off selected tires purchased on that day.

Water System Project

POroject is in another person's hand at IRWA. Mike, Jack and Bev are working on getting all the information pulled together.

Southerland House

No news.

Gazebo/Sidewalk Bids

Elma reported she notified Five Cities Construction they got the bid, and she also notified the two other bidders.

New Building Inspector

Nothing new to report at this time. Valli said that Kyle Stromquist is the building inspector in Cambridge. Mike Halpin said the building inspector should be a licensed contractor with the state. Mike said he would contact Kyle Stromquist.

Water Rate Increase Ordinance

Mike said the copy distributed was the copy with the changes discussed at the last meeting. There are 5 customers who live outside the village limits and are charged a different rate. The possible addition of other users was discussed, and Dave Riddell said the line servicing these customers is only a 2" line and could not handle additional customers. It was decided to charge the residents outside of the village a base rate of \$110 and the same rate for additional usage of \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons. It was decided to have the ordinance go into effect on January 1, 2026. A motion was made by Elma and seconded by Valli to approve the water rate increase with the corrections noted. Motion carried.

Solicitation Ordinance Review

Mike Halpin said he will bring to the September meeting a revised solicitation ordinance with our recommendation that solicitors could come into the Village Monday-Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00p, and the permit if issued would be good for one year. The cost would be \$25, and violators fined \$50 but not more than \$200 for offenses.

Orion Fall Festival Food Tent Request

Mike said we currently have Dan & Robin Heiar, Valli & Mike Putnam and Kevin Betcher available to help from 2:30-5:00pm at the Lions' Club Food Tent. If anyone else is interested, let Mike know.

Coffee Trailer

Mike reported Joelle Johnson who owns Rise and Shine Coffee had asked about parking her trailer in Andover to sell coffee. It cannot be parked along Route 81. Mike Halpin said this would probably fall under a special vendor ordinance and we do not have one in place. It was suggested we have a policy or process in place for this type of request. Mike said he called her about hours and days of the week, but she is currently having staffing issues, so she does not have any plans at this time. Across from the Nutty Bar was a possible location. Mike said we have time to think about this further and develop a policy.

Tile Problems

Mike said there is a problem on Beech Street with the tile. This is the tile that comes, and Rolland Carlson's property and it is plugged on Ron's property and also at the curve. Ron said he would take care of what is on his property and the Village will take care of what is on our grass street.

Mike said he was also contacted by a resident in the Meadow Crest Addition. The tile is blocked that separates the houses on Meadow Crest and Oak. Mike said this is not the Village's responsibility because we do not have any easements as thought by the property owner who contacted Mike. Mike said this same issue arose in the Cliff White Subdivision and the property owners had to take care of the tile issues themselves.

Elma said there is also problem om 2nd Street from Aspen to Ash. It is completely underwater and the culvert that runs under Aspen is full of mud. Mike said he would have Ken and Ron investigate.

Purchase of Chairs for Village Hall

Bev reported Susie had requested we purchase 8 additional chairs for the lower level at the Village Hall so all the chairs would be similar. The old chairs would be placed in the upper level at the Village Hall. Elma made a motion to purchase 8 chairs at a cost not to exceed \$175.00 and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Elma and seconded by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk