

The Andover Village Board met on Monday, February 2, 2026, with the following members present: Kevin Betcher, Elma Gay, Dan Heiar, Jennifer Hirsch, Conner Riddell, Mike Mielke and Bev Josephson. Also present were Julie Grymonprez, Treasurer; Dave Riddell, Water Operator; Ron Grymonprez, Village Employee; and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of the January 4, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes as stated, with Elma seconding the motion. Motion carried.

The Statement of Financial Condition as of January 31, 2026, was reviewed. Jennifer made a motion to approve the Statement of Financial Condition and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bills for the Village of Andover from January 6, 2026, through February 2, 2026, were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve the bills and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The water bills for the Village of Andover from January 6, 2026, through February 2, 2026 were reviewed. Conner made a motion to approve the bills and Elma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors/Resident Comments

None.

Correspondence

Elma had an email from the Orion Area Community Band to see if there would be an Andover's Day as they are working on their 2026 calendar. Elma suggested moving it to May 30 and 31st for the Andover Days so it wouldn't coincide with the Aledo Rhubarb Festival. Conner also agreed with moving it up, however, Jennifer stated she had contacted Brian Ossian to see if Mo's Garage Band could play at the Nutty Bar on June 6th and it has been set. It was decided to keep Andover Days the first weekend in June. Elma said information regarding other events for that weekend will be brought to a future Board meeting.

Water System

Mike said everything has been submitted to USDA for review. Dave reported he contacted a firm in Springfield for water meters. The antenna on our current meter is no longer in use, and a node is used instead. The cost for the meter and node would be \$250 total. We would also need a new meter reader as our

current reader will not read the new meter, but the new reader will read our current meter. The cost for the meter reader is \$2,000.00. Dave said he would like to purchase 10 new meters and a new reader. It was estimated with shipping costs to be \$5,000.00. Elma made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 new meters, a reader and shipping costs not to exceed \$5,000.00 and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dave said there is a major water leak at 6th and Locust which could involve shutting off the water for many residents. There is a gas line and cable lines which are in the vicinity of the water line which make its more difficult. It is hoped that they won't have to dig under the blacktop to repair it. Dave worked on Saturday to slow down the water leak so it could be repaired in warmer weather. Dave said that Larson Pump will repair the leak this week and he will keep Mike informed.

Southerland House

Mike had nothing new to report.

Village Hall Improvements

Mike suggested the Building Committee meet to determine the repairs needed for the Village Hall. The Building Committee members are Conner, Jennifer and Dan. Mike also said JC Dillon contacted him about being added to our contractor list. He is out of the Quad Cities. Mike said once we identify the repairs we want, we can contact contractors for bids.

Cell Phone for Village Clerk

Mike is working with Moline Verizon for the cell phone. He was referred to their municipal accounts' director and the two of them are working on getting the cell phone.

Further Old Business

None.

New Business

Easter Egg Hunt

Bev said we could have the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th at 1:00pm with a rain date of April 4th. Elma asked if the Easter Bunny would be present and Bev said she has reached out to her but she has not received a reply. She will put together an estimated expense list for the Board and present it at the next meeting.

Employee Evaluations

Bev said we need to complete the employee evaluations so that any salary increased could go into effect with the start of our next fiscal year, May 1st. Bev will send out the evaluations to the members.

Budget Meeting – March 2nd meeting

Mike said we need to set our budget meeting date. Jennifer said she has a lot of travel scheduled mid-March. The Budget Meeting was set for March 8th at 6:00pm.

Further New Business

Bev reported she contacted Peterson Disposal for a clean-up in May and May 8th was available. Elma said since we normally scheduled Yard Sales Day the week prior would make them May 1st and May 2nd. She noted there has been discussion on the Andover Facebook page about having a fall garage sale day and Bev said the interested parties could schedule one themselves.

Adjournment

Conner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk