

The Andover Village Board met on Monday, March 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; Ken Estes, Village Employee, Ron Grymonprez, Village Employee; and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of the February 2, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes as stated, with Elma seconding the motion. Motion carried. The Park Committee minutes from February 27, 2026, were reviewed. A motion was made by Conner and seconded by Jennifer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The Statement of Financial Condition as of February 28, 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 February 3, 2026, through March 2, 2026, were reviewed. Bev said there was another bill from Henry County Tourism for our annual dues, which needed to be added in the amount of \$200.00. Elma made a motion to approve the bills and Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The water bills for the Village of Andover from February 3, 2026, through March 2, 2026, were reviewed. Conner made a motion to approve the bills and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors/Resident Comments

None.

Correspondence

Elma reported she was contacted by a resident about the possibility of putting an inflated water slide in the park sometime this summer. Elma reported that she and her husband purchased one last year and there was a pop-up event in the park which was well attended. Elma stated they were willing to use their water slide in the park again this year for a pop-up event. Bev suggested contacting our insurance company regarding liability coverage and Bev volunteered to contact them.

She also reported that 5 Cities Construction will only be doing residential work in the future as one brother has left the firm and moved to Florida. They had

some ideas on how to do the handicap ramp at the Village Hall but never made a formal presentation to the Board.

Water System

Mike reported we are working to get the final information submitted to the USDA. This should be accomplished shortly. If we receive approval from the USDA then we can proceed with the bidding process.

Dave reported that the company he had contacted about purchasing the new water meters made an error and he will not be able to purchase 10 new meters at this time. He is proceeding with submitting the paperwork to the company regarding setting up an account.

Bev stated she was contacted by a resident about setting up the automatic water payment, but the resident is delinquent and wanted to set up for a withdrawal every 2 weeks when the resident is paid. Bev said this is extra work for her and the resident could just pay a portion of the bill at the bank every 2 weeks when they are paid. The Board did not feel this was a request that could be made.

Southerland House

Mike had nothing new to report.

Village Hall Improvements

The Building Committee will meet and develop a list of the necessary repairs and submit them to various contractors for bids. There could be more than one contractor since this involves exterior and interior work. Dan said we could find a location in the park to move the cannon. A concrete pad would need to be poured but the cannon could be moved by the Village Employees since the tires are inflated.

Cell Phone for Village Clerk

Mike reported the new phone has finally arrived. Bev reported she has shared the new number with all the Board Members, Village Employees and others as calls are received.

Easter Egg Hunt

Bev requested \$400 for the Easter Egg Hunt to cover the cost of candy and a monetary donation to the Easter Bunny who will be present on March 28th from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm due to another appearance at 2:00pm. Elma made a

motion to give \$400 towards the Easter Egg Hunt and Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Employee Evaluations

Mike asked that all completed employee evaluations be completed and turned in by our April meeting. Meeting times and dates to review the evaluations with the employees will be set up at a later date.

Budget Meeting

The Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 6:00pm. Mike said he would not be able to attend due to a family commitment.

Further Old Business

None.

New Business

Orion After Prom

Mike reviewed a request from the Orion After Prom Committee for a donation. Bev reported the Board donated \$250 last year. A motion was made by Jennifer to donate \$250 to the Orion After Prom Committee and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park Committee Report

Conner reviewed with the Board some recommendations for the purchase of handicapped accessible equipment for the park. He said we could purchase one new piece this year and add to the area in future years. The location would be on the west side of the park. Rubber matting for the area was discussed and also umbrellas or awnings for the area as well. Jennifer said she could put in the MidAmerican Grant Proposal the amount of money the Village was willing to spend. There are still monies in this year's budget if the equipment could be ordered and paid for on this year's budget. Conner will share with Jennifer the proposed equipment. Conner will also keep the Board updated on equipment pricing.

Mike requested the Board go into closed session to discuss an employee related issue. Elma made a motion to go into closed session and Jennifer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The Board resumed their meeting following the closed session.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk