

The Andover Village Board met on Monday, May 4, 2026, with the following members present: Kevin Betcher, Elma Gay, Dan Heiar, Valli Putnam, Conner Riddell, Mike Mielke and Bev Josephson. Also present were Julie Grymonprez, Treasurer; Ken Estes, Village Employee; and Dave Riddell, Water Operator.

The minutes of the April 6, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Elma made a motion to approve the April 6, 2026 minutes as presented with correction noted, with Valli seconding the motion. The Building Committee met on April 20, 2026 and the minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Elma to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026, meeting and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Statement of Financial Condition as of April 30, 2026, was reviewed. Valli made a motion to approve the Statement of Financial Condition and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bills for the Village of Andover from April 7, 2026, through May 4, 2026, were reviewed. Conner reported the merry-go-round purchased was on sale and it is primarily for use with wheelchairs. A motion was made by Dan to approve the bills and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The water bills for the Village of Andover from April 7, 2026, through May 4, 2026, were reviewed. Elma made a motion to approve the bills and Valli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Visitors/Resident Comments**

A representative from State Senator Neil Anderson's office was present. She reported they have a new intern and he has been going out and meeting the different residents to see if they had any concerns and requests for assistance from the Senator's office. She wanted to thank us for welcoming the new intern as she and the intern met with Mike Mielke when he first arrived. Elma said he stopped at her house and he introduced himself and had a Neal Anderson shirt on but she thought it would have been better if he had a leaflet explaining what he was doing rather than asking for assistance with gun permit. Penny thanked us for our input as it has been a learning experience.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **Water System**

We are waiting for confirmation of our SAM renewal.

## **Village. Hall Repairs**

As a result of the committee meeting, there is a list of items that need repair. The first 2 items on the list are priority and the list is ongoing. Conner is working on bidding specifications for the first two projects. Once the specifications are developed, Conner will run them by the Committee and present the specifications to the Village Board after they are done. Jim Reams was contacted and we already have one handicap accessible entrance and don't need another as long the upstairs it is not used for public events. Since the Halloween Party and the Christmas Party are no longer held at the Village Hall, we may not need a handicap accessible entrance to the second floor. We could investigate having a chair lift from the main floor to the second floor as the stairs are wide. The drainage issue was also discussed as it might be a tile issue.

## **Lake Dredging**

Ken talked to Dave Wyffel about the lake issues. Dave informed Ken that Wethersfield is dredging their bond and suggested we contact Wethersfield for name, the actual project and the cost. Ken distributed copies of a report from the DNR and they suggested adding an additional aerator. The electrical issued of adding an additional aerator were discussed and the Board asked Ken to check with Jeff Hutchinson.

## **Employee Evaluations**

Evaluations were done and Mike and some board members met with the employees. He said we would go into closed session to discuss the evaluations.

## **Budget Meeting**

A Budget meeting date of May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm was set.

## **Park Committee**

There are two trees on the north side of the ball diamond that are not looking healthy. Ken is trying to nurse them back to health as they are memorial trees. There was discussion about moving the cannon to the park by the monuments but no final decision was made. Elma is the liaison with the Andover Monument Committee and will discuss this with them.

## **Ditching**

Bruce Marshall is busy with farmers so he has not been able to do the ditching in Andover.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fishing Derby Funds**

Bev reported the Village donated \$500 for the fishing derby last year. Elma made a motion to donate \$500 for the fishing derby and Vall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elma reported in addition to the fishing derby there will be the pork chop supper from 4:30 to 7:30pm with music being presented. The salute to veterans will be at 7:00pm and Alpha Baptist Church will be holding an ice cream social. The Nutty Bar is having a band that evening as well.

### **Tile on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Between Cedar and Elm**

Ken reported the tile that runs from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Cedar and Elm is plugged. There is a willow tree growing in the field and it is felt the roots are getting into the tile. We will have Bruce check the tile. The property in question is owned by two different families – Bucks and Will Brandt.

### **Andover T-Shirts for Volunteers**

Mike requested we get some t-shirts for Andover volunteers through Kevin Clark. The cost of the t-shirts is \$12 each and it would have the Village logo and Volunteer on the back in black lettering. The shirts would be bright yellow. Mike said he would get a variety of sizes. A motion was made by Elma to purchase 10 t-shirts in various sizes from Kevin Clark and not to exceed \$150. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Updating Storm Warning Siren**

Mike said the storm warning siren needs to be updated. He thought originally it was purchased by the Village and the fire department. It can be activated for severe storms, high winds, and tornadoes. It is activated by the fire department when a warning is received. There was discussion about who else could activate the siren, i.e., Henry County EMS or deputies. Mike will investigate and also find out about costs.

### **Other New Business**

The Street and Sidewalks Committee needs to meet to review the Andover streets. The meeting was scheduled for 9:00am on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Committee members are: Valli, Elma and Dan. They will meet at the Village shed.

Elma reported the handrail at the Andover Women's League Building and she is checking to see if Mark and Dennis can repair it. The Andover Historical Society also requested we continue to do the mowing at \$50 an hour and we will continued.

Ken distributed information on a herbicide that can be used on playgrounds. It is currently used on the ball diamond. Conner has his sprayer license but he was not sure about using his license to spray in the park but he will look into it. It is \$300 for 2-1/2 gallons. The park would need to be roped up once the herbicide is used and no one allowed to be on it for at least 2 hours. It is has to be 70 degrees outside and no rain the previous 12 hours.

Elma made a motion we go into closed session to discuss the evaluations. Valli seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent member.

The meeting resumed after executive session.

A motion was made by Elma to keep Ron's salary the same, increase Ken to \$26 an hour and Dave was given an increase of 4.5% to \$15,134.00 and on call rate of \$25.00 an hour. The motion was seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

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

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk