

The Andover Village Board met on Monday, April 6, 2026, with the following members present: Kevin Betcher, Elma Gay, Dan Heiar, Jennifer Hirsch, Valli Putnam, Conner Riddell, Mike Mielke and Bev Josephson. Also present were Julie Grymonprez, Treasurer; Ken Estes, Village Employee; and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of the March 2, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Elma made a motion to approve the March 2, 2026 minutes as presented, with Valli seconding the motion. Motion carried. Elma made a motion to approve the Budget Meeting minutes from March 9, 2026, and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The bills for the Village of Andover from March 3, 2026, through April 6, 2026, were reviewed. A motion was made by Dan to approve the bills and Valli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The water bills for the Village of Andover from March 3, 2026, through April 6, 2026, were reviewed. Elma made a motion to approve the bills and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Visitors/Resident Comments**

Kevin Clark was going to come to the meeting but unable to attend tonight's meeting. Elma reported he made all the signs for Andover's 190<sup>th</sup> celebration at no charge,

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **Water System**

Mike said no updates at this time. All requested data has been submitted. Dave has ordered 3 meters and the meter reader and it takes approximately 6 weeks for them to arrive.

### **Southerland House**

Mike had nothing new to report.

### **Village Hall Improvements**

Mike said he would like to see the Building Committee meet later this month. Conner is the Chairperson and Jennifer and Dan are also on the Committee. Mike said he would be interested in attending as well. A meeting date was selected as April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

### **Lake Dredging**

Mike talked to a delivery man at Quality Repair who does have a dredging business and Mike said he would set up a meeting with him and the Park Committee. Dave Wiffell also has some ideas about dredging and he will be contacted to come to the next meeting.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Bev reported she spent \$353.89 on the Easter Egg Hunt: \$259.89 on candy, \$50 for Easter Bunny, \$40 for prizes, \$4 for cards and stickers. It was well attended.

### **Employee Evaluations**

All evaluations have been turned in except for Conner's. He said he would get it turned in. A meeting date of April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm was set to do the evaluation review with Ken at 6:00pm, Dave at 6:30pm and Ron at 7:00pm.

### **Budget Meeting**

We will set another budget meeting for May at our regular May meeting.

### **Park Committee**

Conner said he would like to order the merry-go-round for approximately \$15,000 including shipping. The pads could be purchased with next year's budget. Elma made a motion to approve the purchase of a merry-go-round for no more than \$15,000 and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Further Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

#### **Return to Work Policy**

Mike Halpin explained the Return-to-Work Policy which is required by our insurance carrier to be in effect by January 1, 2027. Jennifer made a motion to approve the return to work policy and Elma seconded it. Motion carried.

### **New Tires for Truck and Undercoating**

Ken found that FS was the cheapest for truck new truck tires. and undercoating for the truck with STS Sport Truck Specialties which will neutralize the rust. Ken said the tires are worn and he does rotate then every time he changes the oil. Elma made a motion to approve the purchase of new tires from FS and undercoating the truck with STS Sport Truck Specialties. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Trees to Be Cut Down and/or Trimmed**

A bid from Trees R Us in the amount of \$5,165.00 to cut down, prune trees, clean-up and grind stumps in the park and a tree on 4<sup>th</sup> Street by Longshores to cut the tree down, clean-up and grind out stump was reviewed. Conner made a motion to approve the bid and Valli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Sample the Lake Water**

Ken reported that Hermann Brothers will do the lake testing for \$950 and give their recommendation for improvements to the lake. Valli made a motion to approve the water testing for \$950 and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Ditching**

Bruce and Ken reviewed the ditches and we will ditch on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Mulberry (both east west and north and south). Mike has talked to Aaron Willett and Adam Kettler about the drainage problems at their houses. The culvert at the Willett property is too high. Mike, Aaron Willett, Bruce Marshall and Ken will meet before any ditching is done on that property. Elma made a motion to spend up to \$2500 for ditching on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Mulberry and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike and/or Dan will further investigate the drainage issues on Elm and 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk