The Andover Village Board met on Monday, August 3, 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, Village Treasurer; Ken Estes and Ron Grymonprez, Village Employees; Dave Riddell, Water Operator and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of the July 6, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Elma made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented, with Conner seconding the motion. Motion carried. The Special Village Board meeting minutes held on July 20, 2026 were reviewed. A motion was made by Conner to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2026, meeting and Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Street and Building Committee met on July 26, 2026 and the minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Jennifer to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2026 meeting and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried

The Statement of Financial Condition as of July 31, 2026, was reviewed. Valli made a motion to approve the Statement of Financial Condition and Elma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bills for the Village of Andover from July 7, 2026 through August 3, 2026 were reviewed. The Riverstone Group bill was for the riprap and Blade Trucking hauled it. A motion was made by Elma to approve the bills and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Visitors/Resident Comments

Kevin Clark will present at the September meeting.

Correspondence

We received an invitation from the Orion Fall Festival Parade to participate. Ken didn't think he had his kids that weekend and they passed out the candy last year, Elma said she received an invite for the Bishop Hill parade on September 12th. The parade in Bishop Hill is at 10:00am. Ken will have his kids to pass out candy at Bishop Hill.

Water System

Mike sent out all the information we received from Jack Kusak from IMEG. Jack was present to review the results of the bid opening. The USDA has given

indication that we can proceed with our project. $250,000 is the grant and remaining money is for the loan. No bids were received for the water treatment plant upgrade, The remaining bids for the various projects exceed the amount of the grant and the loan. The new well is the primary focus as it is needed to meet EPA requirements. Jack stated he talked to Albrecht and they could add the electrical requirements for the plant to their bid. The necessary well power and well controls could run around $55,000. Jack said he would talk to Jeff Hutchinson about the electrical requirements. Dave stated the new well and looping the dead ends as this could improve water quality. Painting the interior of the water tower is more important at this time than painting the exterior.

It was stated we have already paid for most of the engineering and purchased the new generator so those monies could be used for the project. We need to get the final hard numbers and send them to the USDA and the bond council.

Village Hall Repairs

Mike presented information on the Village Hall South Wall Improvement project. He stated we could break up the old stairs ourselves and remove the concrete. This would reduce the project cost. The bid proposal will be sent to four contractors, and a decision will be made at our September 14th meeting.

Park Committee

Conner reported we are still waiting for new merry-go-round to arrive.

Ditching

Ken reported he talked to Bruce Marshall and he will need 3 8-hour days to do all the ditching which equates to 24 hours @ $140/hour. Elma made a motion to put $4,000 towards ditching and Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ken will call Bruce tomorrow to get it started.

Updating Storm Warning Siren

Mike reported we should hear something from FEMA. Activation will be cloud based through National Weather Service.

Further Old Business

A letter was sent to Joe Perry regarding the brush around his fence. He has ten days to respond to the letter or fines will be initiated.

The lake water and the sludge was tested. It is high in phosphorous. Dave Wiffell suggested to add another aerator. Ken is trying to get bids on another aerator.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike said we received a request from the Orion Fall Festival for volunteers to work on September 5th 2:30 to 5:00pm. Mark and Valli volunteered and also Dan and Kevin in addition to Mike.

Jennifer made a motion to donate $300 for candy to be thrown out during the parades and Valli seconded it. Motion carried.

Further New Business

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk