The Andover Village Board met on Monday, October 5, 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, Village Treasurer; Ken Estes, Village Employee; Ron Grymonprez, Village Employee; Dave Riddell, Water Operator; and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of the September 14, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Elma made a motion to approve the September minutes as presented, with Conner seconding the motion. Motion carried. The minutes of the Special Village Board meeting held on September 28, 2026 were reviewed. A motion was made by Valli to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2026 meeting and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Statement of Financial Condition as of September 30, 2026 was reviewed. Valli 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 September 15, 2026 through October 3, 2026 were reviewed. Ken asked why part of the 2026 MFT street work was paid by the Village General Funds. Bev reported the final costs exceeded the amount approved by the DOT so Village funds were used for the additional cost. A motion was made by Conner to approve the bills and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The water bills for the Village of Andover from September 15, 2026, through October 3, 2026 were reviewed. Conner made a motion to approve the bills and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Motor Fuel Tax bills from September 15, 2026 through October 3, 2026 were reviewed. A motion was made by Dan to approve the bills and seconded by Valli. Motion carried.

Visitors/Resident Comments

Kevin Clark presented information on a flyer he could develop for the Village to deliver to all residents through the use of EDDM at the post office. The flyer could be sent out in lieu of the Talk of the Town. He showed samples of flyers he has sent out. He also presented a sample of water bills he could print out and mail through EDDM. He said we could sell advertisements and have them in the flyer. Mike stated the Board could discuss this later.

After Kevin left there was more discussion. Elma said what he presented was not what she had initially discussed with him. Elma had suggested he develop a

brochure we could send out to new residents. It was stated the flyer could be sent out once a year prior to Andover Days and include all upcoming events. Bev said it currently costs around $225 to mail out the Talk of the Town and the water bills. As stated this will be discussed at a later date.

Correspondence

Elma said she was contacted by a woman who had asked how we put together committees for activities we have in the Village and how we find members. The lady had suggested yoga in the park as an example. Elma said she gets help for putting together events by contacting individuals either through in-house visits, texts, phone calls and also posts on the What's Going on in Andover Facebook page. Elma said she would write something up for the upcoming newsletter.

Water System

Mike said copies of all the latest bid information was included in the meeting information. The forms have been signed and will be sent to Jack. There was discussion about the issues raised at the September 28th meeting about the 6" water main on Beech Street between 4th and 5th Street. Mike said he didn't discuss this with Jack yet as he wanted to get this information to Jack as soon as possible because any additional delays could risk the loss of funding. We need to get the contracts with the contractors signed. Any other changes could be done and written as change orders.

Village Hall Repairs

Mike reported he has not heard back from the contractor. Ken and Ron will tear out the old steps and the concrete but it will be coordinated around the start date for the contractor. It was suggested Ken get prices for the rental of the equipment. It was stated we could move the cannon prior to start of the work. A location for the cannon in the park needs to be selected and a concrete pad poured. Conner said he could set up a meeting with the Park Committee to select a location. Elma said she contacted Dave Crippen because he is chairman of the committee raising funds for the monument improvement. It was suggested to place the cannon on the park side of the monuments. Denise told Elma that Elmer would help pour the concrete pad. Conner said he has volunteer time through his work so he could help pour the concrete as long as he knows the date and gets approval. Elma made a motion to spend up to $1200 for moving the cannon and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was suggested a mini-ex with a bucket could be used to remove the concrete. The rental cost of the equipment was estimated to be $400 a day. Elma made a

motion to allow up to $3,000 for the rental of the equipment for the concrete removal. Valli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park Committee

Elma reported Kewanee park employees installed the equipment themselves. Conner said he could contact the firm we purchased the equipment from for their recommendation. A concrete pad is also needed for the merry-go-round. Ken said a 12” mulch base was listed on the merry-go-round equipment instructions. This will be investigated further. We had suggested using the rubber pads around the equipment.

Updating Storm Warning Siren

Mike said no updates at present as Melissa said she is still waiting to hear from FEMA but it is felt there would be funds available.

Halloween Party

Bev gave an update on the Halloween Party. The Lutheran Church is again having a Trunk or Treat on the south side of the church from 3-5:00pm on that day. She said Dan has volunteered to cook the hotdogs again and Kevin has also offered to help do the set up at the fire station. Bev said she will making up flyers for distribution in the Village.

Movie in the Park

Elma gave an update on the Movie in the Village as it was moved to the Village Hall due to weather. Games and popcorn were downstairs and the movie was shown upstairs. A few in attendance asked if they could bring in pizza so pizza from Casey’s and Harkeys was brought in. Everyone enjoyed themselves. The games were computer games associated with the Super Mario movie and many of the kids in attendance were not familiar with the computer games. Elma reported her husband has purchased a new projector and screen and in the future they could show the movie on their equipment. Some individuals asked if we would be having another and Elma said we could have one this winter.

Further Old Business

Ron asked when the water leaks were going to be repaired and we waiting to hear from Larson to see when they are coming to make the repairs.

New Business

Tax Levy for 2026-2027

Bev reported the tax levy ordinance for 2025-2026 was $18,480. There was discussion about increasing it and Mike Halpin said we could increase it up to 4.9% without holding a public meeting. There was discussion about increasing it by 3.5%. Mike said to leave it on the agenda and asked members to check their tax bills for the money Andover is currently receiving. Bev said the money is allocated to the General Fund and helps defray the cost of our village employee, lighting and Social Security.

Further New Business

Valli reported Bev had forwarded her information from the Coulter Trust and it is due in December. Last year we received $5,000 and it went towards the new merry-go-round. Suggestions for this year's request was 5 new trees for the park, a shade sail for the playground equipment and installation of the merry-go-round equipment. Conner will check on prices for the installation of the equipment and Valli will check on the price of the shade sails.

Elma reported she contacted Nicki Ruthaivilavan from Augustana Church about the Christmas Walk. Nicki informed her that her group was meeting this evening to discuss it.

Adjournment

Elma made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk