

Committee of the Whole
March 23, 2026
MINUTES
6:00pm

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Tillie Coomber, Nicole Callos. Not present: N/A. Also present: Brian Nott, Louise Workinger

Call to Order

1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of March 23, 2026 was called to order by President Buss at 6:03pm.

Public Participation

2) There was no public participation at this time.

Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2026

3) On a motion by Keeffer second by Peight approving the meeting minutes from February 23, 2026. ALL AYE.

Discuss Budget

4) Callos provided a spreadsheet with the preliminary numbers for the Board to review. Line items were reviewed and individual departments will make their own revisions. The following notes were made: 1) Mediacom amount may vary; waiting to confirm specific contract numbers with Attorney. 2) Intergovernmental agreement with school updates before July 2026. Discussed whether SRO officer would be new hire; pending grant. Keeffer will be reviewing the contract. 3) Potential grants: \$112,000 Tony McCombie. \$100,000 LaHood grant would be considered in next years numbers; engineering fees potentially could be factored in current fiscal. Smith will be adding a line item for water budget. Grants are not reflected as revenue on the Treasurer's balance spreadsheet, but are shown as revenue for individual department budgets. 4) ACS Grant Writing costs are \$3500 per department a year. 5) Raised Police department equipment budget from \$28,000 to \$35,000 due to the new squad car purchase; adjust revenue amounts in the future once grants are approved. 5) If IEPA loans are approved, funding amounts would be announced in June; Nott stated he will speak with Bridgette Stocks for update.

Discuss Village Newsletter

5) Baldauf presented the draft newsletter for review. The newsletter will be sent to print 3/25, to be mailed by April 1st. Internet fiber installation time-line will be listed.

Discuss Adjustment of Appropriations Ordinance

6) Callos provided the draft appropriations ordinance for Board review to be approved at April's Board meeting.

Discuss Annual Employee Raises

7) Callos provided a spreadsheet with the percentages of increases for Village employee wages. Executive session at Board Meeting 4/13 to discuss raises. The Village is hiring within for a sewer operator.

Welfare of the Village

8) Buss stated greeters are needed at the Train Show this weekend March 28th and 29th and to reach out to Roger Schamberger if interested in volunteering.

Adjournment

9) On a motion by second by to adjourn the March 23, 2026 meeting at 6:40pm. ALL AYE.

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk