

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 11, 2025**  
**MINUTES**  
**6:00pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- 1) The Regular Board Meeting on August 11, 2025 was called to order by President Steve Buss at 6:00pm.

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Joe Hallstrom and Nicole Callos. Not present: n/a. Also Present: Tom Green, Brian Nott, Madi Becke, Brian Lamphere, Brandt Esling, Helen Cather, John Cather, Lindsay Buss, Louise Workinger, Clara Solverson, Jonathan Solverson, Sierra Maurer, Kyle Maurer, Mike Mudge.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 14, 2025**  
On a motion by Keeffer second by Rood approving the minutes from the July 14, 2025 Board Meeting. ALL AYE.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE REPORT**  
Smith explained there were payments made for door replacement at wells that were required by OSHA. On a motion by Keeffer second by Rood approving the Bills Payable Report as presented. ALL AYE.
- 4) **TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTANCE**  
Callos presented the report for July. On a motion by Keeffer second by Hallstrom to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. ALL AYE
- 5) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
Helen Cather wanted to commend the Village police department for listening to her concerns. Her concerns regarded large trucks traveling near her home on Townline Road and inquired what types of trucks are allowed to be in transit. There was a driveway being built so there was additional traffic due to construction. Helen Cather explained that every year the Village patches the road in front of her home, however it continues to get worse and she was curious when that would be repaired and if truck traffic is contributing. Buss explained there is a seven-year plan for road repairs, and there was a lot of work happening in that area. Nott stated he would need to revisit the 7-year plans to see where that area lies.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, WATER & SEWER, ZONING & PLANNING – NO REPORT / LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

- (A) **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
Brooke Baldauf asked for Newsletter items before September to be out October 1st. Tabitha Engel will be submitting an update for the Cemetery Board.
- (A) **VILLAGE ENGINEER**  
Nott reported the following updates: 1) Fischers has completed the water main on Milfred Street. Storm sewer work has began. It is a 55 working day project.; Nott will be counting rain days. There had been a delay on the water main due to supply issues. 2) Camp street is awaiting site restoration. 3) Townline Road and Main Street: Fischers is completing site restoration. 4) Lena Drive Inn: Kelsey Excavating is addressing high erosion areas. Will be reviewing site restoration areas too regarding mowing. 5) Sanitary lining project Is moving along with cleaning and televising; only found a handful of point repairs to be addressed. Utility companies will be addressed for damage caused by running lines through pipes.
- (A) **PUBLIC SAFETY**  
Keeffer reported the following: Construction at the police station is complete. Lamphere shared that an accident caused damage to property in the right of way and is proposing an addition to the Village ordinance covering remedying this in the future. National Night Out will be Tuesday August 12, 2025 and will include a food drive.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 6) **PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD**  
Police Chief Brian Lamphere presented the Life Saving Award to Officer Sierra Maurer for her heroic acts on July 18, 2025. He described the measures Officer Maurer took in order to save a child's life. Thank you, Officer Maurer.
- 7) **DISCUSS/APPROVE BENNING GROUP AUDIT PROPOSAL**  
On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith approving Benning Group's audit proposal. ALL AYE.
- 8) **DISCUSS/APPROVE VILLAGE OWNED ACCOUNT ENERGY AGGREGATE**  
On a motion by Peight second by Keeffer approving Dynergy Energy contract for 32 months. ALL AYE.
- 9) **DISCUSS/APPROVE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATION**  
If awarded, \$2,000 of the \$3,500 grant application fee will be applied to engineering fees. On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith approving the Safe Routes to School Application fee of \$3,500. ALL AYE.
- 10) **APPROVE PAY APPLICATION #1 FOR MARTIN & COMPANY CAMP STREET IMPROVEMENTS**  
On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith approving pay application #1 for Martin & Company for Camp Street improvements in the amount of \$198,736.92. ALL AYE.
- 11) **APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS #1-5 FOR MARTIN & COMPANY**  
On a motion by Rood second by Keeffer approving pay application #1-5 for Helm Group in the amount of \$2,766. ALL AYE.
- 12) **APPROVE PAY APPLICATION #1 FOR FISCHER'S MAIN STREET & TOWNLINER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**  
On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith approving pay application #1 for Fischers Main Street and Townline Road Improvements. ALL AYE.
- 13) **APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR FISCHER'S EXCAVATING**  
On a motion by Keefer second by Smith approving Change Order #1 for Fischer's Excavating. ALL AYE.
- 14) **APPROVE PAY APPLICATION #2 FOR LENA DRIVE INN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**  
On a motion by Rood second by Keeffer approving application #2 for Lena Drive Inn Drainage improvements in the amount of \$163,334.67. ALL AYE.
- 15) **APPROVE EXTENDED BAND HOURS FOR MULLIGANS, IRON HORSE**  
On a motion by Keeffer second by Rood approving extended band hours and noise variance for Mulligans and Iron Horse. ALL AYE.
- 16) **APPROVE ORDINANCE 25-011 REGARDING MAINTAINING GROCERY TAX**  
Green explained the ordinance must be submitted by October 1 to still be effective January 1, 2026. If the State reinstates their tax, the Village would rescind theirs. On a motion by Smith second by Baldauf approving Ordinance 25-011 maintaining the grocery tax. ALL AYE.
- 17) **APPROVE ORDINANCE 25-012 CHAPTER 9: UNDERGROUND FENCING**  
Buss stated this discussed at previous meetings. On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer approving Ordinance 25-012 Chapter 9: underground fencing updates. ALL AYE.
- 18) **DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 25-013 UPDATING GRANT PROCESS**  
New grant packets will be available at the Village office. On a motion by Rood second by Peight approving Ordinance 25-013 updating the grant process. ALL AYE.
- 19) **APPROVE ORDINANCE 25-014 CHAPTER 23: BUILDING PERMIT FEES**  
On a motion by Rood second by Keeffer approving Ordinance 25-014 Chapter 23: Building Permit Fees. ALL AYE.
- 20) **APPROVE ORDINANCE 25-015 CHAPTER 9: DOGS AT LARGE**  
This updates the ordinance to include GPS fencing in front yards. On a motion by Peight second by Keeffer approving Ordinance 25-015 Chapter 9: Dogs at large. ALL AYE.
- 21) **APPROVE LENA LIONS CLUB FALL FESTIVAL RESOLUTION 25-105**  
On a motion by Peight second by Smith approving Lena Lions Club Fall Festival Resolution 25-105. ALL AYE.
- 22) **APPROVE LENA LIONS CLUB FALL FESTIVAL PARADE/IDOT RESOLUTION 25-106**  
On a motion by Peight second by Smith approving Lena Lions Club Fall Festival Parade/IDOT Resolution 25-106. ALL AYE.
- 23) **APPROVE LENA PARK DISTRICT 5K RUN/WALK RESOLUTION 25-107**  
On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer approving Lena Park District 5K Run/Walk Resolution 25-107. ALL AYE.

24) **DISCUSS/APPROVE COMMUNITY SOLAR SAVINGS RESOLUTION 25-108**

Mike Mudge was present to answer questions from the Board. He explained the Village is eligible to be included in the Community Solar Savings program. This resolution states that the Village President has permission to sign off on contracts allowing each Village account to be on a solar field to offset annual energy costs. Buss stated there is no out of pocket cost, and an approximate 15% rate reduction. Attorney Green stated he can review individual contracts before approval. On a motion by Rood second by Baldauf approving the Community Solar Savings Resolution 25-108. ALL AYE.

**WELFARE OF THE VILLAGE**

\*Buss announced National Night Out will take place from 5pm-8pm on August 12.

**ADJOURNMENT**

25) On a motion by Peight second by Smith to adjourn the August 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting at 7:20pm. ALL AYE.

**CLAUDIA SIMPSON  
VILLAGE CLERK**

**STEVE BUSS  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT**