

Committee of the Whole
November 24, 2025
MINUTES
6:00pm

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Joe Hallstrom, Nicole Callos.
Not present: Christin Keeffer. Also present: Bridgette Stocks, Brian Nott, Brian Lamphere, Kory Polhill, Avery Bauldauf, Brian Nott, Lindsay Buss, Joyce Roling, Louise Workinger

Call to Order

- 1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of November 24, 2025 was called to order by President Buss at 6:00pm.

Public Participation

- 2) There was no public participation at this time.

Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2025

- 3) On a motion by Rood second by Smith approving the meeting minutes from October 27, 2025. ALL AYE.

Discuss Tax Levy

- 4) Callos reviewed the Draft Tax Levy to be approved in December; no changes from last meeting.

Discuss Employee Health Insurance

- 5) Peight requested a break down of what the Village pays compared to other counties for employee health insurance. July 1st renewal, so it will be compared then. Callos stated health insurance rates have decreased the past few years.

Discuss Downtown Street Lights

- 6) Rood is awaiting further information on pricing for street lights.

Discuss IEPA Water Main Projects

- 7) Stocks stated the planning approval will be done in the next couple of weeks and the next step is to get the funding nomination form to the IEPA. January to choose plan to be submitted. The further the Village can get along in the process, results in more points with IEPA for readiness. If all goes as it should, the Village would have money July 1st. Bids can be done before approval; however this can risk inaccurate bids. It was discussed whether to submit all three phases right away, or over the next 5 years. Phase 1 and 3 coincide with streets. Nott is working on the preliminary dollar amounts. If the push was made for all 3 phases, projects would have to be out to bid by April 2027, or risk being bypassed. There will be some revisions to the phases adjusting what is done. Streets will be revisited as well. Much discussion was held on timelines.

Brian Lamphere gave the following blighted home updates: 713 Oak has been making improvements with updates every day. 506 Locust has been updated. 404 Locust wants to demo blighted mobile home but has no title at this time; in process. 118 E Railroad: being handled by attorney.

Discussion Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

- 8) Nott stated all videos have been reviewed. Pending meeting on December 3rd to determine priority repairs and review maps at Fehr-Graham office.

Discuss Stormwater Management Ordinance

- 9) Nott revisited the Stormwater Management Ordinance draft. The Board decided to have it forwarded to the Attorney to move forward with approval at the December Board Meeting.

Discuss Right-of-Way Ordinance

- 10) Nott presented the draft ordinance for Board review again. This will be read through again by Board members individually for a tentative January approval.

Adjournment

- 11) On a motion by Peight second by Smith to adjourn the November 24, 2025 Meeting at 6:42pm. ALL AYE.

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk