

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 6:33pm

Roll Call:

Physically Present – Peschang, Fowler, Fiems, Robertson, and DeMarlie

Absent – Polenske

Others Physically Present – Clerk Housenga, Treasurer Barber, Public Works Director Bump, Attorney Zmuda, Deputy Malio, Chad Johnson of USD Water Solutions entered 6:33pm, Tara Walters and Christina Trunal of MSA Professional Services, Kathy Sattizahn entered at 6:35pm

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Fiems motioned to approve 01/14/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, 02/2026 Monthly Bills totaling \$71,835.43 and Treasure’s Report for 01/2026; Peschang seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Walters presented Ordinance A02-2026 which allows and reflects the Village Board approval to apply for public funds through the IEPA not to exceed \$1,500,000,00 for wellhouse and water tower repairs and improvements. Walters explained the application procedures of application as well. Robertson motioned to approve Ordinance A02-2026. Fiems seconded the motion, and all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

Kathy Sattizahan appeared to give an update on her R2 business plan and project. Sattizahn asked for 5 minutes to speak on this subject, Mire gave her over 22 minutes to speak. During this time Sattizahn asked for no animosity from the board. Sattizahn gave a lengthy history of the planning of her vision for her project, legacy, estate planning and financial loan application processes. Sattizahn states with the loan process that she has had to go through and apply for, her loan is now being denied as her business plan would not generate the income needed now that an ordinance change has been set in place requiring a 2-night minimum stay. Mire preempted Sattizahn as she insinuated that her ills with this project were due to his and the board’s actions. Mire and Fiems both voiced that no action of this board is to impede the progress of her project but only to protect the citizens of this Village as she has chosen to develop her project in a residential neighborhood. Sattizahn did not understand how the board could just change an ordinance that could jeopardize her business plan. Fiems reiterated, that ordinances and laws change all the time all over the United States and as those laws and ordinances change, business practices need to change as well. Mire elaborated that he nor should any board member speak with Sattizahn in one-on-one discussions any longer, but with a witness or recording device. To clarify on how plans can change Housenga asked Sattizahn if her original intent for the property in question was for Sattizahn to live on premises and rent out a portion. Sattizahn confirmed her original intent was as stated by Housenga. Housenga noted that Sattizahn changed her original business plan as originally reported to the board when her zoning change was requested, by her now living in a separate home on a separate parcel from the property that will be rented; to this Sattizahn replied, “Things change all the time”. Fowler noted added that the board understands the intent of Sattizahn’s business plan and unless something drastically changes not additional reports or updates are needed. Sattizahn left the meeting at 7:23pm.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Mire went over 2026/2027 budget meeting dates with the board members.

POLICE REPORT: No report was presented.

ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.: Nothing new to add from the provided materials for R-2 zoning.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report reviewed as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Bump gave an update MidAmerican Energy seasonal decorative banners and lighting.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Nothing to report at this time.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske: Housenga gave an update brief update concerning the property located near the bike path. Mire has authorized consulting an alternate attorney to review the matter. Housenga sent over documents to the alternate attorney for review prior acceptance of the case. Concerns of liability if injury occurs is an issue while

working on village property was expressed. Bump is concerned about the debris in the water way and spring rains.

Robertson made a point to note the condition of the recreational trail running through the village from 11th Street and north after clean-up occurred. Robertson thanked Bump, Meier and resident Blake Enloe for their efforts during the clean-up.

Fiems reported an email was received concerning a fishing tournament tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2026. Fiems will be contacting the coordinator of the event to make sure the event is successful.

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Fowler reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$4,866.48.

Fowler reminded everyone about the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 28th, 2026. The Village is currently looking for volunteers to help with the event.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Peschang: Peschang reported 4 general permits, and 1 plumbing permit were issued in the previous month.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: Utility Billing software renewal was postponed until the next regular board meeting discussions.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems: Nothing to report at this time.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Mire reminded everyone of the early voting for the election held on March 17th, 2026 election and that early voting has already begun on February 5th, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mire noted the Town Hall gatherings coming up, asking that if board members appear that they sit separately as these meetings were not intended to be official meetings of the board but understands the board members coming as residents.

Robertson motioned to adjourn this regular board meeting at 7:45pm. Fowler seconded the motion. All other board members agreed.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk