

**VILLAGE HALL  
213 N DOUGLAS  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #25-10**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Richard introduced a special guest Honorable John Barberis.

**SWEARING OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Honorable Barberis swore in George Gavlick, Guideon Richeson, Derek Ashoff and Dawn Ross

Honorable Barberis swore in Richard Schiefer as mayor.

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

1. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the agenda 21-10 for May 7, 2025. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**II. APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Mayor Schiefer appointed Kathy Becker to a 4-year term as the Village Clerk. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the appointment of Kathy Becker as Village Clerk. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Mayor Schiefer appointed Joanne Berry to a 4-year term as the Village Treasurer. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the appointment of Joanne Berry as Treasurer. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
3. Mayor Schiefer appointed Gary Kukla to a 4-year term as Chief of Police. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the appointment of Gary Kukla as Chief of Police. Trustee Ross seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
4. Mayor Schiefer appointed James Craney as Village Attorney to a 1-year term as legal counsel. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the appointment of James Craney as Village Attorney. Trustee Ross seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
5. Mayor Schiefer appointed Juneau & Associates as the Village Engineers for a 4-year term. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the appointment of Juneau & Associates as the Engineers. Trustee Ross seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
6. Mayor Schiefer appointed Oates Associates as Village Engineers for a 4-year term. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the appointment of Oates Associates as the Engineers. Trustee Ross seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
7. Mayor Schiefer appointed Keith Frey to a 4-year term as Building Inspector. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the appointment of Keith Frey as Building Inspector. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**IV. OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

1. Bob Greenberg stated that he was impress with the new yard waste that the Village provided starting today.

**V. COMMITTEES:**

**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HEALTH:**

1. Trustee Schmidt was not present.
2. Mayor Schiefer stated that there will be a fishing derby at the Mill Pond on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**B. WATER AND SEWER:**

1. Trustee Ashoff reported that the Vac truck should be delivered tomorrow.

**C. POLICE:**

1. Trustee Ross had nothing to report.
2. Trustee Ross read Chief Kukla's report: no incidents, issued 4 tickets and collected \$250 in fines

**D. ORDINANCE AND FINANCE:**

1. Trustee Gavlick stated that we received the insurance adjuster's estimate for the hail damage of all the Village building and pavilion. We have received 2 bids from Hancock Roofing for the repairs; we will wait to receive all the bids before proceeding. Trustee Gavlick stated that Hancock Roofing and Nick discussed that the skylights on the shop at 1873 Marine Rd are cosmetic should be removed and not a necessity. The insurance has issued a payment in the amount of \$83,810.19. Of that amount \$15,000 is for the replacement of the Pavilion at the Mill Pond, Trustee Gavlick made a motion to take that \$15,000 and open an account with Illinois Funds. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**E. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS:**

1. Trustee Richeson reported that we did get the PEP grant in the amount of \$30,000, with that and the MEPRD grant and about \$20,000 from the homecoming fund we can start the Mill Pond restroom project.

**F. STREETS AND LANES/MOTOR FUEL TAX:**

1. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to put the old fuel tanks up for bid to sell and the Village will not deliver them. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Engineer Report-Nothing to report.
- B. Village Attorney-Nothing to report.
- C. FOIA request- Nothing to report.
- D. Building Inspector- Nothing to report.
- E. Planning Commission-Nothing to report.
- F. Zoning Officer- Nothing to report.

**G. Public Works- Public works Report**

**Water & Sewer,**

-Vac Trailer delivery is scheduled for Thursday morning 5/8/2025 at 830am.

**Ordinance & Finance,**

-Hancock roofing is preparing quotes to submit to the insurance company for hail damage replacement. The new shop at 1873 Marine Road had the skylights broke during hail. Since the roof damage falls mainly under "cosmetic", I have talked with Josh, and we agreed that the skylights could be removed as they are just a preference and not a necessity. This would prevent future hail damage and a potential claim.

**Public Grounds,**

-Mosquito fogger has been calibrated for 2025 summer from Mug a bug on 5/2/2025.

-Waiting on a return call from Clarity Ponds in Highland to potentially sign contract to purchase mill pond fountain and have it installed with a warranty and nearby service.

**Streets & Lanes,**

-Old fuel tanks are empty and ready to be auctioned off.

-407 Jacob Street culvert replacement is scheduled with Ameren next Tuesday 5/13/2025. The culvert collapsed, and Ameren will be supporting transformer pole during replacement.

-East Main and Washington culvert replacement under Washington, is scheduled with Ameren next Thursday 5/15/2025. The culvert collapsed and IDOT provided all materials to complete work. Ameren will be supporting transformer pole during replacement.

-Ground is starting to dry out enough to begin digging ditches and replacing culverts.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Ross stated she had a request to plant trees behind a resident's home that faces the shops' back field. She asks to put it on the next agenda.

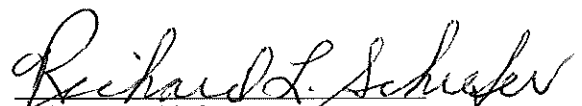
**X. OPEN TO PUBLIC**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned 7:11 p.m.

  
Kathy Becker, Village Clerk

  
Richard Schiefer, Mayor