

Minutes of
Board of Trustees
Village of Atkinson

September 15th 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Atkinson, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Taber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present

Kenneth Taber, Mayor
Ryan Rahn, Trustee
Richard DeSmith, Absent
Bobby Burton, Trustee
Dawn Stage, Trustee
Jeana Jagers, Trustee
Robert Westfall, Trustee

Others Present

Krystle Thomas, Sue Mochel,
Ninette Carton, Ashley Andon
Cindy Clementz,
Chief Adam Burroughs, Andy Carton,

Moved by Jagers and seconded by Westfall to approve the minutes of the September 2nd Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried: Burton, Rahn, Stage, Jagers, Westfall, DeSmith-Absent, 5 – AYE; 0 – NAY;

CITIZENS'/GUEST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE

i. Atkinson Heritage Days Committee

- Cindy, heard a lot of great feedback and success
 - A lot of great activities
 - Beautiful days
 - Here tonight to know what the village would like to support
 - do not want to assume for continued financial help, since no longer under your wings
 - Would the board want to volunteer
 - Need servers for the community supper
- Mayor, when are the meetings?
- Cindy, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- Ashley, what help can we get from the board?
 - Fall festival coming up
 - Rental fees to use the school
 - Have music bingo, which has not been done in Geneseo
 - Insurance, ongoing expense
 - \$430 for two days for HD insurance
 - Start planning Christmas Walk
 - Insurance, school rental, bring something to town

- Mayor, when is Fall Fest?
- Ashley, 10/25/25
- Mayor, bike a thon on track
- Westfall, make a type of sheet that you are looking for
- Jagers, send out letters for donations
- Cindy, get final numbers
- Rahn, once a year donation
- Mayor, Food vendors for fall fest?
- Ashely, three that have booked so far
 - Big boys' pizza
 - Hot dog vendor
 - BBQ food truck
- Cindy, activities start 9-2
 - Break then evening events
- Ashley, we encourage you to wear a Halloween costume
- Sue, questioned Stage, Do you have your 501 (c) (3) yet?
- Stage, no
- Sue, talk to Foster Hope about how they do package insurance deals for events, cheaper
- Rahn, need to support them as much as we can
 - Get more people active in town
- Jagers, talked about community diners & events
- Cindy, happy to have your support
 - Name is: Atkinson Community Festival Committee
- Jagers, is the committee doing anything for Easter?
- Cindy, Church currently does it, does not want to step on any toes
 - Sundae ice cream social or bingo on Sundays

OLD BUSINESS

- Final Action: Foster Hope, add dates to the lease

Motioned: Jagers and Stage seconded to Foster Hope, allowing the use of the gym for meetings, not events, with adult supervision. Burton, Westfall, and Rahn-Abstain, Stage, Jagers. DeSmith-absent. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0 – NAYS..

- Final Action: Library Door

- Rahn, think we should pay for it
- Ninette, come quarterly to adjust. Parts need to be replaced, and pay for parts covers labor
- Mayor, (read agreement)

Motioned: Westfall and Burton seconded TJ Central Link 8/18 maintenance agreement for \$566.00, Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith-Absent, Jagers, Stage. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; 0 – NAYS..

iii. New Name for building

- Rahn forgot the list
 - Liked the name Commons
- Westfall, send to Thomas, to send out to us

iv. Tree Quotes

- Sue, meet with Scott and Shawn
 - 16 trees in the park
 - 8 are dead and cracked
 - 2 are very crucial
 - 1 limb fell in front of him in the playground area by the bus stop
 - \$15,200 taking down eight trees and trimming up
 - If Shawn gets a bid, he will donate five trees
 - He is currently contracted with the city of Moline
 - He requested an end loader there to load up bigger stumps
- Jagers, tree by fountain
 - Tree by the post office
- Westfall, can he write everything up
- Mayor, does he stump grind?
- Sue, no, but can call Don Haars
- Rahn, is he ok with taking them down?
- Sue, does everything
- Jagers, not a bad price

v. Action: Tree Quotes

Motioned: Jagers and Stage seconded to hire Limbless Tree Company to remove two rotted trees in the park. Additionally, trim all trees in the park, and donate five trees to the village for \$15,200.00. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith (Absent), Jagers, Stage. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; 0 – NAYS..

- Mayor, does he plant the trees? Warranty?
- Sue, will ask him

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

FINANCE/PROPERTIES

Lauren & Richard from Caseys

- Lauren, no quorum, no action on Casey's tonight
 - No changes to site plan
 - Any questions or comments
 - Two neighbors came for feedback
 - Neighbor asked for the fence to be installed and the use of the property
 - Richard will discuss with the team
 - If any problems for future growth
- Rahn, Trees for buffer, what type?
- Lauren, five pine trees, black hills spruce (explained landscape plans on map)
- Westfall, outside the easement
- Laren, along the easement
- Mayor, any questions or comments for Lauren or Richard?
- Rahn, retention pond not deep
- Mayor, reconvene on 10/6/25 ZBA

- i. Casey's Special Permit
- ii. Casey's Pylon Sign

- Rahn, concrete in motion in the back of ROE started last Friday
 - Step up to 6 inch \$625.00 for add concrete

PUBLIC WORKS

- Nothing

PARKS & RECREATION

- Jagers, talked to Jim Allen from ecology
 - More than willing to donate
 - Wants prices and pictures
 - Put in his budget
 - All towards parks projects
 - Want the residents to know the landfill is willing to work with us

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

- Stage, presented the monthly report from the Chief for August
 - Will be working with the chief for the community event
 - Separate from Atkinson Community Festival
 - Get that going sometime in October

TIF

- Burton had a meeting with the economic development group today

- Copies at the office for anyone
- Westfall questioned where we are with Hometown Consultants
- Mayor, contacted Cole
 - Will be at the October 6th meeting
 - Told my personal feelings
 - Had an in-depth conversation

FARM REFUSE & RECYCLING

- Westfall, nothing
- Mayor, need to put garbage out for bids
 - Expires in December
 - Bids in by November
 - Advertise asap
- Rahn, Farm, renewal
- Westfall, just did that in March
- Andy, can we incorporate a spring or fall pickup?
- Sue, need specifications
- Jagers, E.-Waste pick up once a year
- Westfall, people can take to Galva for free
- Rahn, worth investigating
- Sue, Eagle Enterprise
- Westfall, did it at the county
- Jagers, call over to Annawan and ask them how they went about doing E-waste

BILLS

Motioned: Burton and Westfall seconded that all bills be paid as presented, \$27,684.00. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith-Absent, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; 1 – NAYS; 1-ABSENT

OTHER ITEMS

- Mayor Matt Wagner called to ask about putting pump bids out for the well
 - Jordan said to put out for bids
 - Been having problems with the pump for the last couple of days
 - Having to reset about twice a day
 - Will call Matt Wagner to put out for bids
 - Now going to a submersible, he must get permitted by EPA
- Burton, on Washington Street, a resident putting in landscaping
 - 2ft from street
 - Trying to get a hold of her
- Chief, wooden landscape timbers

- Westfall has trees sitting there, like going to plant them
- Mayor, not allowed
- Burton called and stopped a couple of times
- Rahn, the reason why we have footage for the reason

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Nothing

FINAL ACTION

- Nothing

Motion made by Rahn, seconded by Jagers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Motion carried: 5 – AYES, 0 – NAYS.

Respectfully submitted, Krystle Thomas, Village Clerk