

Minutes of
Board of Trustees
Village of Atkinson

February 2nd 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Atkinson, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Taber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present

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

Others Present

Krystle Thomas,
Scott Krug, Jake Strightmatter
Chief Burroughs

Motioned: Burton and Stage seconded to approve the January 19th meeting minutes. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, Stage, Jagers, DeSmith. Motion carried: 6– AYES; 0 – NAYS.

CITIZENS’/GUEST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE

OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor, Contacted Gina from Ameren. Has anyone heard from her?
- Rahn, not since the email she sent Zach and myself.
- Mayor, everyone received the email Thomas forwarded. The letting date is being pushed back to June

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

FINANCE/PROPERTIES

- Rahn, nothing.
 - Tony can't get to painting the kitchen till the 3rd week in February
 - Told him to give us a heads up on what he would need

PUBLIC WORKS

- i. Action: Valve Replacement at the water plant
- DeSmith received a quote from MVP for \$8,985.00

- Four 6” Gate Valves
- Misc. Hardware & Gaskets
- Public Works guys contacted DeDeckers, supposed to get a bid, never got one to us
- Scott, Valves over 21 years old

Motioned: DeSmith and Westfall seconded to approve the MVP quote for \$8,985.00 for valve replacement in the water plant. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 6 – AYES; NAYS;

ii. Action: Chemical Cabinet

- DeSmith, Public Works, is currently working on obtaining a spraying license
 - Need a special cabinet to store chemicals
- Rahn, do we have a flammable cabinet for fuel?
- Scott & Jake both agreed we do
- Burton, does this cabinet need to be vented?
- Scott & Jake both said no

Motioned: DeSmith and Jagers seconded to approve the Chemical Cabinet 43x18x65 with two shelves for \$1,580.00. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 6 – AYES; NAYS;

- The mayor questioned both Scott and Jake about how the testing been going.
- Scott and Jake both agreed it is going, and it is a lot of information

PARKS & RECREATION

i. Food Truck

- Jagers, I would like to start having food trucks come in May on Thursdays
 - Angie is closed, and the Mayor said it was ok
 - Since we are asking them to come here, I think there should be no charge for a permit fee
 - Annawan does not charge a fee, because they ask them to come
- Rahn, Wave the fee
- Westfall, what is this for?
- Jagers, get people out in the community
 - Asked Dawn to help with this
- Chief, the guy who did the food truck at softball, would be a good one
 - Will get the contact to Stage

ii. Email regarding prevailing wage

- Jagers, asked Thomas to email Jordon about the landfill donating time for the work for the municipality
 - The email we have received is very detailed out in the email
- DeSmith, why does it matter? If it's donated.
- Jagers, it's all detailed out in the email
- Burton, are we doing the TIF correctly
- Rahn, yes, we do not own the building
 - So, it does not have to be prevailing wage

- Thomas, just clarify for myself and or anyone else. If the Village owns property and uses TIF funds, would we be required to pay prevailing wage?
- Rahn, correct, since the village-owned must be prevailing wage.
- Jagers want to know the board's thoughts
 - Get with Jim and this email
 - Spoke to Johnson landscaping, spoke to another one, but they wanted me to do all the legwork
 - Getting estimates
 - Asked Scott to dig out under swings and get that filled in those deep holes

- Mayor, want to do that playground area, where the swings you were just talking about
 - Spend the money there
- Burton, have Dewyer pour concrete

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

- Stage, Chief provided Thomas and myself with this month's scheduled
 - Provided his monthly report

- i. Part-Time Personnel

- Chief, Officer Lagrange resigned
 - Talked about this about a month ago
 - Would like to move forward with Officer Paulsen
 - Monday-Friday is he is the investigator
 - Think that would be beneficial to us here, too
 - Lagrange has been with us for 6 years, leaving in good standing, just due to schedule conflicts
- Mayor, how often will he work?
- Chief, 1-2 shifts a week
- Mayor, give him a starting wage?
- Chief, no
- Rahn, have him come to a board meeting to meet us
- Chief, yes.
 - January was a busy month, considering how cold it was

- Dawn, can you check with him to see if he can come to the next meeting

TIF

- Burton, Lisa, place is moving
 - Do not want to lose them from town
 - Looking at Rachel Sailor building
 - The new owner been in contract with
- Rahn, does she have a date that she is done here?
- Burton, at the end of the month
 - Afraid we are going to lose her to Annawan
 - Will talk to her again
 - Do not know if she will stay out there
 - Will try to keep her here

- Westfall, heard anything from Nicole
- Burton, no, not since she was here last
 - Currently putting in a nice kitchen over in Geneseo

- Rahn, how about Stan's place?
- Scott, lots of walls up for rooms
- Westfall, what about the outer edge?
 - We buy it, work out a deal with Joe
 - Put Lisa out there

FARM REFUSE & RECYCLING

- Jagers, have we heard from the Landfill lawyer?
- Thomas, Dennis Welsch was the one who wrote the very detailed email to Jordan about the prevailing wage
- Mayor, I know that they are talking about annexation

BILLS

- Westfall, can we pay Shive out of the TIF?
- Mayor, what else on the bills can be paid out of TIF?
- Thomas, the new well #1 pump
- Mayor, run by Gwen, if we can pay either one of those out of the TIF
- Thomas, I will do.
- Scott, could put the Valves in the TIF then too

Motioned: Westfall and Stage seconded that all bills be paid as presented, \$138,923.57, Burton-ABSTAIN, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; NAYS; ABSTAIN- 1

OTHER ITEMS

i. Abilities Plus

- Mayor, want a donation towards transportation
- Westfall, currently on the board for Abilities Plus
 - Good program
 - Plenty of vans for transportation
 - They sent these mass send-outs for help
 - They provided transportation for people to get to Dr. appt, get groceries ect
 - Usually, a ride is \$ 1.00

Motioned: Burton and Jagers seconded to donate to Abilities Plus \$250.00, Burton, Westfall-ABSTAIN, Rahn, DeSmith, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; NAYS; ABSTAIN- 1

- Mayor, Westview Covenants only have a few lots left
 - One of the rules was it had to be a certain square footage and a certain price
 - I do not know if you can even build a house for \$180,000 anymore
 - The covenants need to be updated
- Westfall, 1500 sq ft \$350,000
- Mayor, do the people that live out there do they get a vote?
 - Do they have a say?

- Westfall, go to each homeowner to sign off
- Jagers, who is going to go over the covenants?
- Westfall, I will, Thomas, will you email
- Jagers bring it to the next meeting

Motioned: Stage and Jagers seconded to go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m., Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers, Stage. Motion carried: 6 – AYES; 0 – NAYS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- i. Utility Clerk Applications
- ii. Farm Lease

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded to go into Open Session at 7:11 p.m., Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers, Stage Motion carried: 6 – AYES; 0 – NAYS

FINAL ACTION

- i. Utility Clerk Applicants

ii. Farm Lease

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded to accept the current farm lease, Burton, Westfall Rahn, DeSmith. Jagers, Stage Motion carried: 6 – AYES; 0 – NAYS

Motion made by Rahn, seconded by Stage, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried 6-AYES, 0-NAY

Respectfully submitted, Krystle Thomas, Village Clerk