

Minutes of
Board of Trustees
Village of Atkinson

May 5th, 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,(Absent)
Bobby Burton, Trustee
Dawn Stage, Trustee
Jeana Jagers, Trustee
Robert Westfall, Trustee

Others Present

Krystle Thomas,
Scott Krug, Joe Morris

Motioned: Stage and Burton seconded to approve the April 20th meeting minutes. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, Stage, Jagers, DeSmith-ABSENT. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; 0 – NAYS, ABSENT-1.

CITIZENS’/GUEST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE

- Mayor questioned if Joe had anything he wanted to state to the board?
- Joe, the broken sidewalks. How do we go about getting them redone?
- Mayor, the village pays for concrete, and the resident pays for labor
- Joe, I will do it myself
 - Is there a place to take the broken concrete?
- Scott, the landfill will not take it
- Westfall, Jerry Franks, is always looking for concrete

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

FINANCE/PROPERTIES

- Rahn, Fryers for kitchen
 - 16 inch for \$475
 - 12 inch for \$375

- 16 inches is a no-brainer
- Jagers spoke with Joe and said he will even bring them out on a weekend
- Westfall, is the kitchen all painted?
 - New cabinets?
- Rahn, all painted
 - Need to put oil on the table
 - Need to get the stove in
- Mayor, any new news about who wants to rent the kitchen?
- Burton, no, just had a death in the family, and Dr. appts
- Mayor, a 12-inch fryer is useless, I think
- Westfall, get them both
- Rahn, the public works gentleman, can move the stove in
- Scott, it will take more than the two guys to move
- Rahn, Matt dropped off a quote for the front of the Atkinson Commons door
 - Cut out, pour concrete \$450 for concrete
 - Around \$2700 total labor and concrete
 - Had Matt also price at the end by the street loading and unloading, replace the sidewalk
 - 5ft x 14 ft
 - \$7,524 without concrete
- Westfall, is Matt going to do the other sidewalk, get the water away from brick, needs to slope away

PUBLIC WORKS

i. Materials

- Scott, would like to get topsoil, CA-6, to do the alley behind KRC, do river rock/landscaping, truck load of mulch
- Mayor, take the truck and trailer to get mulch
 - We need dirt at two different places
- Rahn, I'm good with all of it
- Scott, Back dirt is \$40 a ton
 - CA-6 is \$13 a ton
 - Decorative rocks are \$80 a ton
 - Mulch is \$35 a ton
- Westfall, how much will you need?
- Scott, not sure till I measure
 - all prices thought miller
 - \$165 to deliver

- Rahn, Dirt, CA-6 delivered
 - River rock figure out how much you need
 - Mulch from Millers
- ii. Sidewalks
 - Mayor, replace at Prunty, all junk can't walk
 - Chops sidewalk, replace section
 - Rahn, either one, need to start the program
 - Do whole strip
 - Joe, have public works look at
 - Rahn, 10.45 sq ft labor, no concrete from Matt Dewyer
 - Westfall in front of the storage unit on rt 6
 - Rahn, Scott measure the 4 locations and have by the next meeting
 - Mayor, water on Blvd. all the way across the road
 - Rahn, something is plugged
 - Have to camera it
 - Scott, get hold of Ruhl water
 - Mayor, Larry Zein called after he received the letter
 - He asked me how we feel about getting someone new in to run the restaurant
 - Thomas, Jordan called today to check in. I did tell him that Larry called you about his request.
 - Jordan said to direct all calls or questions to Jordan since the letter came from his office
 - This way it doesn't put anyone in a difficult position; that is what Jordan is hired for, though the village and he, then, can bring his thoughts to the board on the issue that was presented to him
 - He said it states in the minutes have to hook up if Lisa left, the code states that it has to hook up, which could put a lien on the property, which has to be done before it sells if it comes to that
 - Jagers, we sent a letter and stated that if she left, he had to hook up. We need to stand by that
 - We also made everyone else; if you do for one, you do for all
 - Mayor, where are we with asphalt
 - Scott, asked Matt to do a concrete bid instead of asphalt, which was much higher

PARKS & RECREATION

- i. Food Truck Update
 - Stage, everyone has a copy of the food truck list

- 3 committed, reached out 12-15 trucks
- The owners would be a first time doing this and very hesitant
- Keep in mind for next year
- The time set up at 4:30 serve till 7:30
- Thursday nights at the park
- Assuming there will be post

ii. Water Fountain at the park

- Jagers, talked to DeDeckers about a water fountain with a bottle filler for the park
 - Quote was \$4200
 - Asked Gus if they donate labor and parts
 - Gus said he will donate parts and labor, which is around \$1200
 - Our guys will have to take the panel off and put it back on
 - We have to get and put a plaque above

Motioned: Jagers and Stage seconded to approve the water fountain with bottle filler plus parts and labor from DeDeckers at Veterans Park. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith-ABSENT, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; NAYS; ABSENT-1

iii. Bid for two pedestals at Memorial Park.

- Jagers, I had Marv get a quote to replace two pedestals at the park
 - Outdated
 - By bathroom and memorial
 - Update to 120,220,240 voltages
 - They need to be replaced
 - The Bid is \$13,135.00

(The board discussed the bid and drawing provided)

Motioned: Jagers and Burton seconded to approve the bid from Verstraete Electric for \$13,135.00 to install two power pedestals at Veterans Park, one by the bathroom and memorial. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith-ABSENT, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; NAYS; ABSENT-1

iv. Action: Playground

- Jagers, canopy picture added, and more in the toddler area
 - Added tunnel, single rider, balance beam
 - Very confused after the last meeting, wanting to have the landfill help
 - Talked to Jim Allen, and he still wants to donate
- Westfall, Ability Plus gives out money towards special swings
- Jagers, Westfall, can you look into that
- Westfall, yes, I will
- Jagers, Original price was around \$270,000, and now with add-ons \$299,855

- Westfall, Geneseo foundation, talk to them, see if they will donate anything
 - A GoFundMe page
 - Need to make an effort to get money from the community
- Jagers, residents who have this landfill, would like to get something back from them

(The board discussed the drawings)

- Jagers, I will email the contractor tomorrow
 - Everyone still ok with sidewalk all away around?
- Rahn, take the old equipment to put up at down at the baseball field
- Jagers need volunteers to do it
 - We can't even get people to plant plants
- Rahn, have a meeting with the booster club, and see if they would volunteer
 - Ask Wyffles if they would do it too
- Westfall, what's going on with the splash pad and basketball courts?
- Jagers, met with Troy from Interstate Fence for baseball diamonds
 - Will have to be bid out approx.: \$37,000
 - Need to have the field dug out and flipped and turned over
- Scott, we have the equipment to do it, and we can
- Westfall, the playground has to go out to bid
 - Would like our attorney's opinion
- Mayor, Trent, and his FFA students will do the flowers in flower pots after Mother's Day

v. Sand Volleyball

- Jagers, Rahn and I checked out by the baseball field and tennis courts
 - Public works said very swampy
- Mayor why can't we put sand volleyball in the park
 - I encourage anyone to go to Cambridge, check their park
- Jagers, will still keep working on it

vi. Tree at the fountain

- Jagers currently only 3 trees
 - Would like to put in a 4th
 - Lisa Gentry came up and spoke with Thomas today about putting a tree by her daughter's bench and her parents
 - Thomas gave me her information and will get hold of her tomorrow
 - Hosta's need to be replaced at the fountain also

vii. Hosta's at signs

- Jagers, it was brought to Thomas about the flowers at the four signs coming into town
 - Thomas and I talked about how hearty Hosta's are and very low maintenance
 - Spoke with Scott and Jake, and they said the same thing
 - We have no volunteers
 - Will pick up and get planted

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

- Stage, was going to do a touch-a-truck event on May 16
 - Had to cancel the event, not enough participants
 - Will do one in June or July
 - Chief states no news is good news, have his report at the next meeting

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- Burton, nothing

FARM REFUSE & RECYCLING

i. Dumpsters

- Rahn, Marv asked to get rid of the LRS dumpster and go with his own
 - Told him he would have to pay on his own
 - Marv told me he looked up the Nov 17 meeting and checked the prices
- Mayor commercial is paying a higher price than what we are getting charged
- Rahn, that needs to be changed in the system
 - Marv asked for back pay
- Thomas, I will have Elizabeth make the changes in the system tomorrow to 10.50
 - Can we give the business credit instead of a pay back?

- Rahn, I'm good with that

Motioned: Rahn and Jagers seconded to credit back to business for overpayment from Jan 1st, 2026, to the current date. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; NAYS; ABSENT-1;

- Mayor, Liz has caught on very well,
 - Knows the system and even caught some errors
 - She has been able to hold down the office when Thomas has been out due to her children
- Thomas, currently working on her notary, FOIA, and OMA, so we both have them in the office
 - She is very efficient and always gets her work done. Then she asks if I have anything for her or need anything if not, then she is done for the day

- She does keep herself busy

BILLS

Motioned: Rahn and Jagers seconded that all bills be paid as presented, \$32,110.97, Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith-ABSENT, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; NAYS; ABSENT-1;

OTHER ITEMS

- Rahn, I think we need to rethink our Facebook posting
 - Events need to be posted
- Jagers, the problem started with the previous clerk post about someone or a business or event, and not someone else
- Thomas, how about a community Facebook Page that is separate from the Village Page?
- Rahn, I'm ok with that
 - Post all or none

- Jagers, is that something Elizabeth can do? Thomas doesn't have time for that
- Thomas, yes, she can, and we can share the postings for everyone to get caught on to it

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded to go to Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith-ABSENT, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; NAYS; ABSENT-1;

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- i. ROE Lease
- ii. Property Acquisition

Motioned: Rahn and Jagers seconded to go to Open Session at 7:36 p.m. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith-ABSENT, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; NAYS; ABSENT-1;

FINAL ACTION

- i. ROE Lease

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded to renew and increase the ROE lease from \$33,600 per year to \$40,000 per year. Burton, Westfall, Rahn, DeSmith-ABSENT, Stage, Jagers. Motion carried: 5 – AYES; NAYS; ABSENT-1;

Motioned: Westfall to hire a professional real estate appraiser to look at the ROE property.

- Mayor, the motion did not receive a 2nd; that motion is dead.
- ii. Property Acquisition

Motion made by Rahn, seconded by Burton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried
5-AYES, 0-NAY

Respectfully submitted, Krystle Thomas, Village Clerk