

Minutes of
Board of Trustees
Village of Atkinson

July 20th, 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
Jeana Jagers, Trustee

Others Present

Krystle Thomas, Andy Carton, Jacob Stull
Scott Krug, Chief Burroughs

Motioned: DeSmith and Jagers, seconded to approve the July 6th meeting minutes. Burton, Rahn, Jagers, DeSmith. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0 – NAYS,.

CITIZENS’/GUEST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE

OLD BUSINESS

- i. Sidewalk clarification on resident portion
 - Thomas, after the last meeting, I followed up with the resident on E Main on what the board discussed. She then came back with three new questions:
 - Is the village ok with the homeowners doing the labor themselves?
 - Supposed to do the whole section in front of their house? Or just the bad parts?
 - Rock base: who does that fall under? Fully homeowner? Or fully village? Or half and half?
 - Rahn, rock and concrete is on the village
 - 48 width, ADA compliant and up to code
 - Adopt a plan to keep all the same
 - Able to get a wheelchair and walk by
 - Andy, guideline for everyone to do the same
 - Burton, sidewalk is the lot line
 - Mayor, not consistent about tear out, need to be
 - DeSmith, think we should do it all ourselves, hire someone to do all the sidewalks the same way, Matt Dewyer would be a good one for that
 - Rahn, Agree with DeSmith. Don’t want some to start doing it and then when the village decides to do them all then have residents upset

- Jagers, do we have to have the bumps?
- Rahn yes
- Mayor, Chops sidewalk is bad on each side, broke up on south side
- Rahn, get a square footage to replace it from Matt Dewyer and Josh Billet
 - Property line to property line
- Mayor, the residents that have had all these questions are not as bad as others are
- Rahn, are we going to have Public Works tear out?
- Mayor, Scott, where did the Atkinson Commons Concrete go after it was torn out?
- Scott, to Caseys
- Rahn, next meeting have the sidewalk ordinance
- Mayor, I think we need to do it all
- Rahn, agree
- Jagers, who is going to call to get quotes?
- Burton, I can
- DeSmith, how thick?
- Rahn, 4 inch, how thick of base? No rebar, cross driveway wire mesh or rebar
- Mayor, have a resident whose driveway goes to the road when replacing the sidewalk and something happens to that
- Rahn, we are just replacing the sidewalk

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

FINANCE/PROPERTIES

- i. Text Amendment
 - Mayor, no text amendment from Jordan
- ii. CD's
 - Thomas, the CD's coming up on the next maturity date of 7/29/26
 - Currently 4% for 9 months
 - The bank is offering 3.75% for 9 months; Mayor asked me if they could do 4%
 - Spoke to Lisa and put in our request, and the bank approved the 4% for 9 months.

The board as a whole is in agreement to renew CD's at 4% for 9 months.

PUBLIC WORKS

- i. Quote: influent Meter upgrade & water treatment mission
 - Thomas, one quote is for the Lagoon, and the other is the modified quote for the water treatment plant
 - Rahn, do we not have one current
 - Scott, so old it's a "clicker"; had to add a number to box
 - Mayor, do we know what the first quote was?

(Thomas, pulled previous quote to compare; everything that the board wanted added was going to be too costly)

- Rahn, the first quote to this quote was \$17,000 difference with all the add-ons
- Mayor, I think the chlorine monitor is pretty important
 - The guys are down there every day
- Rahn, agree with you, Mayor
- Mayor, how is it monitored now?
- Scott, it's on the screen
 - Can we add the Lagoon upgrade to the rest of Lagoon projects?
- Thomas, Scott, are you saying when the landfill pays for half? Or the entire project?
- Scott, when we do the entire project at the lagoon, can't this just be put in with that at the same time?
- Mayor I think that is a good idea
- DeSmith, agree with Scott that is a good idea
- Mayor, we also could use TIF funds for upgrade on infrastructure

ii. Action: Influent Meter Upgrade

- Mayor will tie this into the Lagoon full project

iii. Action: Water Treatment Mission

Motioned: Burton and Rahn, seconded to accept bid from Britton for the water treatment mission for expected cost: \$28,600.00, not to exceed: \$31,00.00 Burton, Rahn, Jagers, DeSmith. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0 – NAYS,.

iv. Refuse Rates

- Thomas, I would like documentation of the discussion on the refuse rates. Since LRS has taken over, they only charged us \$10.50 per cart/dumpster, and I know that we have had some residents question the amount difference on the bill and what the village is paying
 - I know Liz has been updating accounts, and I would like to have confirmation in the form of a motion for this change

Motioned: Rahn and Burton, seconded to change the refuse rates for businesses with a dumpster to be the same as the resident cost. Burton, Rahn, Jagers, DeSmith. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0 – NAYS,.

v. Water bills special rates

- Mayor, I am not bringing this up due to Frank being my brother-in-law or friends with Turk. These are just a few that used to have a business but no longer do; their places are party places, pay the same rate as everyone else, and barely use any water.
 - When you have business, you can pass some cost down to customers
 - I was thinking maybe billing every other month
- Jagers, how about by gallons 500 or less
- Rahn, charge all residential
- DeSmith, agree with Rahn; have to do as residential; the minimum is \$60.00
- Rahn, make them residential, not commercial
- Jagers, don't want to make it “grey”; say they charge for a party, then does that make it commercial?
- Mayor, just charge as residential and thought I just would address it
 - Flags, Scott going to take the flags down?
- Scott, by myself all week; once Jake is back, then we will take them down

PARKS & RECREATION

- i. Splash Pad ideas
 - Jagers, the gentleman, got back to me with a rough quote; he was also the guy that did Sheffield's
 - I also spoke with Kevin, who is doing our playground; he thought it was a great location
 - Rahn, by basketball court to the west
 - Jagers yes water source over there
 - I printed out 4 options, and they are packages you can buy
 - Last year \$34,000 90x90
 - Rahn, Same company doing playground does splash pads?
 - Jagers, yes
 - Mayor, is the water going to be recycled
 - Jagers no, go into sewer with a timer button
 - Can set time of day, how long it goes
 - If recycled, have to use chemicals
 - This quote is just equipment, no concrete
 - Personally Package “b” \$71,000
 - Get this to Matt Wagner to get his numbers

- Need to get to landfill to put in their budget to donate towards
- Kevin said if we have a decision by November with numbers, he can start first thing in spring
- Rahn, does this include water lines? What all is included?
- DeSmith, how much is Wyffels going to donate?
- Rahn, I sent them prices
- Mayor Scott, how are you getting along with the playground removal?
- Scott, it's going; will have it done in time

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

- Chief, my monthly report for June
 - Do apologize for missing the last two meetings; one was due to a scheduling conflict, and the other I was on vacation
 - Have new software being done; cost is not on us; might have to get a new laptop for the squad
 - Other new item is a squad printer; instead of handwritten tickets, warnings, etc. No exact timetable for when that would be installed
 - Sargent Galloway put in his two weeks' resignation; he has a birth of a child coming up, he is still currently full-time with the Sheriff's office, and then he is also a mechanic and needs more family time
- Rahn, very nice gentleman
- Chief, had a couple of officers who had some interest; will manage what we have currently

i. SRO Contract

- Chief, SRO contract updated, same as the last few years

Motioned: Rahn and Jagers, seconded School Resource Officer Employment Intergovernmental Agreement for 2026-2027. Burton, Rahn, Jagers, DeSmith. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0 – NAYS.

TIF

- Burton, Nothing

FARM REFUSE & RECYCLING

- Thomas, Matt Wagner called and spoke to me about the Valve replacement at the lagoon; he also called and spoke to Scott.
 - Jason from Millers asked if they could get an extension on putting the lagoon valves in from the end of July to November. Matt knows that it can't be voted on, but wanted to know the board's thoughts

- Jagers, did he say why?
- Thomas, per Matt, it was due to mosquitoes
- Mayor, that's an odd reasoning
- Rahn, how about October 31st
- Burton, agree with Rahn
- DeSmith, agree with Rahn
- Jagers, agree with Rahn
- Thomas, I will let Matt know, and he will have to file a job change
- Mayor, we did receive our Quartey check, and it was up a little bit, due to taking in more, and when it jumped from 1.35 to 1.45
- Rahn, fountain looks nice, did a great job! Lots of compliments.

BILLS

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded that all bills be paid as presented, \$42,664.46. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; NAYS;

OTHER ITEMS

- Mayor, I think there is people living in a trailer at Lawrence's
 - Our officers go by there; think they check it out
- Rahn, can't have people living in there

i. Action: Donation with Loves

- Thomas, the manager of Loves, dropped off a letter and asked if the village would want to donate; they are having several community events
- Rahn, having a hard time with a business asking; not a good look
- Burton, use of gym or cafeteria for the bingo?
- Mayor, looks like that's a Jeff's that won't work
- Jagers, gym if it rains for the walk, or flat donation
- Rahn, good community events, harvest sponsor
- Jagers, agree harvest sponsor right in the middle

The whole board agreed to the harvest sponsor

ii. Flag pole possible flag donation

- Travis Weaver, wants to donate a flag to put up at the post office flag pole; it is privately owned, can't get ahold of the owner, then Lynette talked about looking for a new flag pole
- Scott, can we look at it first it might be a simple pulley system

- Rahn, have a hard time when owner is getting payment from the government not fixing their own stuff
- Mayor, have Scott look at it first
 - Lynette is going to look at Regula to see the cost.
- Mayor, asked Jacob to introduce himself to the board
- Jacob just moved to town past couple months, lives on 202 W Williams, getting married in the fall, trying to get involved

Motioned: Rahn and DeSmith seconded to go to Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4– AYES; NAYS;

EXECUTIVE SESSION

i. Letters of Resignation

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded to go to Open Session at 7:16 p.m. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; NAYS;

FINAL ACTION

i. Acceptance of resignation letters

Motioned: Rahn and Jagers seconded; to accept Dawn Stage's resignation as Village Trustee. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0-NAYS;

Motioned: Rahn and Jagers seconded; to accept Rory VanOpdorp's resignation as Village Trustee. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0-NAYS;

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded; accept Jacob Strightmatter's resignation as Public Works employee; last day will be July 31st. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0-NAYS;

Motioned: Jagers and DeSmith seconded; to post Full-time Public Works position on Facebook and Indeed. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0-NAYS;

Motion made by Rahn, seconded by Jagers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried 4-AYES, 0-NAY

Respectfully submitted, Krystle Thomas, Village Clerk

