Minutes of
Board of Trustees
Village of Atkinson

August 3rd, 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	Others Present
Kenneth Taber, Mayor	Krystle Thomas, Jim Allen
Ryan Rahn, Trustee	Scott Krug, Chief Burroughs, Katie Neary
Richard DeSmith, Trustee,	Zwicker
Bobby Burton, Trustee	
Jeana Jagers, Trustee	

Motioned: DeSmith and Burton, seconded to approve the July 20th meeting minutes. Burton, Rahn, Jagers, DeSmith. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; 0 – NAYS,.

CITIZENS'/GUEST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE

Katie- LRS

- Mayor, Katie is representing LRS and wants to meet with a few of the board members, two at a time
    - She has been working with our attorney Dennis Welsch
    - Very close to an agreement
    - They want us to get us to match the county
- Katie, VP LRS corporate development
    - Remind everyone about our open house coming up; if you can't make it we can give a private tour for the board
    - Open house is very important for the community to learn
    - It's Aug 21st 9-12
    - I would like a little time with each of you once we get through our application process; then we can't talk at some point. Next 30 days: in-person meeting or on the phone
- Jim, had 10 responses for the tour
- Mayor, I had a meeting with her; would like her to meet with each of you to know your feelings. She has talked to Dennis

    - Dennis would like to me to meet with him and another board member up by O'hare
- Katie, we can figure out another place to meet in the middle
    - He's working for the village, and our attorney is working for us so they should be accommodating for us
    - What did you hire Phil for?
- Mayor, to look at our agreement
- Rahn, he never answers me
- Mayor, new addition to landfill is what we are meeting with Katie and Dennis not on the old one, get equal with county
- Rahn, or more than the county, I want them to stick to the contract now
- Katie, if we are not honoring our agreement in some way, I want to look into that
- Jagers, we have asked questions, never get answers
- Rahn, the conversion rate, and license agreement

(explained his issues to Katie in depth)

- Katie, does it go off total amount possible I will not let this go any further; will get down to this
- Jim, conversation yards to tons?
- Rahn, yes
- Jim, we do everything tons
- Rahn, supposed to go back to yards
- Jagers, Thomas, can you email her Agreement
- Thomas, of course, will right now
- Mayor, want to get all host cleaned up; just go by tons, simplify

- Zwicker, I am here for clarification on Atkinson's signs and rules
    - Just came through the blvd with my pickup truck

(described square footage and pounds on a pickup truck and semi-truck on the pavement)

    - According to the signs and weight limits, I can't even drive my pickup down here
    - I deal with FBFM; how restrictive is it to FBFM? How are you supposed to get to FBFM?
    - I received a ticket the other day; Zwicker Farms doesn't have semis. I will not pay this
- Mayor, I'm the one that wrote down truck information

    - I'm the one that approached you about no semi down the blvd.
    - In the past, I have taken license plates and company names and contacted the company, and the company has no problem once I explain and tell them the truck route
    - After our discussion, I tried to explain to you, then you did it again the next day, then you did it a third time
    - We do not let semis down the blvd.
    - Why do you think you are not expected to pay that ticket?
- Zwicker, I came the truck route, delivered to FBFM, asked a person at FBFM how to get out? Since this is not a truck route. They told me to just go down this way
    - According to your laws, I can't even drive my pickup truck down here
- Mayor, maybe our signs and rules need to be updated. Thank you for bringing that to our attention, but your pickup truck is not in question
- Zwicker, you don't have a truck route
    - Do you not want me to come to town? Are you going to restrict FBFM from doing business?
- Rahn, no, park semi down by fountain, walk to FBFM, or drive your pickup truck to FBFM

(explained different weights of pickup trucks and semis)

    - We just don't want semi driving down the blvd.
    - Can't stop everyone to ask if full or empty
- Zwicker, I'm restricted to FBFM
- Rahn, no, not in your pickup truck, or park semi and walk down
- Zwicker, how do I even leave then?
- Rahn, pull around back towards the elevator to School Street, then to rt 6
    - We have people get lost; we understand that. Semi just can't go down the Blvd.
    - Spent a lot of money redoing the road and going to spend another million half to finish and don't want it wrecked
- Zwicker, I understand that. Are all your roads posted?
- Rahn, I have been in a semi and ended up lost and places I shouldn't have been trying to get out before getting in trouble, but the mayor said let's not do this, had a conversation with you and would have been dropped
    - You made the judgment call yourself by doing it again
- Mayor, you wouldn't be here if you had listened and not done it two more times
    - What are you looking for tonight?
- Zwicker, clarification from the board

- Mayor, you stated you're not paying, so we will contact our lawyer and go from here
- Zwicker, very first meeting with you and was treated poorly, anger issues, asked if you were having a bad day, then you followed me out of town
    - Don't have to come to Atkinson, can go to Geneseo
- Rahn, try to drive a semi and park in downtown Geneseo, see if they have a problem with it
- Jagers, first time that was explanation, then after that it's on you
- Mayor, I apologize if you feel I talked that way. I felt you were very defensive; no apology, then did it two more times
- Zwicker, willing to let bygones be bygones
- Chief, Zwicker, take your copy of the ticket
- Zwicker, no, I don't know who signed it
- Chief, I did. Then I will do it again
    - Moving forward, that was a simple ordinance ticket, but can bump up that go towards his CDL
- Mayor, we will talk more about this

OLD BUSINESS

i. Sidewalk Concrete specs

- Burton, this is what I thought for specs; reached out to Dwyer and Billet and asked for their specs but did not get any back from them

    Sidewalks Specs
    4ft wide, 4 inches thick
    All driveways will be 4 inches thick and 25 feet in length In driveways½ inch reinforcing rod and 2-foot squares

- Rahn, need clarification in driveways
    - Just the sidewalk section the village is responsible for
    - Would like 4-inch compacted C-A 6 gravel under 4 inches concrete driveway

ii. Action: Concrete specs

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded. Sidewalk concrete specs: 4 ft wide, 4 inches thick. All driveways will be 4 inches thick and 25 feet in length. In driveways½ inch reinforcing rod and 2-foot squares of 4-inch compacted C-A 6 gravel under 4-inch concrete driveway. The village is responsible for the sidewalk section of the driveway. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers, Motion carried: 4 – AYES; NAYS;

iii. Sewer lining project

- Thomas, I received an email with 233 pages printed off on the table for everyone and in your books three attachments about the loan and what needs to be signed
- Rahn, what page is on that might have increased the resident?
- Thomas, page 4, this EPA loan we have; remember if they are going to make us pass it along to the resident to pay back or not

- Rahn, increase sewer rate and take garbage rate off
- Mayor, Burner, Cooper, Zuck assist us with the loan process
- Rahn, I would think so
    - I will contact Kevan and ask if they are going to assist and if he could come and explain this in more depth

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

FINANCE/PROPERTIES

i. Annual Treasurer's Report

- Rahn, have the annual Treasurer's Report, look over
- Thomas, if approved, I will file with the county tomorrow

ii. Action: Annual Treasurer's Report

Motioned: Jagers and Rahn seconded to approve Annual Treasurer's Report. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4– AYES; NAYS;

iii. Action: Resolution No. 268

- Thomas, this resolution is to permitly move money to pay for our bills tonight
    - Our loan payment is in the bills, and also a pump for the lagoon that was already approved; they are going to put it in this week.

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded to approve Resolution No. 268 to move $70,000 from PMM to Clearing account to pay invoices. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4– AYES; -NAYS;

iv. Water Billing/ROE, Excel

- Rahn, ROE nor Excel is being billed for water; it's also not stated in the contract
- Thomas, while Liz was updating in the system, there were accounts made for them but not active. ROE pays for electricity and rent, no water and no garbage. Excel pays rent; KRC pays rent. Upstairs apartment: I know water and electricity are included, but on the contract it is not very specific.
- Mayor, I think EXCEL was in the contract; all included
- Rahn, need to charge for garbage; need to change verbiage and note in next contracts

PUBLIC WORKS

- DeSmith, nothing
- Scott, Nothing

PARKS & RECREATION

- Jagers, emailed Troy for baseball fence ETA, end of Aug first of Sept
    - Haven't heard anything else from playground
    - Thomas received a maintenance book for playground inspection sheet; has to do with warranty. She also put it in this binder to find and with all dates of everything

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

- Chief went out and spoke with Mr. Zwicker; after he left, he "plays like he doesn't know"
    - Questioned the truck route signs
- Mayor, if he came in with a better attitude
    - He brought up FBFM like it was their fault

- Chief, everything else is good
    - Galloway's last day was 7/31/26; do have a Kewanee officer, Carlson, interested
    - Spoke with other part-time guys about him and it was all good reports
- Mayor, if someone can't make a shift, no problem calling the county

TIF

i. Funds for water treatment upgrade

- Burton, wanted to know if we wanted to use TIF funds for water treatment upgrade
- Thomas, Burton had me get a hold of Gwen, and she said as long its in the TIF we can use the funds; have to get her a copy of the invoice and fill out a paper she sent to me, and everyone can vote

ii. Action: Funds for water treatment upgrade

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded to use TIF Funds for water treatment plant upgrade. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith. Motion carried: 3– AYES; -NAYS;

FARM REFUSE & RECYCLING

Action: Valve Replacement Change Order

Moved: Jagers and Rahn seconded to extend the work order change for valve replacements to October 30, 2026. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4– AYES; -NAYS;

BILLS

Motioned: Rahn and Jagers seconded that all bills be paid as presented, $96,238.65 Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; NAYS;

OTHER ITEMS

- Thomas received a phone call today from a resident at 301 N Washington asking if we had an ordinance or any rules about painting the color of the house?
    - Plum, deep deep dark plum color
- Burton, don't think we have an ordinance
- Rahn, don't think we do

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded to go to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; NAYS;

EXECUTIVE SESSION

i. Crossing Guard Applicants
ii. Public Works Applicants

Motioned: Rahn and Burton seconded to go to Open Session at 8:04 p.m. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; NAYS;

FINAL ACTION

i. Crossing Guard Applicants
ii. Public Works Applicants

Motion made by Jagers and seconded by Rahn; hire Lana Davis for bus crossing guard at $ 17.51/hr and have Jeff Alexander as backup. Burton, Rahn, DeSmith, Jagers. Motion carried: 4 – AYES; -NAYS;

Motion made by Rahn, seconded by Jagers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried 4-AYES, 0-NAY

Respectfully submitted, Krystle Thomas, Village Clerk