

## COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

The Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Rick presiding.

Mr. Yoho asked everyone to join him in a moment of reflection on their own intentions. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

The Council Meeting was held in the Council Chambers. The meeting was open to the public and was live-streamed on the Village's Facebook Page.

Roll Call: Yoho, McDowall, Van Dike, Raddish, Tonsic, and Bauer were present. Ms. Miller was excused.

Others Present: Mayor Rick, Council Clerk Rachel Osborne, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Varney, Assistant Law Director Natalie Schulte, and Village Engineer Matt Glass.

Motion by Raddish, second by Van Dike for the approval of the agenda as presented. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Raddish, second by Bauer, to adopt the minutes from the June 4, 2025, Council meeting. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON PENDING LEGISLATION** – No Comments.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

UTILITIES – Mr. Bauer has no report.

SAFETY – Mr. Yoho has no report.

PARKS & RECREATION – Mr. McDowall has no report.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Ms. Miller was not present.

FINANCE/AUDIT – Ms. Van Dike reported she has one piece of legislation to read.

STREETS – Mr. Tonsic has no report.

Council President Mr. Raddish announced that the June work session will be held on Wednesday, June 25th, with all committees reporting.

### **NEW BUSINESS** –

Van Dike presented Resolution 2025-31, Sponsored Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CEMETERY FUND AND THE POLICE TASER GRANT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Van Dike made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings; Bauer seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-31; a second was made by McDowall. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS from the Public:** Carl Housley, 67 First Avenue, thanked the mayor and council for fulfilling his records request. After reviewing the information that was provided, Housley commented that the village would be short on funds early, and instead of the village addressing it at that time, they let it

be. Raises of seven percent and eleven percent were given out, and an increase in the number of holidays for the five full-time firefighters. The village would come up a million and a half dollars short by the time the SAFER Grant expires, and the Fire Levy would come up for renewal. There were no provisions in the Fire Department's five-year plan to renew the SAFER Grant, but there was a plan to renew the Fire Levy. In Housley's opinion, based on the numbers, if the Fire Department doesn't receive renewal for the SAFER Grant, they will be in the hole between a million and a million and a half dollars and would have to go back to the public for a renewal on the Fire Levy earlier than what was told. Housley asked the council to look at that and address it.

**COMMENTS from the Council:** Mr. Bauer commented that the council has been called liars about the SAFER Grant regarding Housley's comments. Bauer does not think the village is in any kind of trouble and told Housley the council did not lie to him or the public.

Mr. Yoho stated he was at Lions Park over the weekend, and it was packed with baseball tournaments. He received many compliments on the new improvements made in the park.

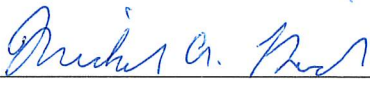
**COMMENTS from the Assistant Law Director:** Natalie Schulte has no comment.

**COMMENTS from the Village Engineer:** Matt Glass has no comment.

**COMMENTS from the Clerk-Treasurer:** Scott Varney has no comment.

**COMMENTS from Mayor Rick:** Mayor Rick stated the Fire Levy passed for five years and will run out in 2027. The SAFER Grant was 1.2 million, and we will apply for an extension to use the remaining \$300,000.00 that we project will be left over in 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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Michael Rick, Mayor                      Date

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Rachel Osborne, Council Clerk