

COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday December 17, 2025

The council met in regular session at 5:30 pm with Mayor Rick presiding.

Ms. Miller asked everyone to join her in a moment of reflection of 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 posted to the Village's Facebook page after the meeting was held.

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

Others Present: Mayor Mike Rick, Council Clerk Jennifer Barnes, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Varney, Law Director Jason Dodson, and Village Engineer Matt Glass.

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

Motion by McDowall, second by Miller, to adopt the minutes from the December 3, 2025 Council meeting. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

***COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON PENDING LEGISLATION:***

No Comments.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

UTILITIES: Mr. Bauer was excused.

SAFETY: Mr. Yoho had no report.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. McDowall had no report.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Ms. Miller had no report.

FINANCE/AUDIT: Ms. Van Dike had two ordinances and ten resolutions to read.

STREETS: Mr. Tonsic had one resolution to read.

Council President Raddish had nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-79**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-84 TO SET THE COMPENSATION  
FOR THE PART-TIME POSITION OF CEMETERY SEXTON, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-79; seconded by McDowall. Vote.  
Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-80**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-83 TO INCREASE THE  
COMPENSATION OF THE PART-TIME ZONING INSPECTOR, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-80; seconded by Yoho. Vote.  
Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-81**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-82 TO INCREASE THE  
COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR MAYOR'S COURT MAGISTRATE, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-81; seconded by Miller. Vote.  
Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-82**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 1 OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-76 CONCERNING  
THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT CLERK-  
TREASURER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-82; seconded by Miller. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-83**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81 CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE FULL-TIME POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/MAYOR'S COURT CLERK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-83; seconded by McDowall. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-84**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-64 INCLUDING EXHIBIT A THERETO, ENTITLED "WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OTHER THAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-84; seconded by Yoho. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Ordinance **2025-85**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HOLIDAYS FOR ALL NON-BARGANING EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-85; seconded by Tonsic. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-86**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT K. VARNEY AS CLERK-TREASURER OF THE VILLAGE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VARNEY, FINK & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-86; seconded by Miller. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-87**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JASON D. DODSON AS LAW-DIRECTOR OF THE VILLAGE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ROETZEL & ANDRESS, LPA TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-87; seconded by McDowall. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-88**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES OF PAY FOR THE PART-TIME PARKS AND CEMETERY EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-88; seconded by Miller. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Tonsic presented Resolution **2025-89**, Sponsor: Streets Committee:  
A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO PROVIDE THE LOCAL MATCH FUNDING FOR THE SR-532 AND ALBRECHT AVENUE SIGNALIZATION PROJECT (PID NO. 120949)  
AGREEING TO CERTAIN OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE FUNDING, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tonsic made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings; seconded by Miller. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tonsic to adopt Resolution 2025-89; seconded by Miller. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Resolution **2025-90**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE FUND AND THE COPS GRANT FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-90; seconded by Miller. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Van Dike presented Ordinance **2025-91**, Sponsor: Finance Committee:  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-91; seconded by Yoho. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS from the Public:**

*Carl Housley, 67 First Ave*, wanted to know if any housing permits had been issued for the West Village yet. He also wished the Village and Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Rick stated that Ryan Homes has indicated that the earliest they will be applying for more permits will be in February.

*June Long, 4061 Etter Rd*, wanted additional information on resolution 2025-79 and stated that we do not have a part-time cemetery sexton. She stated that the Cemetery Board had already discussed compensation and resignation of “that person”.

Mayor Rick stated that George Tompkins has not officially been relieved of his duties as cemetery sexton. His salary has been decreased significantly, but he is still assisting the cemetery from time to time.

**COMMENTS from the Council:** Mr. Yoho thanked everyone that helped with Christmas In The Village over the weekend as well as the Fire Department with the gift delivery.

Mr. McDowall and Ms. Van Dike wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Raddish thanked the Fire Department for all of their help with Christmas In The Village.

**COMMENTS from the Law Director:** Jason Dodson thanked Council for the vote on his new contract.

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

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

**COMMENTS from Mayor Rick:** Mayor Rick stated that Christmas In The Village was a huge success despite the cold and the snow.

Reminder at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be swearing in the three council members who won the recent election in November. The Fire Department will be swearing in the new Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief as well.

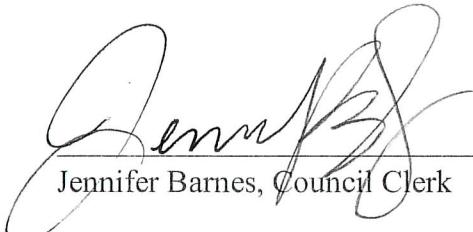
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

 1-7-26  
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Michael Rick, Mayor

Date

Attest:

 1/7/2026  
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Jennifer Barnes, Council Clerk Date