

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 6:33pm

**Roll Call:**

**Physically Present** – Peschang, Fowler, Fiems, Robertson, and Polenske

**Absent** – DeMarlie

**Others Physically Present** – Clerk Housenga, Attorney Eggers, Deputy Malio, Chad Johnson of USD Water Solutions entered 6:33pm, Tara Walters of MSA Professional Services, Kathy Sattizahn entered at 6:35pm

**Others Virtually Present** – None.

A quorum was physically established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Fiems motioned to approve 12/09/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, 01/2026 Monthly Bills totaling \$108,773.03 and Treasure’s Report for 12/2025; Fowler seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Mire wished to discuss the water tower matter during the infrastructure section of the meeting.

Kathy Saatizahn did not enter the meeting in time to make this section of the meeting.

**PRESIDENT – Mire:** Mire appointed and sworn in Gary Bohms to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Chuck McCoy will temporarily hold the position of Head of Planning & Zoning at this time.

Housenga and the Board set up budget meeting planning dates for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

**POLICE REPORT:** No report was presented.

**ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.:** Nothing new to discuss.

**FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey:** Report reviewed as presented.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Report as presented. MidAmerican Energy has changed their requirements for the seasonal décor hanging on the utility poles. Housenga updated the board as to conversations with MidAmerican Energy that Bump has had. No additional information is available at this time as Bump is waiting for additional correspondence from MidAmerican Energy.

**INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson:** Mire updated the board on legal conversations with USG Water Solutions and our Attorneys. More information is to come all data is not available to date. Tara Walters of MSA Professional Services appeared to clarify the process of procurement to meet the guidelines of IEPA’s SRF guidelines. Walters also explained some of the items inclusive in the USG contract are or may not be covered by the SRF Loan program. MSA is waiting for a final draft of the contract in order to compare the quoted items versus the standards covered in the loan program. Chad Johnson of USD Water Solutions also opined on the matter as well. Clarifying that the covered items under the SRF program would be under that loan and any items ineligible for the SRF program would require self-funding. Walters would like to have a meeting with Robertson and Bump to discuss the desired inclusions in a contract for rehabilitation of the water tower and improvements.

Robertson motioned to contact Colbrese about the property he owns near Schuler’s Shady Grove, Mr. Colbrese removed trees from village property while clearing his land and also put debris in a culvert that could block water flow during wet seasons. Within Robertson’s motion he is requesting we contact Colbrese to request dates be met to clear the land that debris has been left on and replant trees on village property. Contact with be village should be made by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to lay out a plan for the cleaning of the property, contact will is also requested by April 1<sup>st</sup>. 2026 to layout what type of trees will be replanted on the village property and finally by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 trees are to be planted at Colbrese’s expense. Failure to meet these deadlines for abatement and remediation will result in legal action and additional charges from the village. Fiems seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

**PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske:** Nothing to report at this time.

**VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler:** Fowler reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$4,505.68.

Fowler reported the 2025 Annual Santa Coming To Town held in December had challenges due to weather, but attendance was very good. Mire also thanked everyone involved with planning the event for their hard work.

Fowler directed Housenga to order 2,000 easter eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Peschang:** Peschang reported 2 general fund permits were issued in the previous month.

**FINANCE – DeMarlie:** It was requested by the board to fulfill the donation request to the Riverdale Education Foundation in the amount of \$100.00.

Housenga also provided an update on audit process currently taking place and the lack of documentation provided by Odoni Partners. Housenga also provided a letter from IDNR stating our BAAD Grant was forfeited due to lack of GATA filing. Clerk Housenga needs audit documents in order to complete the GATA questionnaire and to upload those documents to GATA as well. The board directed Housenga to send the IDNR letter to Attorney Eggers to review.

**PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems:** Nothing to report at this time.

**ELECTIONS – Mire:** Mire reminded everyone of the early voting for the election held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 election and that early voting will begin on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Kathy Saatizahn addressed the board to discuss three matters. First, is a non-issue as none of the Planning & Zoning members that were present at the proceedings held in 2021 are present at this meeting. Mire referred Sattizahn to the village website to review meeting minutes. Secondly, Sattizahn was looking for guidance as to how she should track and provide missed rental opportunities. The board agreed that it is not up to them to determine how to track her business opportunities. Lastly, Sattizahn also inquired upon how pool party rental would be handled as they would not be staying at the property overnight. Mire asked the Attorney for their opinion and to research how other municipalities handle these types of rentals.

Mire gave the courtesy of letting Sattizahn know that her property is listed on the VRBO website and provided a listing printed as of this meeting date.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Clerk Housenga provided Senior Property Tax Notice to Trustees for informational purposes.

The Fiems motioned to adjourn this regular board meeting at 7:56pm. Peschang seconded the motion. All other board members agreed.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk