

## Regular Meeting May 1, 2025

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 p.m. in the Gifford Village Building to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Pannbacker and Trustees, Carnahan, Hammond, Jones, McCarty and McFadden. Trustee Starkey was absent. Clerk Diane Baker and Police Chief Ray Rich were present. Treasurer Christie Huls and Zoning/Water Maintenance Jonathan Couture were absent.

Community/Business members present: Jarrod Acton & Girlfriend, John Roy, Phil Wake, Steve Griswold and Cindy Duden.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

John Roy was present to ask if someone could check out the issue with standing water in front of his house and the drainage after it rains. President Pannbacker said he would have Trustee Starkey and Jonathan Couture look at it.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes from April 3 and April 10, 2025. Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment. Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee McCarty made a motion to pay the bills as presented. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer has printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Hammond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of April 1, 2025 was \$1,106,974.15. Total money received for the month of April was \$124,868.40 plus \$66.82 interest from CD#15399 and \$65.24 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$125,463.57 leaving a balance on April 30, 2025, of \$1,106,511.04.

### **VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT**

Total gallons of water pumped for April, 2025-1,972,000

Average daily consumption for April, 2025-65,000

Met with champaign county highway department to figure out some drainage issues on South Main St. found the issue was on our side.

Replaced 60 feet of ten-inch tile on South Main St.  
Cut ditches on North Main and North St.  
Flushed all fire hydrants.

**POLICE REPORT**-Police Chief Ray Rich, Report on file.

**STREET AND ALLEY REPORT**- Trustee McCarty, No Report.

**SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**- Trustee Starkey, Absent.

**POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**- Trustee Carnahan, No Report.

**RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**- Trustee Jones, No Report.

**FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**- Trustee McFadden reported about a concrete bid from Craig Harris in the amount of \$6,049.03 for a handicap accessible parking place at the South Park Ballfield.

Trustee Hammond made a motion to have Craig Harris pour the concrete for the handicap parking at South Park for \$6,049.03. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

He also reported about a new bench put in by the play equipment area, this was a donation from Diane Buenting in memory of her husband Earl Buenting.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

**ESDA**-No Report.

**Zoning**-No Report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Hammond made a motion to vacate the alleyway between Center St. and Plumb St. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Carnahan made a motion to purchase new tires for the silver truck for \$748.93. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

### **Vacating Alley Ordinance**

Trustee McFadden made a motion to accept Ordinance #449, to vacate the alley between Center St. to Plumb St. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee McCarty made a motion to pay Darren Suits \$250 for the surveying of Village property and his property. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Carnahan made a motion to donate \$250 to the Rantoul Falcons football team. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

All Trustees agreed to have the budget posted.

**EXECUTIVE**

Trustee McFadden moved the meeting be moved to executive to discuss personnel issues. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Meeting started at 7:17 p.m.

Meeting discussion regarding personnel.

Trustee McCarty moved the meeting be moved back to regular session. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Executive meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Hammond moved the regular meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of June, 2025

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