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Monthly Meeting**Monday****July 27, 2026**

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday, July 27, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the small meeting room at the village hall. Village President, George Dudzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call was as follows: Kelly Bate: absent, Gale Burzynski: absent, Rob Blondi: present, Marshall Johnson: present, Jeff Spiller: present, Dwayne Whittington: present, George Dudzinski: present. Treasurer, Chris Scroggins and Village Attorney, Jonathon R. Cantrell was also present.

The village president then asked trustee, Dwayne Whittington to give an invocation which was followed with The Pledge of Allegiance being cited by all in attendance.

-Rob Blondi made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous, regular board meeting on June 22, 2026. Second was given by Jeff Spiller. Motion carried. All votes were yeas.

-Chris Scroggins presented the claims and financial reports. Rob Blondi made the motion to accept the claims/financial reports. Marshall Johnson gave the second. Motion carried. All votes were yeas. Motion carried.

Village President, George Dudzinski presented the **Mayor's Report** as follows:

- The sewer project is moving forward and updates will be shared when they are available.
- The village's civil suit is also moving forward
- The fire department has some structural problems from 2024. The building materials are on site and George has been in contact with two other contractors and is waiting for an update from them.
- George also mentioned there was a retirement party for Mike Gulley who served the community for over 40 years with 18 years as the Fire Chief. The village president appreciates all of the board members that were in attendance.
- Brian Minor has donated 30 flag poles to the village and we thank him tremendously.
- The president had the pleasure of going to see The Silk Wood Inn in Mulkeytown, IL. He urges everyone to go take a look due to the history of our surrounding towns/cities/villages being displayed there.

Committee Reports were then given and are as follows:

Police and Fire chairman, Jeff Spiller informed us of 2 auto aids, 1 illegal burn, and 1 traffic accident all out of town.

It was also mentioned that the fire truck needs a new radio and decals. There will be a pump test for the trucks on 8/10/2026 for engine 401 and 402. Jeff will update at the following monthly meeting.

Water and Sewer-Rob Blondi-no report

Ordinances-Gale Burzynski (Gale was absent so George reported for him)

17 notices have been sent.

Sawmill is still a work in progress as the EPA and Bi-county have both been contacted.

Parks-Marshall Johnson-no report

Streets and Alleys chairman Dwayne Whittington reported residents have contacted Frontier due to their equipment issues which are located in the village's alleys.

Financial was previously covered by Chris Scroggins.

Old Business: -Franklin County Police contract. Officer Kyle Bacon was present to inform the public body about the contract and answer questions. Previously there were 3 other municipalities this contract would be shared with. Coello has decided not to continue on with this contract. The contract was discussed for a one year period. Orient's Mayor was also present and explained that their city is on board with this contract. The police contract motion to vote to approve/adopt was given by trustee Jeff Spiller. There was no second. Motion denied.

-Disposition of the police car was tabled for further discussion.

-The removal of the "no parking signs" located at/around the block of 300 East Main Street was made a motion by Jeff Spiller. There was no second. Motion died.

-Quotes for installing baby changing stations at the village hall were motioned by Rob Blondi. Jeff Spiller was the second. Motion carried. All votes Yeas.

-Cleaning service bids were discussed for City Hall. Rob made the motion. There was no second. Motion died.

-Occupants living in campers/motor homes on residential property. Adopting City of Sesser's code ordinance was motioned by Marshall. The second was given by Rob. Votes are as follows: Rob-yea, Marshall-yea, Jeff-nay, and Dwayne-yea. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Take action on 2026-2027 Appropriation-Ordinance 26-475. Rob made the motion and Marshall seconded. All votes were Yeas. Motion carried.

-There were no bids on property listed at 309 W Kelso-Topic declined.

-Requests for quotes (RFQ) for housing grant. Rob Made the motion and Dwayne was the second. All votes were Yeas. Motion carried.

-License Fees amendment changed to \$50.00. Rob Made the motion and Marshall was the second. Votes were all Yeas. Motion carried.

-Taking action to purchase additional stop signs to complete stop sign project. The cheapest option was the winning bid. Rob made the motion and it was seconded by Dwayne. All votes were Yeas. Motion carried.

-Taking action on purchasing replacement flags for the village to display. The cheapest option was chosen. Motion was made by Dwayne. The second was Marshall. All votes were Yeas. Motion carried.

-Taking action on purchasing fire department radios and repeater. Marshall made the motion for both and Rob was the second. All votes were Yeas. Motion carried.

-Take action to add Ordinance 26-476 Fair Housing Act to current code book. Rob made the motion and Dwayne was the second. All votes were Yeas. Motion carried.

-Public hearing for IDNR OSLAD Grant for 2027 for input on proposed park upgrades. Projects discussed for Legion Park were bathrooms, pickle ball court, tables, garbage cans, and finish pergola. The grant is a 90/10 Grant. They pay 90% and the village pays 10%.

Public comment:

-The CAC (Community Action Committee) spoke about the July free breakfast where they served 81 people. They also hosted a Christmas in July even that had 45 participants sign in. Friday food trucks have attracted a lot of attention and are enjoyed by all. They will be filing for Non-Profit status. CAC requested permission to install a "Giving Cabinet" to help those who need it in the community. It will be added to the August agenda per Village President, George Dudzinski.

-There was a comment made by a village resident Malynda Hancock to urge everyone attending and watching online to get out and vote in the next election.

-Sue Vercellino spoke about being informed about ongoing grants. The village president has talked to the proper person(s) and everything is still in development. He will update us when he has information.

-Steve McGinnis commented on the signs located at the property listed above. He was unhappy that there was never a vote for the signs to be placed near his property and stated he wanted them removed.

-Malynda Hancock asked the board why they did not want to vote/approve the Franklin County Police contract. Trustee Marshall Johnson replied that he wanted to be able to hear from The City of Sesser and do his own research.

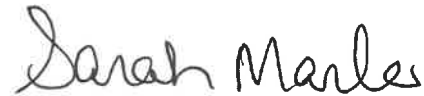
-Leroy Carter spoke about being a volunteer for emergencies and wanting to help people.

A motion was made to adjourn open session and go into executive session to discuss a complaint. Motion was made by Rob and seconded by Marshall. All votes Yeas. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

A motion was made to return from executive session to open session. Motion made by Jeff and was seconded by Dwayne. Roll call is as follows: 3 yeas. Motion carried.

Roll Call is as Follows: Kelly: Absent, Gale: Absent, Marshall: present, Dwayne: present, Jeff: present, Rob-Absent

A Motion was made to adjourn open session. Motion was made by Jeff. Second was made by Dwayne. Vote was as follows: 3-yeas. Motion Carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Marlo".

Sarah Marlo, Village Clerk