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March 22, 2025

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 1:00pm in the small conference room at the village hall. Acting village president, Mike Moyers called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and opened with a word of prayer.

Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, present; Rob Blondi, present; Joe Burgess, absent; Gale Burzynski, present; Scott Dagner, present; Brian Miner, absent, Mike Moyers, present, and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present.

Rob Blondi made a motion to approve the February 24, 2025 regular board meeting minutes. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

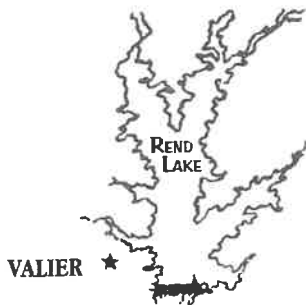
Under correspondence, a Valier resident addressed the board as to what was being done about the dilapidated property on Gelston St. that was vacant and had a swimming pool with standing water in it. Mike informed him that he was in contact with the owner and was issuing ordinance violations.

Another water department customer addressed the board regarding receiving his water bill late and being charged a late fee. He gave some recommendations on making it easier to pay your bill. Chris Scroggins mentioned that the water department was looking at new software to email the bills.

A Valier resident addressed the board if they were okay with her running a popcorn sales business from her home. She said she was going to prepare it in her home but the sales would occur at venues like craft/vendor fairs. The board was in agreement and gave her permission to proceed with her business.

Sue Vercellino asked on behalf of the Valier Women's Club if the village would pay for more paint for the street signs and replace the fence at the American Legion Park. The board was ok with the paint and is going to look into getting an estimate on the fence to repair or replace it.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from February 25 to March 24, 2025. He also reviewed the financial reports as of February 28, 2025. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept the reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Rob Blondi. Motion carried. All yeas. Chris also mentioned that we finally received the \$100,000 check for the water tower project from the DCEO grant.



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At this time, the meeting was moved to new business so the board could take action on the audit engagement letter for fiscal year ending 4-30-25. Chris said he had researched other auditing firms and his recommendation was to go ahead and stay with Rice Sullivan LLC for another year at the cost of \$13,000 for the year as it is getting very difficult to find firms that will do municipal audits. He also felt like they did a fair job in the past. Kelly made a motion to accept Chris's recommendation. Scott Dagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under committee reports, Mike Moyers presented the fire department report. They had 6 calls: 1 mutual aid, 2 lines down, 2 trees down and 1 traffic accident out of town.

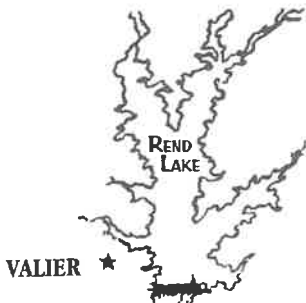
Mike Moyers presented for the police department that they ended up getting a new desk computer and accessories from J&K Computers who services our village computers and network. It was approximately \$1,300.00.

Scott Dagner presented 4 police vehicles that Jonathan researched from the auction services. After reviewing them, it was Scott's recommendation and motion to go with a 2020 Ford Explorer with 59,654 miles for \$21,995 from Chicago Motors, Inc. A second choice if that was not available was recommended which was a 2020 Ford Explorer with 79,481 miles for \$21,795 from Asia Motors Inc.. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Scott also presented a list of police equipment that police chief, Jonathan Ashlock requested. He recommended we purchase the evidence bags and accessories and the test kits. Gale Burzynski made a motion to purchase this items. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Scott made a motion to increase the police hours from 24 to 30 hours per week. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried, All yeas.

Mike reported for water/sewer. Rodney Potts from PSC Engineering will be at the April meeting to discuss more in depth about the water/sewer upgrades needed. We had 2 water line breaks this past month. One was out on Sesser Lake Road that was losing quite a bit of water and one was in the Valier Patch. Mike said he would like the board to consider raising the water/sewer rates again as it is very costly to maintain the rural lines. He would like to propose a 10% increase to the rural customers and a



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3% increase to the in town customers. He also mentioned that we have some customers that owe more than \$500.00 on water/sewer bills and would like to propose a cap on them of \$500.00. Customers that go over that would risk a disconnection until they get the bill below that amount. Mike also mentioned that the water tower in the patch had been inspected and cleaned. It was not in bad shape and estimated cost was around \$3800.00.

Under street/alley, Mike reported that we need 24 applicants for Tammy Campbell to start working on the housing grant application. He also mentioned that the new stop signs are in. Scott will work with the village workers on getting the new signs put up. Mike also stated the roof had been repaired over the storage area of the large conference room at city hall. Gale Burzynski made a motion to accept the committee reports. Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under new business, Resolution 24-458 was presented regarding "Participation in the Franklin County Communications Center Consolidated Project". Scott Dagner made a motion to accept the resolution. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

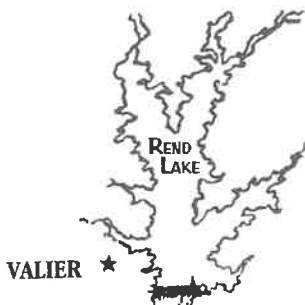
Mike presented a bid of \$700.00 from Door Doctor to put a new garage door opener on the maintenance bay at city hall that will house the police vehicle now that the police office has been moved to city hall. Mike also would like to change the locks on the new police department office and some other doors at village hall. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept this bid and change the locks. Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Valier First Baptist asked if they could use the tennis courts at the American Legion Park on May 10, 2025 for some bounce houses for a community picnic from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. Motion was made by Scott Dagner to allow this. Second given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gale Burzynski. Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.



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April 14, 2025 – Amendment to March 22, 2025 meeting

A special board meeting was held via phone/text on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:03pm for the police committee and the village board to conduct business in regards to the police vehicle voted to purchase at the March 22nd regular business meeting. The vehicle's 1 and 2 are no longer available but vehicle 3 is available. It is a 2021 Ford Explorer with 86,336 miles for \$23,795 from Chicago Motors Inc. Pictures and details of the vehicle were shared again with the board members present at that meeting and a vote was taken on moving forward with purchasing this vehicle. Scott Dagner made the motion to purchase it. Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas,



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