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December 22, 2025

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday, December 22, 2025 at 6:30pm in the ballroom at the village hall. Village president, George Dudzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and asked Gale Burzynski to give the invocation.

Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, present; Rob Biondi, present; Gale Burzynski, present; Marshall Johnson, present; Jeff Spiller, present, Dwayne Whittington, present and Geroge Dudzinski, present. Village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, was also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by the public body.

Rob Blondi made a motion to approve December 4, 2025 regular board meeting minutes with a correction. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills for the period from December 5 to December 23, 2025. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept the claims report and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas,

Chris also presented financial reports for the period ending November 30, 2025. He also stated that our audit for fiscal year ending April 30, 2025 should be finalized by Rice Sullivan soon.

Under the mayor's report/correspondence, George stated the village had certificate of deposits maturing at the first of January and he was going to renew them again for the same period,

Under committee reports, Jeff Spiller presented the fire department report. They had

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three calls: one auto aid to Sesser, one out-of-town field fire and one medical emergency.

Geroge reported everything was running smoothly for the water/sewer department,

Derek Parvin presented an ordinance monthly report for November 2005. He had issued six warnings.

Dwayne Whittington made a motion to accept the committee reports. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, Ted Farmer presented a new Miner's/Veteran's Memorial proposal. He stated each memorial would have seven lines on them and he was asking the Village of Valier to pay for the first line on each memorial at a cost of \$2,000.00 each. He stated he had other organizations set up to pay for other lines on the memorial as well but if the village did not help contribute, he would not pursue this any longer. It was decided to table this for a vote until the village could discuss with the village attorney his recommendation on the legality of the village spending village funds on this.

Ordinance 25-468, Adding stop signs and changing others was next on the agenda. A list of the additions and changes were presented with a map indicating current stop signs and the additions/changes. Rob Blondi made a motion to accept the additions and changes. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

George mentioned he had a police officer candidate by the name of Blake Wink given to him. He currently works in Spillertown. It was suggested that we need to

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advertise and George stated he would do this.

Under new business, Jeff Spiller presented a proposal for the purchase of a new utility trailer for the use of the water/sewer department along with 3 quotes. The first quote was from Little Tractor & Equipment Co. for a 20-foot x 7-foot trailer for \$4,993.71. Second quote was from Country Blacksmith Trailers for an 18-foot x 82-inch trailer for \$4,194.00 and the third quote was from Country Blacksmith Trailers for a 20-foot x 82-inch trailer for \$4,421.00. All three quotes included title fees. Jay and Mike recommended the 20-foot x 82-inch trailer as it would allow them to pick up water tiles which would cut out delivery fees the village pays, which are \$45-\$65 for each delivery. Jeff stated they will need to buy a spare tire as well. Gale Burzynski made a motion to purchase the 20-foot x 82-inch trailer from Country Blacksmith Trailers that Mike and Jay recommended. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Jeff also presented a proposal to purchase an additional chainsaw for the street/alley department to use in the maintenance department. The fire department has one and the street/alley department has one currently. He would like to purchase another chainsaw, so they do not have to borrow the one from the fire department. He had one quote from Rural King for a 36" chainsaw for \$1,749.99. After some discussion, it was decided to get more information from Mike and Jay on what size they recommend and look for information and pricing on this and report back.

Next on the agenda was to vote on a list of bonuses for the village employees for 2025. Rob Blondi made a motion to pay the list of bonuses. Jeff Spiller seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas,

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A salary schedule with pay increases of 3% was presented next for the 2026 calendar year for the village employees except for temporary help and police. Rob Bondi made a motion to accept this salary schedule. Second was given by Marshall Johnson. Motion carried. All yeas.

George presented a new time off proposal for full-time village employees. He proposed giving them 12 sick/personal days a year and accruing one day per month up to the 12 days. He also proposed for all full-time village employees to accrue 6.72 hours of vacation each month on the 15th up to 10 days a year. He stated they would be allowed to accrue up to a max of 20 days before they would be paid out. Bereavement was previously voted on of 3 days for a death of an immediate family member. They would follow the state/federal holiday schedule as usual for holidays. After much discussion it was decided not to change any time off for current village employees on sick/personal or vacation time and look at this later if and when the village hires new employees.

At this time the meeting was opened for public comment. Ted Farmer spoke about the Miner's Memorial being discussed in a prior executive session meeting. He asked the mayor to disclose yes or no if it was discussed. George stated he was not going to release executive session discussions until it was made public.

MaLynda Hancock asked if the board was allowed to release what is talked about in executive session. George stated it is private until the board determines to make it public.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Spiller. Second was given by Marshall Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk