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September 22, 2025

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:30pm in the ballroom at the village hall. Village president, George Dudzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

The village president asked trustee Gale Burzynski to give an invocation.

Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, present; Rob Blondi, absent; Gale Burzynski, present; Marshall Johnson, present; Jeff Spiller, present, Dwayne Whittington, present and George Dudzinski, Village President present. Other village employees present were village treasurer, Chris Scroggins and code enforcement officer, Derek Parvin.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by the public body.

Marshall Johnson made a motion to approve the August 25, 2025 regular board meeting minutes. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from August 26 to September 22, 2025. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept the report and pay the claims. Second was given by Dwayne Whittington. Motion carried. All yeas.

At this time, the meeting was opened up for public comment. George informed the public the village board had recently passed a resolution on rules and procedures for public comment at open meetings. Anyone wanting to address the board would need to sign in on a list their name and the topic they wanted to discuss. The public comments would be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes.

Sue Vercellino spoke first regarding several topics. She stated she had reached out to Tammy Campbell on the housing grant applications and she told her things are on hold and Valier may not get anything as the state is limiting funds. She did find out that there are park and historical grants that can be applied for by the village. She would like to see debris cleaned up in yards and trees cut at the American Legion Park. She asked the board if the Valier Women's Club could decorate in front of the fire station for fall. The board was in agreement and stated they had no problem with this. She also asked the board if they had read the new code of ordinance book and were familiar with it. Some members had read it and some were still reviewing it.

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Sherry Beal spoke next in regards to a new volunteer group known as the “Community Action Committee” and handed out flyers and a form for those interested in helping to clean up the town and help with other projects to contact her.

Village president, George Dudzinski presented a mayor’s report. He presented a report to the board from IML –RMA Insurance from January 1, 2020 to September 19, 2025. Overall we have had minimal losses.

George also reported that when a village worker was moving tree limbs to take out to the lagoon he knocked over a basketball goal in the right of way and broke it. He asked the board if they thought we should replace it. Some discussion was had and it was decided to table this to next month since it was not previously listed on the agenda to take action on it.

George mentioned that the police vehicle had 2 recalls and there was damage underneath the vehicle. He arranged for Watermark Ford to pick up the vehicle and they fixed everything at no charge.

Under committee reports, George reported for water and sewer that we had a leak in the Valier patch area that was fixed. Jeff Spiller spoke on behalf of the fire department. They had 4 calls: 1 rural structure fire, 1 mutual aid, 1 field fire at the saw mill wood piles and 1 medical emergency. Jeff also reported that the IDOC work crew had been in this past month doing more cleanup work.

Derek Parvin presented the board with a copy of a new warning ticket on village letterhead that he planned to use as the code enforcement officer. The board reviewed it and agreed it was a good idea. He also presented a proposal from Thomas Printing on preprinted addressed envelopes for a cost of \$84 for 500 or \$110 for 1000.

No other committee reports were presented. Dwayne Whittington made a motion to accept the committee reports, Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, George allowed Ted Farmer to speak first on behalf of the Valier Alumni regarding the monument/lighting proposal. He stated that he will pay to have a street light installed on the northwest corner across from the monument at a cost of \$600-\$700. The village will be billed by Ameren Illinois and he will reimburse the village. He also stated he would pay for 5 years for the cost of the electric to the light pole. It was decided that a contract should be drawn up by him and presented to the village. Gale Burzynski made a motion to accept this proposal. Marshall Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

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George presented IDOT Resolution 25-467 from the village engineer regarding the ditches and triage project on Lincoln and Johnson Streets, as well as some sidewalks for \$45,000. This would include material and labor costs. Marshall Johnson made a motion to pass the resolution. Jeff Spiller seconded the motion. The motion carried. All yeas.

Marshall Johnson spoke in regards to the cost on the lettering on the fire department. He was waiting for someone to get back to him so this issue was tabled until next month

The board discussed the use of the Valier Women's Club using the American Legion Park on November 22, 2025 for the Christmas lighting event. Gale Burzynski made a motion to allow them to use it and waive the \$25.00 deposit fee. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Next the board discussed the use of the Valier Women's Club using the Community Building room on December 6, 2025 for a vendor fair. Jeff Spiller made a motion to allow them to use it and waive the \$50.00 deposit fee. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Resolution 25-463, a Resolution Authorizing the Installation of Video Surveillance Cameras in the Village of Valier City Hall and Related Municipal Offices was presented again with new information from George regarding the backup of the camera system. He presented from the company Defender a Cloud Starter storage package of \$3.99 per camera for 7 days storage or a Cloud Elite storage package at a cost of \$7.99 per camera for 30 days backup. This would be about \$80.00 per month for 10 cameras. George recommended that we would also need to get 2 hard drives to backup the storage after the 30 days at an approximate cost of \$300.00 each. Gale Burzynski made a motion to go with the Cloud Elite storage package at \$7.99 each for the 10 cameras. Dwayne Whittington seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Resolution 25-465, a Resolution on Spending Limits for the Village President for the Village of Valier was presented again with an increased limit of \$1,000.00. The resolution proposed an amount of \$1,000.00 without the approval of the board of trustees for emergency purposes. Marshall Johnson made a motion to accept the resolution with the new spending limit. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion, Motion carried. All yeas.

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The board had another part time police candidate proposal and decided to table this for now and discuss in closed session after the open session.

George presented a proposal to remodel the police office so that the village offices could access the bathroom and network. The proposal was from Renick Builders for \$2,500.00. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept this proposal. Marshall Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under new business, Jeff spiller presented a proposal for Main St. clean up. He would like to have permission for volunteers and himself to utilize village maintenance tools and supplies. This would consist of a weed eater for edging sidewalks and brush removal, a leaf blower for side walk clean up, fuel for the weed eater and leaf blower, and weed killer for spraying the cracks in the sidewalk to prevent weeds from returning so quickly. He talked to the village workers and they said they would have the tools and supplies ready and it would not interfere with their work schedules. Volunteers would be responsible for their own safety equipment. He estimated the project to be completed by end of October, weather permitting. Gale Burzynski made a motion to allow the use of the tools and supplies for the volunteers to do this work. Dwayne Whittington seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

George presented Ordinance 25-466 to adopt and implement the new revised Code of Ordinances for the Village of Valier. This would supersede any other prior code books. Jeff Spiller made a motion to pass this ordinance and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

A motion to adjourn the open session and go into closed session to discuss the part time police candidates was made by Kelly Bate. Marshall Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

A motion to return to open session from closed session was made by Gale Burzynski. Jeff Spiller seconded the motion, Motion carried all yeas. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk