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September 23, 2024

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30pm. The meeting was held in the small conference room at the village hall. Acting village president, Mike Moyers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and opened with a word of prayer.

Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, present; Rob Blondi, absent; Joe Burgess, absent; Gale Burzynski, present; Scott Dagner, present until 7:25pm; Brian Miner, present: Mike Moyers, present and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present.

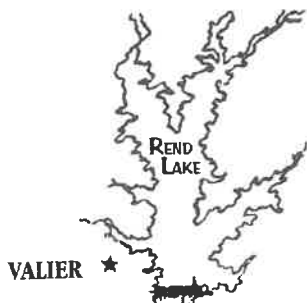
Brian Miner made a motion to approve the August 26, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

There was no correspondence at the meeting. Mike opened the meeting up to the public in attendance for comments. Sue Vercellino representing the Valier Women's Club asked the village if it would be okay for the club and volunteers to build a pergola at the American Legion Park and decorate it for Christmas with a tree. Mike and the board agreed it was a nice idea. Mike asked Sue to get with him on the parameters and location.

A resident stated he was frustrated with vicious dogs that are being let loose consistently by the owner to roam free in the village and came on his property with his little girl outside. Scott Dagner addressed him and told him that many tickets have been written to the owners but Franklin County does not seem to want to pursue prosecuting them. He advised the resident that he had every right to do what he felt was necessary to protect his family.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from August 27 to September 23, 2024 and financial statements as of August 31, 2024. Chris also stated that the claim on the damaged gas line has been turned into our RML Insurance plan. We will wait to see what they determine we should pay to Ameren. Chris also mentioned we are still being charged for the former treasurer's bookkeeping software, "Quickbooks" on our credit card. We will need Joseph Burgess to call and dispute this charge. A motion was made by Brian Miner to accept these reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under committee reports, Mike Moyers presented the fire department report. They had 4 calls: 1 auto



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aid to Sesser, 2 medical emergency lift assists and 1 landing zone. They also wished to thank the Valier Women's Club and volunteers for painting the fire hydrants and street signs.

Scott and Mike spoke with Jonathan Ashlock, police chief. He said Andrew and him will be working more now. Mike recommended we move the police station to the community building because it is a larger office area. He asked the board to think about it and consider voting on it at the next meeting.

Mike reported for the street department. We are waiting on IDOT to rock and chip the streets still.

On the water/sewer department, Mike reported he was waiting on Wiggs Excavating to get back to him regarding the water line on St Highway 148 to bore under it to shore it up.

Mike also reported that Franklin County animal control had been in town picking up dogs.

Gale Burzynski made a motion to accept the committee reports. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, Mike had asked the board to consider a salary/compensation for the next village president that is elected to start May 2025. He did some research from other municipalities and past practice at the village had been providing a gas allowance up to \$200.00 a month. He proposed a monthly salary of \$300.00 with no gas allowance. Mileage will need to be submitted to be reimbursed for village business trips. Scott Dagner made a motion to accept this proposal. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike had previously presented buying a trench box for the safety of the village workers when working on water and sewer lines. He would like to buy a small trailer up to \$500 to put the equipment on. He stated it was really heavy and very difficult to get in the village truck. It would be safer and easier to haul back and forth on a trailer. The board was in agreement to do this.

On the property on 121 E. Main St. we are trying to get resident's signatures that live adjacent to it for rezoning it to residential from commercial. Hopes are once this is done, the zoning committee and then the village board can vote to rezone it.



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Under new business, A proposed ordinance to pass a grocery tax in the village was considered. On January 1, 2026, the state of Illinois will no longer assess a 1% state wide grocery tax. If the village wishes to charge a grocery tax, we would need to have our own ordinance passed for this. IML presented a model ordinance for us to use to pass this ordinance. It will need to be filed with the Illinois Department of Revenue by October 1, 2025. Gale Burzynski made a motion to pass the ordinance and Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Bate. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

