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February 23, 2026

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday, February 23, 2026 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, absent; Rob Blondi, present; 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.

Rob Blondi made a motion to approve the February 10, 2026 regular board meeting minutes. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

Chris Scroggins presented the financial reports through January 31, 2026. He presented the claims report of bills from February 11 to February 23, 2026. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept the reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Dwayne Whittington. Motion carried. All yeas.

Village president, George Dudzinski presented a mayor's report. He stated that 3 CD's the village has were due in January and he instructed the bank to renew them for the same term at 3.70%.

George reported that he discussed the village wheel tax with the attorney and at this time the attorney is looking into the legality of the tax for parking at resident's home. Home rule municipalities can regulate this, but he is unsure if non-home rule communities are able to like Valier. He is researching this further and for now it is on hold.

George stated we needed to get Ted Farmer's signature on the contract for the Valier Alumni monument as the copy we have is only signed by the village board. The village clerk stated she would reach out to him and obtain his signature.

Under committee reports, Jeff Spiller reported on behalf of the fire department. They had 2 calls: 1 field fire out of town and 1 illegal burn.

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George reported on behalf of the fire/police committee that with the new county 911 system, they will be providing an app for update use. The village will need to purchase tablets for both departments to use for this new system.

In Kelly Bate's absence, she asked the village clerk to pass on that mayor, and the City of Sesser were not going to charge the village for the road salt that was spread during the snowstorm in January by their city workers. Kelly expressed our sincere gratitude on behalf of the Village board.

Derek Parvin, the code enforcement officer, presented a report for the month of February 2026. He had 9 issues involving notices, warnings, and tickets. He also stated he was trying to help residents clean up their property.

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

Under old business, George stated that he had Jim Taylor advertise on the villageofvalier.org webpage for a part-time police candidate. He has received 2 candidates and will be setting up a meeting with the police committee and the candidates to interview them.

Ordinance 90.01: Abandonment of vehicles was discussed. This was something Derek wanted the board to review and discuss how far they want to enforce this. He stated he talked to the village attorney, and we may need to rewrite the ordinance based on how much enforcement the board wants to pursue on this. After much discussion, it was decided to not make any changes at this time.

Next on the agenda under old business was to pay off the fire truck loan at State Bank of Whittington that Chris Scroggins recommended to do at the last meeting. George and Chris discussed this and paid the balance owed of \$9,738.57 on February 23, 2026.

Under new business, George stated he wanted to make board meeting packets and meeting information available on the Wednesday before the Monday board meeting, so the board members have time to review it prior to the meeting. He is going to have mailboxes for each board member at city hall. He is also going to have Vern's Locksmith make new keys so each board member has one, so they have access to get the information.

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At this time the meeting was opened to public comment. A resident asked if drainage would be taken care of in the East Flora St area. George stated it was part of the tile and sewer projects that were scheduled to be done.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Spiller. Rob Blondi seconded the motion, Motion carried all yeas. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk