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December 4, 2025

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:30pm in the ballroom at the village hall due to a lack of quorum on the scheduled date of Monday, November 24. 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, present; Gale Burzynski, present; Marshall Johnson, absent; Jeff Spiller, present, Dwayne Whittington, present and George Dudzinski, present. Other village employees present were village treasurer, Chris Scroggins and village water clerk, Lisa Gulley.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by the public body.

Gale Burzynski made a motion to approve the October 27, 2025 regular and executive session board meeting minutes. Jeff Spiller had a question on the room rental rates and it was discussed. Second was given by Rob Blondi. Motion carried. All yeas.

Chris Scroggins presented the financial reports and reviewed the cash and fund balances. Chris also presented the annual financial report for the year ended April 30, 2025. He went over the claims report of bills from October 28 to December 4, 2025. A motion was made by Rob Blondi to accept the reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Dwayne Whittington. Motion carried. All yeas.

At this time the meeting was moved to new business so Chris could discuss Ordinance 25-469, the 2025 Tax Levy that needed action on it. Chris went over the tax levy in detail with the board and stated he increased it by 3% from last year's total of \$51,700 and moved more funds into the corporate line so it can be spent. The total of the 2025 levy is \$53,250. Rob Blondi made a motion to accept and pass the ordinance for the 2025 tax levy. Kelly Bate seconded the motion, Motion carried. All yeas.

Village president, George Dudzinski presented a mayor's report. George asked Sue Vercellino from the Valier Women's Club why she had asked for a check from the village to be reimbursed. She stated it was for cork that was purchased for the village bulletin board. George stated she had said the women's club was going to fix it and pay for it. She would need to get prior authorization if she wanted the village to pay for it. She said that was fine.

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Under committee reports, Jeff Spiller reported on behalf of the fire department. They had 0 calls this month. He also reported that Jim Barnhart had completed the painting of the letters at the fire department.

George reported on behalf of the water and sewer department that a heater at the maintenance building had went out. Reed Heating & Air came out and fixed it at a cost of \$572.17. He had asked for a quote before they did the work but they went ahead and fixed it without getting him this information.

The code enforcement officer provided a report for the month of October. He had 8 issues involving notices and warnings.

No other committee reports were presented at this time. Rob Blondi made a motion to accept the committee reports. Dwayne Whittington seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, Ted Farmer stated he had decided to withdraw his proposal for a miner's memorial and present a proposal for a miner's/veteran's memorial. Since this was not on the agenda, it was tabled to the next meeting.

The board had previously voted at the February 24, 2025 meeting to add new stop signs and change others to facilitate safer traffic control but it had not been done. An ordinance would need to be passed. The board had not had time to review the map and decide if they wanted more signs added. Dwayne Whittington said he would oversee this project. This was tabled to the next meeting

Under new business, George presented a quote from Vern's Locksmith to change the locks on the entry doors at the village hall. The quote was for \$133.00. They would change the existing lock cylinder and replace it with thumb turns. Gale Burzynski made a motion to accept this quote. Dwayne Whittington seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

The Valier Alumni Association would like to use the pavilion and the ballroom for their picnic and banquet on June 12 and 13, 2026. This would be on June 12 at 5:00pm and June 13 at 2:00pm. This would be at no charge. Kelly Bate made a motion to allow them the use of the facilities. Jeff Spiller seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Kelly Bate mentioned that the last time the tables were taking out of the building, they came back with some sort of black substance on them. Lisa and Jay had to spend several hours cleaning them. Rob Blondi stated that whoever uses them needs to make sure they come back clean.

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At this time the meeting was opened for public comment. Ted Farmer spoke regarding the miner's memorial being discussed in executive session at the October 27, 2025 meeting. George stated there was no vote on the matter and he was not going to release what was discussed in executive session as those minutes are not open to the public yet. Ted also expressed his disappointment on how he was not notified about the meeting being cancelled in November and how things were being handled by the new administration.

Melinda Hancock asked if the board would let the public know who the board would be considering as police officer candidates and hire. George said the board would do that once they were ready to offer someone with a potential employment contract.

A motion to adjourn the open session and go into executive session to discuss compensation and time off for employees was made by Rob Blondi. Jeff Spiller seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas. Meeting was adjourned to close session at 7:20 pm.

A motion to return to open session from executive session was made by Dwayne Whittington. Kelly Bate seconded the motion, Motion carried all yeas. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk