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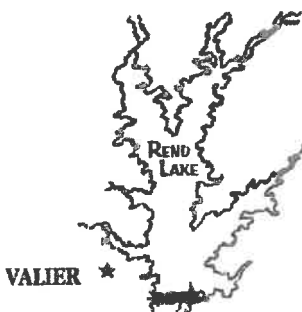
April 28, 2025

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30pm in the small conference room at the village hall. Acting village president, Mike Moyers called the meeting to order at 6:32pm and opened with a word of prayer.

Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, present; Rob Biondi, present; Joe Burgess, present; Gale Burzynski, present; Scott Dagner, present; Brian Miner, absent, Mike Moyers, present, village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present, village employees Mike Gulley, Lisa Gulley and Jay Stroud were also present.

At this time, the meeting was moved to old business. Rodney Potts from PSC Engineering presented the steps to obtain funding for the wastewater treatment plant, sewer system, water system and lagoon upgrades needed. Rodney went over the report on the camera mapping of the sewer system. It is color coded. Those addresses listed in blue need to have the camera run down them, those in white are the homeowner's responsibility and will need to be capped off. The ones in red are a hazard and need to be investigated further. Rodney estimated costs for the upgrades for the wastewater treatment facility, the sewer lines and the lagoon would be five million dollars. The first step to obtain any grants or loans would be to have an engineering study done and obtain EPA permits. This would cost \$345,242.05 and can be paid over a period of 3 years. Once we have this in place, the village can apply for funding from 3 sources: 1. IEPA. This would be a revolving grant/loan fund with a 20 – 30 year note. 2. DCEO grant of 1.5 million for this year. 3. Rural development could provide grants or loans. After much discussion, Kelly Bate made a motion for PSC Engineering to go ahead and draft a contract with the design of the engineering study and permits needed for the sewer, lagoon and wastewater treatment. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried with all yeas except Joe Burgess abstained from voting since he was not going to be on the board any longer. Rodney also discussed the water system and stated he would recommend replacing lines on 1-2 streets as we have funding available to do this. There may be some grant funding available later but currently none is available.

Joe Burgess made a motion to approve the March 22, 2025, regular board meeting minutes and the April 14, 2025 special board meeting minutes to amend the March 22, 2025 minutes. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.



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Under correspondence, Mike stated he had spoken with Reg Akron from SIMEC who handles our electric aggregation contract. He will be seeking bids for new electric rates on behalf of Valier.

Sue Vercellino asked if the Valier Women's Club could use the American Legion Park on Saturday June 7, 2025 to have yard sales, craft vendors and food trucks. The board approved and was unanimous in allowing the club to do this.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from March 23 to April 28, 2025. He tabled presenting the financial reports since we had a long meeting scheduled and will present at the next monthly meeting. A motion was made by Rob Blondi to pay the claims. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

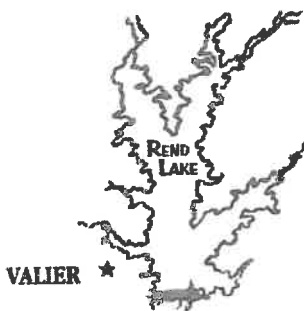
Under committee reports, Joe Burgess presented the fire department report. They had 4 calls: 1 structure fire in town, 1 auto aid to Sesser, 1 medical emergency lift assist and 1 tree fire. Joe also stated he was able to buy "Jaws of Life" equipment from St. Libory Fire Department for \$1.

Police Chief, Johnathan Ashlock presented for the police department. He did not provide a police report as he was on vacation for two weeks and has been focusing his time on updating policies and mandates required for the police department.

Mike reported for water/sewer, street/alley and animal control. He stated he was still working with Frontier and the contractor that installed the fiber optic lines for the damage to the alleys and water lines. We have had over 30 housing applications turned in and Tammy Campbell will begin working on the grant application with DCEO. The dogs from 207 E. Johnson continue to run loose and animal control has been notified, Joe Burgess made a motion to accept the committee reports and Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, Mike stated the water salesman is broke and needs repaired or replaced, He got an estimate from Vernon Manufacturing out of Kansas for parts of \$600-\$700 and a new unit would be \$5,125. Scott Dagner made a motion to fix the unit we have. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried, All yeas

Under new business, Mike stated that with the costs of the engineering study and frequent water line breaks, he felt like we should increase the water and sewer rates to 3% for in town customers and water rates to 10% for rural customers.



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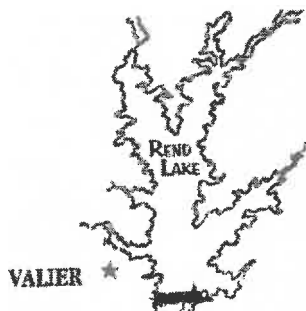
Chris Scroggins also stated that he contacted our provider of the water/sewer bill software, LOCIS and they can provide email capability of the bills for a cost of \$500.00. Scott Dagner made a motion to provide this service. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike stated he would like the board members to have authority to ask peddlers/solicitors for credentials if they see them in town. If they have not registered with the village, then they would need to be told to leave town. This was tabled to investigate further and discuss at the next board meeting.

Johnathan Ashlock stated he needed to purchase 2 uniforms for \$200-\$300. Scott Dagner presented an estimate for \$1,219 from Fleet Fab to move the digital police radio and camera from the old police car to the new police car. He also presented an estimate for a laptop docking station in the police car for \$2,138 but stated that this was not necessary at this time. Mike also stated the fire department could use the old police car when they go on lift assist calls which would avoid using the fire truck and costs associated with it. Joe Burgess made a motion to purchase the police uniforms, have the digital radio/camera moved to the new police car for the estimate of \$1,219 and allow the old police car to be used by the fire department. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike presented the mosquito contract from Bobby Kelly from May 1st to October 31st. He would spray 5 times and do larvae checks regularly. The cost is \$3,900 for 1 year and \$3,400 for 2 years. It was agreed to table this to the next monthly meeting as several board members were going off the board and new ones would be coming on in May.

Scott Dagner had been approached by 2 baseball coaches on the use of ball field #2 in Valier. They would like to use the ball field and would maintain it. They asked if the village would pay for the rental of equipment of \$200.00 to fix the field. The board was okay with this as long as they have liability insurance. Kelly Bate made a motion to allow the use of the ball field with the stipulation that they would have to provide liability insurance. Scott Dagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. All yeas.



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At this time the intallation of newly elected village officers effective May 1 , 2025 were presented.

George Dudzinski was sworn in as village prseident for a 4-year term. Gale Burzynski, Jeff Spiller and William Dwayne Whittington were sworn in as village trustees for 4-year terms. Marshall Johnson was sworn in as village trustee for a 2-year unexpired term.

Mike Moyers thanked the current board and town for working with him during his terms as village trustee and village president.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Burgess. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

