

VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

June 25, 2026

President Runnels called meeting to order at 6:30pm. Trustees present were: Diercks, Johnston, Martin, and Fousek. Also attending were: Jerome and Sandra Beier, Senator rep, Nate Sigorney, Michael Decorah, and Brenda Walker, clerk.

Diercks motioned, Fousek seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Fousek motioned, Martin seconded to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2026 Regular meeting. Motion carried.

Public comments- no comments

Committee reports:

Safety – Deputy Steve was excused. Erik gave a report from the Fire Dept.

Utility/Street A curbstomp was changed out. More inventory was ordered. Pulling Well #1 will be put in the budget for 2027. The sludge bacteria was ordered and put in. B&M came out to change a fuse in the Lift Station. They will be inspecting manholes for cleaning in the fall. Grass/weeds were cleaned up for Chicken Chew. A bid for fixing the boom on the backhoe was presented. Cost for a used boom is \$19,000. Labor will depend on the ease of repairs. The cost will be split 3 ways. Martin motioned, Fousek seconded to approve fixing the boom. A voice vote was called. Fousek – aye, Diercks – aye, Martin – aye, and Johnston – aye. Motion carried. Our Fire Chief is stepping down at the end of the year. A Fire Board will be needed to appoint a new chief. A date will need to be selected.

Personnel/Finance – The County is going to be offering Credit Card payments as an option for Property taxes. To participate will require a payment of \$350 for the module in addition to the normal software fees. It was noted that many younger people pay everything online and don't give the associated fees any thought. Diercks motioned, Martin seconded to try this option for one year and see if anyone utilizes it. A voice vote was called. Fousek – aye, Diercks – aye, Martin – aye, and Johnston – aye. Motion carried. The Innovation grant that was applied for with Waushara County was received. There aren't any stipulations on the use of funds. The updates to the vacation section of the handbook were reviewed. With younger employees working for the Village, the handbook needed some updates. An additional week of vacation was added for those working 20+yrs and the rest of the levels were evened out. The ability to have vacation after the 90day probation period was also added. Fousek motioned, Martin seconded to approve the changes to the section. Motion carried.

Clerk – No report.

Park – thanks to Vince/Mike for mowing etc at the park.

Cemetery – No report

Library – Summer reading program is under way. The new storywalk book was installed. The Friends of the Library will be hosting a book sale and bake sale during Chicken Chew.

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Old Business:

Update – Raze/Repair 137 N First St. A letter was sent inviting the owners to a board meeting to discuss. Brenda will get in touch with them for next month's meeting.

Resolution 26 03 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report – The corrections were made to the report. Our grade was an A – 3.84 GPA. Diercks motion, Martin second to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

2025 Audit Trustees had reviewed the draft audit. Diercks motioned, Fousek seconded to approve the audit. Motion carried.

New Business

2026/27 Operator licenses A list of the applicants for Operator licenses was presented. All background checks were done. Diercks motioned, Martin second to approve both set of licenses. Motion carried.

Temporary Operator licenses for Chicken Chew – A list of applicants was presented. All background checks were done. This was approved with the other Operator licenses.

Location transfer for 'Class A' liquor license for Coloma Liquors. The remodeling at the new location will not be completed by July 1. Mark and Judy Bates are requesting to transfer their applied for license back to 149 N Front St., until all inspections are completed at 235 N Front St. Martin motioned, Johnston second to allow the transfer. Motion carried.

Flower supply reimbursement request – The board had previously approved up to \$500/yr to be used for flowers for the planters along Front St. This year, those flowers were donated. The group would like to use this year's money towards the supplies they've purchased. Martin motion, Johnston second to allow this for this year, with a reminder to approach the board before an expense is incurred. Voice vote Motion carried.

CRS Splashpad contract – The Park Board would like to begin construction of the splashpad at the Park after Chicken Chew. A contract from CRS was presented for the construction. The Park board has raised \$300,000 for the cost of the splash pad. Fund raising will continue for new playground equipment. Diercks motioned, Martin seconded to allow the contract from CRS for up to \$270,000. A voice vote was called. Fousek – aye, Diercks – aye, Martin – aye, and Johnston – aye. Motion carried.

Finance/vouchers – Martin motioned, Johnston seconded to approve June Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Johnston motioned, Fousek seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Brenda Walker
Village of Coloma Clerk