

# VILLAGE of READSTOWN

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## Regular Board Meeting

12/4/2025

5:30 PM

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.
2. Proof of proper notice was confirmed for the Post Office, Farmers State Bank, and the Community Board.
3. Roll call was taken, present was Gander, Larson-Coder, Howell, Swenson, Nash, and Clark. Not present: Payne. Also present: Charlie R. Strait and Austin Abbey.
4. No public Input
5. Motion by Howell to approve 2025 proposed budget, seconded by Swenson. Roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
6. Reports:
  - EMS: No one present.
  - Fire Dept.: Charlie R. Strait presented there have been 51 calls this year so far and the steak dinner was a success.
  - Library: No one present.
  - Public Works: Charlie R. Strait presented that during the first snowplow event of the season, both the snow-hauling truck and the plow truck experienced mechanical failures. Repairs have been completed, and both units are back in service. The Village received assistance from Viola and Kickapoo Township, who provided equipment and helped haul snow during the removal process. The board extends its appreciation to the Village of Viola and Kickapoo Township. Also, the Village red truck that had experienced mechanical failures is back in service as well.
  - Clerks: PSC officially finished water rate case and new provisions and rates will take effect on 12/22/2025. Complaint forms read to the board.
7. Nash made a motion to approve CSM quote provided by Delta 3 Engineering, Swenson seconded, roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
8. Motion by Clark to approve revisions to garbage rates for 2016, seconded by Nash. All in favor, motion carried.
9. Motion by Howell, seconded by Swenson for Village employees 2025 holiday bonus. Roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.

10. Motion by Howell, seconded by Swenson for 2026 Village employees wage increases. Roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Swenson made a motion to approve the purchase of a stand-up lawn mower, seconded by Howell, roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
12. EMS budget will not be ready until next month's meeting, tabled.
13. Howell made a motion to approve Fire Department's proposed 2026 budget, Swenson seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Gander abstained.
14. Clark made a motion to approve finance/audit committee effective January 2026, seconded by Swenson. All in favor, motion carried.
15. Swenson made a motion to approve MOU Contract with Vernon County for period of 01/01/2025-12/31/2027, seconded by Larson-Coder. Roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
16. Nash made a motion to approve the increase of Charlie E. Strait's health insurance stipend, Swenson seconded, roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
17. Swenson made a motion to approve operator licenses for Abigail Dregne, Austin Abbey, Ashley Bach, Ronald Burright, Briana Brown, Kaylee Congdon, and Kerrin Clark, seconded by Nash, all in favor, motion carried.
18. Swenson made a motion to approve payment of November bills, seconded by Nash, roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
19. Swenson made a motion to approve November meeting minutes, seconded by Nash, all in favor, motion carried.
20. Swenson made a motion to approve next meeting of January 8, 2026, at 5:00 PM, Nash seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
21. Swenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM, seconded by Larson-Coder. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with motion by Howell, seconded by Swenson. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

*Chelsey Hoffman*

Village Clerk/Treasurer