

VILLAGE of READSTOWN

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Thursday July 16, 2025, at 5:00 PM

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Proof of proper notice posted at Farmers State Bank, Post Office, and the Community Board.
3. Roll call: Present: Gander, Nash, Swenson, Howell, Clark, Payne. Also in attendance were Charlie R. Strait, Monica Matos, Al Buss, Scott Wilson, Cindy Lindvig, and Mike Callaway.
4. Public Input (3 minutes or less): A local business owner addressed the Board regarding recent concerns expressed by residents about the fireworks business he operates within the Village. He clarified that the facility does not manufacture fireworks but only stores pre-packaged consumer fireworks. He assured the Board that the products are properly wrapped and pose no significant risk of explosion, noting that in the unlikely event of an incident, it would likely result in fire and smoke rather than an explosion.
5. REPORTS
 - a. EMS: Scott reported that the two new members are doing well and have been a great asset to the team. 59 patient calls reported so far this year. The EMS roof needs to be looked at as it is leaking again.
 - b. FIRE DEPT: Charlie reported 35 calls this year so far. The department assisted with Chad Crook's benefit and was pleased with a great turn out.
 - c. LIBRARY: Monica stated that the community garden is up and running. Recent grant money was used to purchase surround sound equipment for movie nights, presentations, etc. and Monica spoke about the upcoming local Amish event. Discussion was had on replacement options of library roof in the future.
 - d. PUBLIC WORKS: Charlie stated that McCarty Rd. was destroyed again with this recent rain and the standby generator for the sewer plant was maintenance but needs another part, estimated to be done the second week of August.
 - e. CLERKS: Chelsey will be out of the office for surgery/recovery for 2 full weeks as of 7/22. Revised mapping of floodplain maps webinar will be held 7/31 from 1-2:30. DOR equalized value handout given to trustees. New ownership letter from Town & Country handed out as well.
6. Clark made a motion to approve horse arena upgrades with donated materials. Payne seconded, motion carried.
7. Nash made a motion to approve annual payment of \$800.00 for use of the ball diamond to be given to Lisa Larson-Coder for purposes of purchasing a new backstop. Swenson seconded the motion, all in favor, roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
8. Nash made a motion to approve the Veteran's Care of Graves submittal for the 2025-26 calendar year. Swenson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
9. Ordinance enforcement tabled.
10. Payne made a motion to approve ordinance amendment—Title 2—Section 2.14. Howell seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Gander and Nash will represent the Board for Plan Commission, discussions with other Village residents will happen in the meantime to pursue 3 others.

12. Swenson made a motion to approve the Fire Dept. fireworks permit for Labor Day, Nash seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
13. Howell made a motion to approve the method and structure of Public Fire Protection (PFP) billing and rate case to be fully implemented at one time and to keep the PFP tariff the same and bill non-general customers as part of Docket #4950-WR-103. Nash seconded the motion, roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
14. Payne made a motion to approve the three-year contract with Worth Services, Clark seconded the motion, roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
15. Nash made a motion to approve Alexis Finster operator license for Joe Blow's, Howell seconded the motion, motion carried.
16. Swenson made a motion to approve the clerk to communicate with Farmers State Bank to be able to obtain two separate lines of credit. \$100,000 for immediate use, and the other \$100,000 designated for the upcoming streambank stabilization project scheduled. Nash seconded the motion, roll call taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
17. Howell made a motion to terminate the contract with Davy Labs and replace it with Community Testing Lab to assist in saving funds annually. Payne seconded the motion, roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
18. Nash made a motion to pay June bills when able to, Payne seconded, roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried.
19. Howell made a motion to approve June meeting minutes, Swenson seconded, motion carried.
20. Howell made a motion to approve the next regular board meeting for 8/14/25 at 5 PM, Payne seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
21. Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Swenson seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsey Hoffman

Clerk/Treasurer