

Village Hall  
221 First Street  
Andalusia, Il. 61232

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANDALUSIA  
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**November 6, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees met in a public meeting on Monday November 6, 2023 at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Andrew Pittard at 7:00 pm. He led the pledge to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Andrew Pittard, Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Melody

Absent: Trustee Morrow

**TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE  
OCTOBER 16, 2023 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE KENSINGER.  
VOICE VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Melody

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0 (1 absent)

**TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 6,  
2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,607.34. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BRACKNEY.  
VOICE VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Melody

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0 (1 absent)

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| GENERAL FUND   | \$ | 17,914.18 |
| CIVIL DEFENSE FUND                                   | \$ | 19,388.38 |
| GARBAGE FUND   | \$ | 7,480.50  |
| POLICE DEPT FUND                                     | \$ | 6,786.88  |
| COMMUNITY CENTER PARK FUND                           | \$ | 283.04    |
| TIF DIST 01/1 <sup>ST</sup> ST & 6 <sup>TH</sup> AVE | \$ | 5,750.00  |
| TIF DIST 01/LIBERTY PARK                             | \$ | 20,607.36 |

**TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FINLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Melody

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0 (1 absent)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Streets & Alleys:** Trustee Morrow is out on medical leave.

Justin Parchert reported that Illinois American Water will be digging up the water main to cap it off beginning tomorrow. The work will be on 1<sup>st</sup> street & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue at 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Justin is in talks with the heat in place company. He is trying to come up with project areas for next year.

**Finance & Audit:** Trustee Kensinger reported that the Tax Levy is ready for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Reading.

**TRUSTEE KENSINGER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO 2023-10-04 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TAX LEVY FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BRACKNEY. ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Melody

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0 (1 absent)

Trustee Kensinger reported that we are about to miss our deadline for the SAM.gov website. All grant payments come through Sam.gov but only if the entity is in complete compliance. We have not received our financial report yet. In order to stay compliant, we need to upload the report ASAP. They do not grant extensions, so Clerk Hoffman is trying to get our financial report back as soon as we can get it. We will not be able to receive grant payments until we are in compliance.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Trustee Brackney reported that we have a retaining wall at the entrance of Liberty Park. The wall needs to be addresses as soon as possible. We have called this project an emergency because the red tape required to go out to bid etc. will take too long. It was left to the Trustees to decide whether or not to waive the bid process so we can address the issue in the fastest possible way.

**TRUSTEE BRACKNEY MADE A MOTION TO WAIVING THE BID PROCESS FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE LIBERTY PARK RETAINING WALL. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Melody

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0 (1 absent)

**Harbor:** Trustee Kelly is looking into funding for Harbor dredging. He will report at a later meeting.

**Park & recreation:** Trustee Melody reported that the Christmas lights are going up.

The fence around the Pickle Ball court should be going up this week.

The Village received a \$500.00 donation from MidAmerican Energy for Christmas lights.

**Police:** There was nothing to report. The Village has been quiet.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**Village Clerk:** Clerk Hoffman reported that IMRF is having a Trustee election. The Village has to pass a Resolution to vote in the election.

**TRUSTEE KENSINGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO.2023-10-11. A RESOLUTION TO CAST A BALLOT IN THE 2023 IMRF EXECUTIVE ELECTION. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY. VOICE VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Melody

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0 (1 absent)

Clerk Hoffman is working with the Auditors to get our Financial Statement back ASAP.

**Public Works Director:** Justin Parchert reported that the sewer lining is done and everything looks great.

Justin recommends that residents attend the meeting on November 14, 2023 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Snow Star. This meeting is an informational and a conversation about the state of the Rockridge District schools.

Justin was nominated by the Corps of Engineers to go to Vicksburg Mississippi. He had a great time and learned a lot. He was very glad to be able to attend this conference.

Justin told the Trustees that he would like to purchase a drone for inspections. He asked them to consider the purchase in the future. Deputy Work believes that there is funding available for drones for emergency response.

Justin informed the Trustees that we need a new dewatering/flood pump. The cost will be around \$30,000 – \$50,000. The Trustees told him to get one if it is needed.

Justin is actively putting up the Christmas lights. He also wanted to remind residents that the Max “Crud” Stark Christmas party will be on December 2, 2023 at the Andalusia Community Center.

The Lion’s will have Santa available beginning at 4:00 pm. The Rockridge Choir will sing and the Turning Pointe Dancers will dance. More information will come very soon.

Justin reported that there was a Levee inspection today. The Village has everything in order and the Corps of Engineers was very impressed.

**Mayor:** Mayor Pittard reported that we are still actively working on getting a new plow truck. Our truck may be completed sooner than we expected. The purchase of the new truck will be addressed on the agenda at the next meeting.

Mayor Pittard also reported that we did not purchase road salt this year. We have enough from the last purchase.

**Citizens Comments:** Marty Yakovich said that the Town Hall meeting that was held at the Community Center was very good.

Bill Campbell encouraged another meeting and asked that the date and time be put on the bills.

We still are interested in having a safety meeting with the Fire Department, Police, and Water. This meeting will be a “touch a truck” type meeting.

Deputy Work said they are in the process of hiring 3 new officers, so they should help lighten the load for the existing officers.

**TRUSTEE FINLEY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:16 PM.**

Minutes written by:  
Shelly Hoffman, Village Clerk