

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**

**APRIL 21, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees met in a public meeting on Monday April 21, 2025 at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Pittard at 7:00 pm. He led the pledge to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

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FRANCHISE MEETING 6:45 PM.

The Trustees discussed the new 25-year franchise agreement with MidAmerican Energy. There were no questions or comments and the Trustees agreed to approve the 2 ordinances at the regular meeting beginning at 7:00 pm tonight.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:48 PM

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**TRUSTEE KENSINGER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE  
APRIL 7, 2025 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY. VOICE VOTE.**

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

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 6 - 0**

**TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR APRIL 21,  
2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,850.82. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FINLEY. VOICE  
VOTE.**

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

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6 - 0

GENERAL FUND	\$	4,989.90
POLICE DEPT FUND	\$	304.54
COMMUNITY CENTER PARK FUND	\$	129.84
VILLAGE PARK FUND	\$	426.54

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Streets & Alleys:** Trustee Morrow reported that the equipment for the Fancy Creek Road Rehab. Project Phase 3 is on site and they're ready to go.

**Finance & Audit:** Clerk Hoffman and Treasury Powell reported that we had an incident of 2 fraudulent checks coming through. The checks were caught before any money was lost. We started a new program at Midwest bank called Positive Pay. We will start recording through the bank, all the checks we write. If a check tries to come through that isn't on our list, then we will have to go into the bank ap and either approve or deny payment before it becomes an issue.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Nothing to report.

**Harbor:** The dredging barge is in the area. Dredging should start next Monday.

**Parks & Recreation:** Trustee Melody presented the Bid from Taylor Ridge Paving for concrete work at the Lion's Park in the amount of \$6500.00. We are adding a second pickle ball court.

**TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM TAYLOR RIDGE PAVING FOR CONCRETE WORK TO ADD A SECOND PICKLEBALL COURT AT LION'S PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6500.00. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BRACKNEY. VOICE VOTE.**

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

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6 - 0

**Police:** Everything has been quiet.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**Village Clerk:** Clerk Hoffman reported that she and Chelsea Kuster went through our tax levies for several years. They were trying to understand why our IMRF account is in the negative. They discovered that the issue comes back to the percentage levied every year. There is no way to predict what the percentage we will have to pay from one year to the next. Since IMRF sends us the new percentage at the beginning of the calendar year, we have 5 months of guess work to do for the period between January and May, the start of our fiscal year. The solution is that from this point on, we will levy 15% towards IMRF. This should help make up the deficit and prevent any future deficits.

Clerk Hoffman asked the Trustees for guidance regarding 2 residents who she took to Municipalities for non-payment of garbage bills. After discussion, the Trustees instructed her to wait 30 days and if payment is not made, then discontinue their garbage service. This is also an ordinance violation, since garbage service is required by ordinance.

Clerk Hoffman informed the Trustees that there is a Casey's Bill on the list for payment tonight. She cannot find the receipts for this bill, however they are listed on Justin's gas log, so the bill is ours. She will keep looking for the receipts but requested that we pay the bill anyway. The Trustees approved the payment.

**Public Works Director:** Justin Parchert reported that the work has begun in Fancy Creek. They have 90 days to complete the project once they begin.

Harbor dredging will begin next Monday. The crew has already arrived. So has the barge that has the dredge on it.

Justin is waiting for the Harbormaster to remove the docks. He has until next Monday morning to get them out.

Mo started mowing the grass this week.

Justin and Mo will be repairing the swings at the tot lot (small park) on Friday.

Justin has begun working on the summer projects for the year.

**Mayor:** Mayor Pittard received a call from a gentleman named Jason from the Rock Island County Health Department. There is an issue with a well and septic line at the house directly across from the bank on Andalusia Road. When the lots were subdivided, the well and septic system were not accounted for. This might become an issue for the Village, however, after speaking with our Attorney, Mike Halpin, he doesn't believe that the Village has anything to worry about. If and when it comes up again, we will know more.

Mayor Pittard presented the 2 ordinances pertaining to the Franchise meeting that was held directly before the regular board meeting.

**TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04-07 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE SALE OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF ANDALUSIA FOR A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FINLEY. VOICE VOTE.**

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

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 6 - 0**

**TRUSTEE FINLEY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04-08 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE SALE OF GAS SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF ANDALUSIA FOR A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BRACKNEY. VOICE VOTE.**

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

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED: 6 - 0**

New Business: Trustee Morrow mentioned that one of our long-term residents has moved out of her rental home. The house has bent floor boards and mold throughout. He wondered what it would take to condemn the home. And if or when the Village should get involved. No answer as of yet.

Trustee Melody asked if there was anything to be done about the broken caution tape around the yard on 1<sup>st</sup> street. It is in the Village right-of-way and is an eyesore. Justin will look into it.

**Citizen Comments:** Marty Yakovich told everyone that the mowing on the dike looks good.

**TRUSTEE FINLEY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45 PM.**

Minutes written by:  
Shelly Hoffman, Village Clerk