

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**

September 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees met in a public meeting on Monday September 21, 2026 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 Pittard, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Lueker, Trustee Melody, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Finley

Absent: Trustee Yakovich

**TRUSTEE FINLEY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LUEKER. VOICE
VOTE.**

AYE: Trustee Kelly, Trustee Lueker, Trustee Melody, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 (1 ABSENT)

**TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER
21, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,535.92. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LUEKER.
VOICE VOTE**

AYE: Trustee Kelly, Trustee Lueker, Trustee Melody, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Finley,

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 (1 ABSENT)

GENERAL FUND	\$	86,429.67
TIF DIST 01/1 ST ST & 6 TH AVE	\$	19,106.25

Treasurer Powell presented the Treasurer Report for August 2026. She reported that we have 4 funds in the negative. The Garbage Fund, Social Security Fund, Harbor Fund and the Community Center Fund.

If we get the sewer cleanup money back from Illinois American Water, then that money will go back into the Community Center Fund and bring it back into the positive.

TRUSTEE KENSINGER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FINLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Kelly, Trustee Lueker, Trustee Melody, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 (1 ABSENT)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets & Alleys: Nothing to report.

Finance & Audit: Nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds: Justin Parchert reported that due to flooding, the sewer backed up for the 3rd time this year. The Community Center and Police Station were backed up bad. He and Lucas spent days cleaning it up to avoid the expense of hiring a cleaner to come in.

Harbor: Justin reported that the river level has gone up due to the rain. He's not sure if the high water will affect the Seawall Project. His hope is that the project will start next week.

Trustee Melody asked Justin about the jet ski that has been in the harbor for weeks. Justin does not know who it belongs to, but agreed that it needs to be removed.

Parks & Recreation: Nothing to report.

Police: Nothing to report.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Clerk: Clerk Hoffman read a letter she received from a resident. They were impressed with the fireworks at the Fish Fry and wanted the Trustees to know.

Clerk Hoffman will be on vacation next week. Evelyn will be covering the office while she is gone.

Public Works Director: Justin Parchert reported that when he received a call from a resident informing him that the sewer was backing up, he called Illinois American Water employee Kris Myers to have him check the lift station. Unfortunately, he called the wrong number. Once Kris was informed that there was a flooding issue, he responded right away and began the pump. Justin wanted the Trustees to know that this is not an operator problem, it's an Illinois American Water problem. He said that the operator does not get a lot of support from the company. An emergency alarm will be installed next week so this shouldn't happen again.

Justin has gotten many questions on why this is happening but it didn't happen when we owned the systems. We had a dedicated phone line through AT&T. It worked even if the electricity was turned off. It never failed.

Justin hopes that people do not blame Kris too much, he just needs more company support.

Justin also reported that Bucktown was beginning to flood too. He has since pumped the water out. He will leave the pump up for now to give the residents piece of mind.

Mayor: Mayor Pittard reported that the Village should consider amending the A-1 Agriculture zoned land. The amendment would affect only those lots zoned A-1 and having 15 acres of contiguous land. The amendment would allow for a barn and animals without having to come to the Village Board first. Once the Trustees agree to amend the ordinance, it will go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval.

TRUSTEE FINLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROACH THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH REGARD TO AMENDING THE A-1 ZONING ORDINANCE. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE KENSINGER. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Kelly, Trustee Lueker, Trustee Melody, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 (1 ABSENT)

Mayor Pittard appointed Stan Brillhart to serve a Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

TRUSTEE FINLEY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT MAYOR PITTARD'S APPOINTMENT OF STAN BRILLHART TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE KENSINGER. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Kelly, Trustee Lueker, Trustee Melody, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 (1 ABSENT)

Mayor Pittard also brought Clerk Hoffman's request for a budget of \$500.00 for the Christmas party to a vote.

TRUSTEE KENSINGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A BUDGE OF \$500.00 FOR SUPPLIES RELATED TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LUEKER. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Kelly, Trustee Lueker, Trustee Melody, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 (1 ABSENT)

We have received the 9th and final pay estimate along with the final change order #4 from IMEG for the Fancy Creek Road Rehab Phase 3 Project for approval in the amount of \$80,368.46.

TRUSTEE FINLEY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PAY ESTIMATE #9 AND CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR THE FANCY CREEK ROAD REHAB PHASE 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,368.46. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Kelly, Trustee Lueker, Trustee Melody, Trustee Kensinger, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 (1 ABSENT)

Citizen Comments: Several residents were present to inform the Trustees about the sewer that is flooding their basement. They asked if there was a procedure for these things and if there was a contact in American Water, so they can call to try to get some relief from the expense of cleaning up the sewer water. Mayor Pittard told them that he has 6 contacts, but that none of them are current anymore. He has no one to directly contact. Clerk Hoffman put out an email address to her contact, Jennifer.s.wood@amwater.com residents can try there.

The Trustees all agreed to try to get someone from American Water to attend a board meeting so we can put a plan in place in the event that more sewer back-ups happen.

A resident approached the board to ask about our poultry permit. How many birds are permitted and what the rules are.

The Village allows up to 10 birds with a permit and they must agree to the terms of no roosters and they must follow the state guidelines for backyard poultry.

There was a complaint about the house across from the Post Office that has many more than 10 birds and they are not following the state's guidelines. The Trustees agreed to address the issue.

Resident Bill Campbell asked what the Village has done in the past when the sewer backed up and we paid to have a cleaning crew come in. We sent an invoice to Illinois American Waters insurance company, it has, however, not been paid as of today.

TRUSTEE FINLEY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:33 PM.

Minutes written by:

Shelly Hoffman, Village Clerk