

State of Illinois

March 18, 2025

County of Monroe

Village of Valmeyer

REGULAR MEETING

Roll Call: Howard Heavner, Kyle Duffy, Rob Nowlan, Tim Valentine, Kaylee Dependahl, Adam Tyberendt and Butch Ford were all present. Also in attendance were Dennis Knobloch, Larry Andres, Marty Seitz, Brad Schweickhardt, Jeremy Eckenfels and Tim Richards. There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Village President Heavner, at the Village Hall.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Valentine, second by Nowlan, all aye, motion carried.

The monthly expenditures were read as follows: General \$16,952.33, Sewer \$2,984.69, Water \$19,717.93, Infrastructure \$12,108.87 and MFT \$148.40. A motion to approve was made by Duffy, second by Tyberendt, all aye, motion carried.

Heavner thanked Jeremy, Brad and Marty for all their extra hard work over the weekend during the March 14th EF1 Tornado.

Committee Report:

- Economic Development: Nothing to report
- Planning: Nothing to report
- Infrastructure: Nothing to report
- Recreation: Knobloch brought up discussion about the High School softball field. The field was damaged during the March 14th tornado. The school is wanting to possibly move the field to Borsch Park. Knobloch attended a meeting with at Valmeyer School with the Jaycees, B.O.S.S., Lakers, FFA Alumni and VHS Softball. The discussion to move the field is very premature. They don't want to rush into a decision. Knobloch, Richards and Heavner are going to attend meetings and discussions regarding this and it will be brought to the Board when it is time to make a decision. Richards informed the Board that he has the fees and application for the baseball field rental done. It's going to be reviewed and presented to the Board at the April 1st meeting. A Finance Committee meeting will be held prior to the April 1st meeting to discuss the fees.
- Emergency: Valentine brought up question about when adding two new cameras to Borsch, if we should look into LPR's (license plate readers). Seitz informed the Board that while, LPR's would be a great tool for the police department, they are also very expensive, around \$15k.
- Finance: Nothing to report

Old Business:

Richards presented a quote from Sidebar Tech for cyber security. Sidebar would come to \$14,724 per year saving the Village \$1,000 per year compared to CTS (the quote presented at March 4th meeting). Sidebar would also save the Village \$1,000 on a one-time hardware fee. A motion to accept and move forward with Sidebar Tech was made by Duffy, second by Nowlan, all aye, motion carried.

New Business:

Heavner read a Local Disaster Declaration for the Village of Valmeyer. The county passed a Disaster Declaration on Monday, March 17th. In return all municipalities within the county that were affected by the March 14th tornado also need to pass the Declaration to aid the county in assistance. The County will work with the State and hopefully the state will pass the Declaration and will assist with the funds for storm damage and repairs. A motion to pass a Local Disaster Declaration for the Village of Valmeyer was made by Nowlan, second by Dependahl, all aye, motion carried.

Knobloch informed the Board that we are working on filing an insurance claim for damage throughout the Village and at Borsch Park. The dugout on the first-base line was demolished. The plan is to knock down the third-base line dugout and rebuild both dugouts. Mike McCarthy is going to come up with a design for the dugout that will have to be rebuilt. We will hopefully have the design before the next meeting.

Columbia Middle School would like to host their annual Star-gazing event on Friday, April 11th. A motion to approve the annual event was made by Tyberendt, second by Ford, all aye, motion passed.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. was made by Ford, second by Duffy, all aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Stuckmeyer, Village Clerk