

Village of Industry Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 5, 2025 at 6:30pm Kiwanis Buildin

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on June 5, 2025. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Thompson, Wheeler, Drummond and Murray. Also present were Attorney Laegeler, Treasurer Black, and Interim Clerk Larson. Superintendent Gorsuch was absent.

I. Public Hearing on the proposed Appropriations Ordinance was held. There were no public comments and the hearing was adjourned at 6:32pm.

II. Public Comments

- a. Penny Williams questioned if or when water rates would be going up.
- b. Bev Stuckwisch brought up having the trees on the Northwest corner of the park trimmed to remove dead branches and if there would be some type of unveiling ceremony for the park updates.
- c. Chuck Bainter was present to discuss the on-going issue with land access near the Windmill. He would like the land on the inside of the fence under his ownership. He stated he would be willing to pay for a new survey.
- d. Scott Hance requested updates on the Miller property.
- III. Kim Pierce from MAEDCO presented on the benefits of MAEDCO membership. She has been in contact with Oliver and RWE and they are willing to make a contribution towards Pinhook Days. Constructoin on a switch yard will start in August. MasTech is the general contractor for the Windfarm and substations and they will be looking for housing for workers. Ms. Pierce stated she was willing to make calls to Dollar General to inquire about a potential store.

IV. Benton & Associates

- a. Doug was present and presented updates on pending projects with the Village.
 - i. There were four bids received for the meter replacement projects. Doug considers two to be competitive. MB Construction was the low bid and they can start as soon as Monday. Midwest Meter has the majority of meters ready to go. Doug recommends accepting the MB Construction bid of \$85,433.
 - ii. Caldwell Tank is ready to start paint prep tomorrow. It is in the contract to have containment around the tank during painting. The process will be dry drop for primer work and finish coats will be rolled on. Caldwell will offer a \$25,000 credit for allowing them to paint without the containment. Caldwell would still be responsible for any paint that does get on anything. This would also allow painting to be finished 2-3 weeks sooner. Will be formally approved next meeting. It is likely the old tank will come down in August.

- iii. IDOT announce a notice of funding opportunity, a grant for local street projects. Benton & Associates applied for the Sullivan Street project which is currently worked into Phase II
- iv. At the park, all park equipment is in except for benches/tables. The pickleball court still to be completed. Landscaping to be finished next week.

V. Minutes and Bills

a. Trustee Murray made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the May meetings and pay the bills for June. The motion was SECONDED by Trustee Thompson. The VOTE was unanimous and MOTION CARRIED.

VI. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc-nothing to report
- b. Clerk-nothing to report
- c. Treasurer
 - i. An engagement letter will soon be ready for the annual audit. GATA has been added.
- d. Superintendent-absent
- e. Village Attorney
 - i. The Miller complaint has been filed. Attorney Laegeler is trying to get consents from Tom and Scott to speed up the process. Consent has been received from Loyal. Attorney Laegeler has been approached by those interested in bidding on demolition.

VII. New Business

- a. There was discussion on converting the kitchen area of the Kiwanis Building into an office. The space has not been used much by renters. The conversion would allow for additional space in the meeting area and for a more secure office.
- b. Discussion was had on the appropriations ordinance. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the ordinance as amended. Trustee Murray SECONDED. A ROLL CALL VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED. There will be an ordinance next month to increase the garbage fees.
- c. Attorney Laeger will prepare a resolution to adopt a Return-to-Work policy.

VIII. Old Business

- a. The Water Meter Replacement project bids were discussed. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to accept bid the MB Construction bid. Trustee Jones SECONDED. A ROLL CALL VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED.
- b. The water billing process and billing was discussed. Superintendent Gorsuch has been unable to provide paperwork necessary for conversion to Gworks. The process will not be going live tomorrow as planned. The Bank will continue to process payments but not accept them.

IX. Other

a. A notice to abate should be sent to 205 N Price for trash accumulation.

X. Adjourn

a. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to adjourn and it was SECONDED by Trustee Thompson. Meeting was ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted, Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk