



Village of Industry

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025 at 6:30pm

Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on July 9, 2025. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Thompson, Wheeler, and Drummond. Also present were Treasurer Black and Interim Clerk Larson. Superintendent Gorsuch arrived during the meeting. Trustee Murray and Attorney Laegeler were absent.

I. Public Comments

- a. Penny Williams if water rates had increased and was advised they had not. She also complimented the new water tower and the park improvements.
- b. A deputy with the Sheriff's department was present and discussed an increased presence in the Village this month due to an attempted break-in at the restaurant. He also discussed a resident that is struggling with mental health issue and advised calling 911 for any problems so that issues can be documented.

II. Benton & Associates

- a. Doug was not present but provided updates by email.
 - i. For the elevated storage tank project, site piping is the next step followed by demolition of the old tank which will be piece by piece.
 - ii. The park project is completed other than potential follow-up seeding.
 - iii. Meter replacement is nearly completed and should be finished next week. There are six E-series meters not on hand but those can be installed later. Trustee Thompson voiced concern about potential damage to yards.

III. Minutes and Bills

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

IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc-President Danner requested the toilet seat in the women's restroom of the Kiwanis Building be replaced. She also requested status reports on several on-going projects including
 - i. Painting of the ramp at the Kiwanis Building-Superintendent Gorsuch stated it has been sanded and is ready for painting.
 - ii. The front steps of the Kiwanis Building-Superintendent Gorsuch stated there are two more bids to be provided.
 - iii. Water billing-The goal is to transition to the new system at the end of the month. The new meters will need to be installed and online first. The possibility of setting a flat

minimum rate for next month's bill was raised. President Danner will discuss this with Attorney Laegeler and an announcement will need to be made at the end of the month.

- b. Clerk-nothing to report
- c. Treasurer-nothing to report
- d. Superintendent
 - i. Superintendent Gorsuch provided additional updates on on-going projects. Oiling and chipping roads to start tomorrow. The roof collapsed on the dilapidated building on Main Street. The owners will be demolishing the building. The sink hole along Main Street has been repaired.
- e. Village Attorney-absent

V. New Business

- a. Treasurer Black presented the engagement letter from Eck Schafer & Punke for the annual audit. Everything is the same as in the prior year other than they will file GATA for an additional \$500. The total cost will be \$11,750. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the engagement letter. Trustee Wheeler SECONDED. The VOTE was unanimous and the MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Action on the Garbage Fee increase was tabled for next meeting.
- c. Action on the proposed Grocery Tax Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

VI. Old Business

- a. Discussion was held on the Return-to-Work Policy. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve 2025-02. Trustee Rittenhouse SECONDED. A roll call VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Action on land access/ownership at Old Mill site was tabled until the next meeting
- c. Conversion of the kitchen area into an office space was discussed including general cleaning and improvement of the whole building. A potential work day was discussed.

VII. Other

- a. Some memorial tables at the park are in disrepair. They can be replaced. The Village will look at getting plaques to continue the associated memorials.

VIII. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk