



# VILLAGE UTILITY COMMISSION

## MINUTES

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

### 1. CALL TO ORDER at 4:03 pm

**UTILITY ROLL CALL:** A. BERENS-Present, B. BOHR-Present via telephone, M. TELFORD-Present, D. SEILER-Present, K. HANDRICK JR.-Present

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

- a. Virtual Meeting Guidelines
  - i. This meeting will be recorded and available upon request
- b. Public Participation at Government Meetings  
Virtual Attendance: Mike Forslund – Strand Associates  
In Person Attendance: Village Board Members; Mark Ahrens and Barb Parlier

### 4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 25, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

#### **MOTION – Approve March 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Handrick second by Telford. Motion passed by voice vote.

### 5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commission members questioned the following Bill Payments:

Check 49476 – Marathon Parts City – Expense account incorrect. Corrected by Clerk Lang

Check 49507 – Van Ert Electric – Motor starters on Well 1

Check 49518 – Hayworth Fence Co. – WWTP gate update

#### **MOTION – Approve Payment of Bills**

Motion made by Berens second by Bohr. Motion made by voice vote.

### 6. PUBLIC UTILITY OPERATIONS & FACILITIES REPORT

Director of Public Works, Ken Bloom, updated the Commission with the daily operations of the Utility for the month of April. His full report can be found in the Agenda Packet.

### 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Update on Well #5 – Moved to after Item 3b
  - i. Presentation from Strand Associates  
Mike Forslund with Strand Associates updated the Commission on the status of Well #5. The DNR rejected the Utility's application for placement of Well 5 near the current Well 1 for 2 main reasons; requirement for year-round dry land access to well site and potential sources of contamination. Alternative options include constructing dry land access by either raising the entire roadway, building the road up with bridges, culverts, etc. or finding a completely new location for the new Well.  
The Commission, Cherek, and Bloom, along with Forslund, discussed those options and the next steps needed to keep the Well project moving forward. Strand will give an estimate to construct dry land access to Well 1. Cherek and Bloom will work with Strand to determine 3-4 possible new site locations to be drilled as test wells.
- b. Update on Cure-In-Place-Piping Project  
Visu-Sewer began the lining process on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. They are slated to do about 2 sections a day. The project should take about 2-3 weeks to complete.
- c. Update on 4<sup>th</sup> Street Lift Station  
William Reid refurbished the electric motor and will cover the cost of labor of \$3086.67. The Utility will be responsible for the \$2000 of parts needed. The new dual port impeller from Smith & Loveless should be delivered to the Village on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with install in early May. An update on the cavitation will come at the May meeting.
- d. Update on new WPDES Permit No. WI-0020273-10-0

Bloom reported the DNR issued the new WPDES Permit, effective April 1, 2026. Since last meeting he inquired about the influent BOD testing frequency. The DNR agreed to reduce testing from 3 times per week to once per month. The permit is effective until March 31, 2031.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Discussion on 4<sup>th</sup> St Water Main Break

Cherek noted another water loss of about 120,000-125,000 gallons per day. Rural Water was brought in to assist in finding the leak. After 2 unsuccessful digs, Ferguson was hired. They determined the leak to be about 10' west of where the first dig occurred. The break was found and repaired quickly the morning of Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**9. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

a. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – 4:00 pm

b. Special Meetings as Needed

**10. ADJOURNMENT at 5:48 pm**

Motion to adjourn made by Handrick second by Telford. Motion made by voice vote.

*Cassie Lang*  
Village Clerk / Deputy Treasurer