

**Village of Flanagan
March 18, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Called to Order by Dave Iverson
Pledge of Allegiance
Absent – Trustee Reid Bressner

Approval of February 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Terry Sullivan, 2nd by Jason Montello.

Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Bills

January 2025 Sales Tax \$68074.54

February 2025 Motor Fuel Tax \$3834.59

Motion to Approve Bills by Steve Humke, 2nd by Kristy Dodge – Roll Call – Yes.

Comments from Persons Present

Judy Morrissey was present to talk about the noon whistle, which she called a siren. Her request was to have the siren turned off at her location and leave the rest of them on. She states the siren does not serve any purpose other than the noon whistle. It was stated that during last month’s meeting, the heating system started, and they could not hear that all the sirens were going to go off, they assumed theirs would be shut down as was previously discussed it could be turned off. If they had heard that, they would have spoken up at the time during the last meeting. Two more individuals were present, as the siren also affects them. The siren is located there because FEMA placed it there. VOF was asked to investigate to see if that siren can be turned off, Marc Bressner advised that the sirens work off one frequency, so one cannot be turned off, the only way to work would go down to one siren. It was brought up that sometimes it does not go off then Marc advised there could be an issue with that siren. An electrician would be contacted to see if this can be done. It was noted that siren information will be put on next month’s agenda.

Livingston County Health Department Administrator Erin Fogarty and Health Education & Marketing Director Chrystal Little presented a program regarding the Health Department and the programs they provide and upcoming events. The Health Department received some funding regarding Narcan education. The Health Department has a 30–45 minute presentation they do, however, she was wondering if there was a group in Flanagan that could use this training. Pamphlets were passed out regarding statistics regarding drug overdoses in Livingston County. Different scenarios were given on why you would use Narcan, and how to administer Narcan. Chrystal advised that drug overdoses are not always on purpose, there are accidental drug overdoses. There are forms that are to be filled out if Narcan is administered, Chrystal advised to contact her, and she will fill out the paperwork. The Health Department provided Narcan to the VOF. It was learned that Narcan will not hurt you if there is not an overdose and it is administered.

Andrew Montgomery was present and had a question regarding the pole barn house that is going up on the Schwerin Addition. Mr. Montgomery was worried that there was no

foundation, just poles, no wood sheeting, did not seem very sturdy, wondered if it was a safety issue, is not built like a house. Has friends that have built these types of houses and they are built like a house, and this does not appear to be being built like that. It was stated it was a slab house; however, it was not done, questions can be addressed once it is done.

The Board was also advised there was a streetlight on Court Street not working, audience members present were advised that they can call Ameren and report the light not working, you do not have to wait to tell the VOF.

Police Report

No Deputy was present, monthly statistics were reviewed.

Agenda Modification – went to President’s Comments then Employees Report back to Sheriff’s Roundtable

President’s Comments

Clay Metcalf from the Livingston County Highway Department contacted Dave and inquired if VOF would be interested in taking over County Road 350. Metcalf stated it was an inconvenient for them to take care of. There are no monies that come with the road. It was discussed to have the drainage problem taken care of, it was stated the highway department will be addressing that issue in the next couple of weeks. Dave and Marc met with Travis, who sets up projects for the highway department and it was stated that Marc would be there when they started the project, to help with the surveying and to make sure the ditch gets deep enough to help with the runoff. County Road 350 gets tar and chipped every 7-10 years. The highway department was to get back with when the last time it was done. It was decided to have them fix the drainage and have them tar and chip it. Same scenario in Otter Creek, however it did come with monies, Dave will pursue VOF taking over County Road 350.

Community Building – closing date is Thursday at 2:00 p.m. The next thing is to combine all 3 PIN numbers into 1 PIN number then the PAR will be finished. Once this is done, asbestos removal will be started.

Employees Report

Marc advised new hiree started March 4, currently getting trained, he actually was on call this past weekend. Getting spring projects going, weekly brush removal and streets signs have been replaced. Several culverts need work. List of 6 curb stops that need to be replaced. Hydrant flushing scheduled for April 7-11, 8P-Midnight. Residents will be notified via website and text messages.

Sheriff Roundtable – Jason stated he and another individual showed up, however no one was present, therefore they left.

Streets & Alley – Filling in potholes and cold patch work.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Zoning – Nothing to report.

Flanagan Fest – starting to advertise aggressively with door hangers and social media; looking for another band for Saturday night.

FIT Team – Nothing to report.

Santa Social Crew – Discussed what good things happened during the event. How to improve the decorations because of the wind. Need more vendors, advertise more. Need a larger sign, adding more games/activities. Looking into getting a new banner that stretches across Main Street.

Open Business

Park Equipment - No updates.

Developmental Property – Dave has been reaching out to property owners who have property that surrounds VOF. Dave stated there is an individual who might be interested in selling property. There is actual sewer going out there to this property for street development and maps on existent storm drainage, this is positive selling points.

Credit Card – Handout was passed out, few of our vendors accept monthly payments on credit cards. Dave is not opposed to having Marc and Marty have a credit card instead of debit card, this will still have good fraud protection for VOF. Receipts must be kept and given to Julie for bookkeeping entries.

New Business

Liquor License Renewal for Falcon Nest and Casey's General Store – Falcon Nest was tabled until next time as the application for beer garden need to be submitted.

Motion to Approve Casey's General Store by Terry Sullivan, 2nd by Steve Humke.

Board Salary Review - attorney still looking into it.

Public Roadway – Spray patch, 2 bids received, one from D&D and one from Ace In The Hole. D&D bid submitted 2 days for \$13,499; and Ace in the Hole submitted a bid for 2 days work for \$11,779.

Unanimously passed by voice vote for Ace In the Hole – Yes – Roll Call – Yes.

Spring Clean-up – Received prices from Republic Services for four 20-yard boxes with a bid for \$490, which was close to the same as last year. Spring Clean-up will be the following weekend after Garage Sales, which is scheduled for May 1-3; therefore, VOF Spring Clean-up will be Friday – Monday, May 9-11. No electronics or tires will be permitted. It was noted that Livingston County will have another electronic recycling date on the first weekend of April at old K-Mart parking lot.

Chapter 111.02 Licensing Amendment - the State of Illinois is coming out with a new way to gamble with a machine that sits on the bar and does different things. Boomers was picked by the State of Illinois during this trial basis. Our current Ordinance did not allow for this type of machine; therefore, we are passing a new Ordinance that directs everything to the State Gaming Code, therefore we do not have to monitor this machine. The VOF will not receive revenue from this machine, this money will go to the schools, as it is considered a lottery machine.

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-02 by Terry Sullivan, 2nd by Jason Montello – Roll Call – Yes.

Motion to Close Session by Kim Wargo, 2nd by Steve Humke.

Motion to Open Session by Jason Montello and 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Grant Consultant - Back to Open Session, March 18, 2025, to approve the additional \$300 retainer fee for Roseanna Davidson plus a \$300 stipend, plus \$50 an hour grant writing fee for VOF Board approved grants, which will also be in the form of a stipend.

Motion by Jason Montello, 2nd by Kristy Dodge – Roll call – Yes.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Steve Humke, 2nd by Kim Wargo

Meeting Adjourned.