

**Village of Flanagan
April 15, 2025
Monthly Meeting**

Called to Order by Dave Iverson
Pledge of Allegiance
Absent – None

Approval of March 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve by Terry Sullivan, 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills

February 2025 Sales Tax \$6521.04

March 2025 Motor Fuel Tax \$3462.79

It was noted Bills to Approve report did not indicate the amount paid, therefore each check was reviewed and the amount that was paid was announced and said amount was written next to the itemized billing report. Questions on why so many checks (there were 4 of them) to Frontier Prairie. It was determined billing cycle. Frontier Prairie also includes internet service, as well as the filling station.

Motion to Approve Bills by Kristy Dodge, 2nd by Jason Montello –
Roll Call – Yes.

Trustee Jason Montello made a motion to move Open Business item #3 Noon Whistle to now, Item #6 on Agenda - Comments from Persons Present – 2nd by Kim Wargo.

Open Business

Item #3 on Agenda - Noon Whistle – Various persons present voiced their opinion on keeping the noon whistle and putting it on the ballot for the village residents to vote. There were individuals present that also voiced their concerns on the noon whistle, some feel the noon whistle is louder than it used to be, and some even feel the whistle was not working when they moved into their houses on/near Lincoln Street. It was stated the siren affects the people living directly below it, some feel it is even louder than what it used to be. It was noted there was a decibel reading for the siren. At its peak run time in 20 seconds, it peaks at 118.9 decibels. The FEMA guidelines state the siren cannot be below 110 decibels, and above 125 decibels. Subjects do not want to turn off the town whistle but were asking for a solution for the Lincoln Street siren and offered different solutions. There was an option page that was provided by VOF during this meeting, offering solutions that were noted. There is a cost of approximately \$2000 to remove the Lincoln Street siren from the daily testing but add a monthly testing. The VOF had previously voted to keep the whistles as they were previously.

Trustee Terry Sullivan, at this time, made a motion to put this issue on the next election ballot, which will be April 2027, this was 2nd by Trustee Kristy Dodge. All in favor – Aye, non-opposed.

Individuals present could not hear the motion; therefore, it was restated what Trustee Sullivan made. Trustee Montello then offered a solution to help with now until the vote in 2027. Trustee Montello suggested silence noon whistle during the week and only sounding

the whistle on weekends. President Iverson offered another solution by reducing the runtime to 10 seconds instead of 20 seconds and put item on the 2027 ballot; this would be for all the sirens. This compromise was agreed upon by subjects who are having a problem with the whistle, as well as individuals who are in favor of the whistle. VOF will have to have a special meeting on putting this referendum on the ballot, therefore VOF cannot advise what the ballot will state. In-house compromised was made by individuals present to reduce to 10 seconds.

Motion to reduce the peak runtime of the siren from 10 seconds to 20 seconds and put this issued on the 2027 ballot made by Kristy Dodge, 2nd by Terry Sullivan All in favor - Aye, non-opposed.

Comments from Persons Present

Jan Koeller was present, he stated his grandson calls the park down the street the purple park, and he remembers there use to be signs calling it Artesian Park, This is very unique for Flanagan, He stated he was sadden when he saw the round cement pad that used to be in the park, where the old artesian spring was coming up from the ground was gone. He asked if the old artesian signs could be put back up to show the history of Flanagan and understand what it meant for Flanagan. There used to be a water source higher than Flanagan that used to bubble up out of the ground. A sign will be erected to indicate Artesian Park. It was also mentioned that the sign at Legion Lake was down, however it was stated that it had been repaired and back up.

Dan Brown from the Lions Club was present and stated the Lions Club has decided to have their pork chop meal on the first Saturday of August and not during Flanagan Fest. He wanted VOF to know ahead of time. The Lions Club felt with all the food trucks, they were not getting that many coming to the meals and wanted to move to a different date. Mr. Brown also stated the Lions Club is always looking for new members to help with events like this.

Police Report

No Deputy was present, monthly statistics reviewed.

Employees Report

Marc stated the vac truck has been used twice; replaced curb stops; storm main blocked up. Primrose Street identified a drainage issued, they have cut a trench in the road, storm sump in the road and tiled the other side, this should help. Marc stated at 104 East South Street, had a pretty bad drainage issue, installed a storm sump in the ditch, and put a tile under the sidewalk as well. Have made a list of inoperable vehicles and a lot have been towed; park bathrooms open the for year and hydrant flushing done. Marc introduced Josiah Chya, new full time village employee.

President's Comments

Sheriff Roundtable – nothing to report.

Community Building – Individuals met on March 11, to discuss what needed to be down as far as a committee for the new community building. During the development of the new

building, this group will be known as The Interim Advisory Committee on Developing our USDA Application for the Flanagan Community Building. This is a temporary committee until the building is developed and then a permanent Community Building Board will be made. This temporary committee will fall under the existing village committee under building and grounds in our Ordinance Book. The five members are Kristy Dodge, Jason Montello, Allison Gray, Jerry Ferris, and Dave Iverson.

Trustee Kim Wargo made motion to approve individuals nominated by Dave Iverson, 2nd by Terry Sullivan - All in Favor – Yes.

RISE Implementation Grant – this is also known as the Lagoon Grant. Marty had to resubmit the current budget, and they will be sending out an application packet next. We are in the early stages of this project. We were awarded \$890,000, this is a 75/25 grant, our portion will be 25% of the grant. This is a 1.2-million-dollar project for VOF.

Streets and Alley – Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee –

Discussed during closed session.

Zoning Committee – Nothing to report.

Flanagan Fest – Continue to collect donations for this event, we have locked in all events and bands, finalizing schedules at this time, marketing materials include door hangers with a QR code to Facebook page, hangers will be distributed to those in the Village in the future. Next meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 630 p.m.

FIT Team – Roseanna will chair this committee she is in progress of creating a new FIT Team membership. The purpose of FIT is to coordinate economic development and promote community quality of life events. Dave and Steve are members representing the VOF Board. Rob Pickett will coordinate farmers market and tentative FIT Team member Patti Rients will coordinate garage sales; Roseanna also has a list of possible new members as well.

Santa Social Crew – Met and trying to figure out BINGO, trying to figure out if we want to just have adults or kids BINGO. How to improve decorations from blowing over, possibly stretching a banner across Main Street.

Open Business

Park Equipment – Nothing to report.

Development Property – still finding potential property, one parcel owner is willing to sell and a second has been identified, and that seller is motivated, but needs authorizing from a co-owner. Need to get more familiar with how TIF Districts work. Four lots have been sold in Schwerin Addition, running out of places in town to build a house or modular home. Roseanne has looked into designs for narrow lots and did not feel they were too bad. She was searching plans for lots 50 feet wide with something potential.

New Business

Liquor License for Falcon's Nest for Beer Garden, Class E license.

Motion to Approve by Reid Bressner, 2nd by Kim Wargo.

G.K. Boomers, LLC for Class A license.

Motion to Approve by Terry Sullivan, 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

G.K. Boomers LLC is applying for Class A license for Flantucky Bourbon Bar and Smoke House LLC.

Motion to Approve by Jason Montello, 2nd by Kim Wargo – Questions arose about the number of licenses VOF can have; it was determined last year VOF voted to increase licenses by one.

Community Building Assessment – Two Project Service Agreements from Farnsworth Group were reviewed. VOF has to hire Farnsworth Group to manage our grants in certain forms. Their cost for the Flanagan Community Center Design and Environmental Study is \$28,000 and \$7500 for the Community Building Facility Assessment. This has to be done by Farnsworth, we cannot outsource them.

Motion to Approve the Project Service Agreement of Community Building Facility Assessment by Farnsworth Group, also known as Center Design, made by Jason Montello, 2nd by Kristy Dodge – Roll Call – Yes.

Motion to approve the Project Service Agreement for the Flanagan Community Center Design and Environmental Study by the Farnsworth Group by Jason Montello, 2nd by Reid Bressner

Jason notes for everyone who keeps their Agenda to cross out Center Design and add Facility Assessment, as they are 2 different projects, one is Center Design and Environmental Study, and the other is Community Building Facility Assessment. Roll Call – Yes.

Motion to Close Session by Steve Humke, 2nd Terry Sullivan.

Motion to Return to Open Session after Closed Session by Kim Wargo, 2nd by Jason Montello.

Pay Raises

The following was stated; On April 15, 2025, VOF discussed the approval of pay raises:

Proposed pay increase of 5% for Marc, 5% for Marty, 3% for Joe, 3% for Andy and a flat \$25 increase for Julie. The new employee, Josiah Chyna will have a 120 review from start date, of March 4th. All in favor of pay raises and Josiah assessment say Aye, no opposed.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kim Wargo, 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Meeting adjourned.