

VILLAGE OF ALPHA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

From February 9th, 2026

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Becky Brown. Board members present were Tena A., Dennis S., John D., Mike P., and Ron M. Those absent were Brad B., Jeff K., and Lindsy B.

Minutes from December were reviewed due to no quorum at Jan. 12th meeting. Tena motioned to approved. John seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of bills (January)- Tena made a motion to approve bills for January. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report (January)- Becky presents the treasurer's report. The general fund has \$516,329.65. Motor fuel fund has \$133,277.66. Water sewer fund is \$181,931.58. A total of \$831,538.89. YTD Gaming \$15,924.68. CCSMI sent check for the insurance claim for lagoon in the amount of \$2,738.72 John made motion to approve report. Ron seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works Report (December)- Report presented by Becky Brown. 1,529,000 gallons distributed with daily average of 49,223. Routine bacteria samples came back satisfactory. Meters read 12/30. No water complaint on 12/13 at 313 N 1st. Meter had froze due to pit lid was off. Meter was insulated and lid reinstalled. Wastewater lab reports came back with good numbers for Lagoon effluent. Ammonia readings good also. Ice build up on aeration was causing issues. The ice was cleared and this relieved the high pressure conditions. Surge protection device was installed at the lagoon main electric panel. The police office is complete on the inside. Waiting for shop heater repair to paint the outside. Streets were plowed and salted. Hired Woodhull Gold Star to move the snow pile at the bank lot to the recycle bin area. Tena made a motion to approve the report. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills (February)- A couple changes were made to the bills. G works was added for the amount of \$36.10. Menards was \$482.54 but was changed to \$560.38. Mike motioned to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's report (February)- Becky Brown presents the treasurer's report. The general fund has \$517,357.21. Motor fuel fund has \$136,331.44. Water sewer fund is \$179,658.96. A total of \$833,347.61. No gaming reported. John made motion to approve report. Tena seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works report (January)- Becky presents this report. 1,587,000 gallons distributed with a daily average of 51,194. Routine bacteria samples came back satisfactory. Meters read 1/28. Training session presented by IRWA for 4 hours. Acid wash aerators and cleaned lift station floats added grease dissolver. Snow plowed 1/25. Shop was cleaned. 10' of the radiant heater was removed due to blocking access to upper storage. New lights and switch installed for storage area. New evidence locker and shelves installed in Police office. Steve Steines replaced failed tire pressure sensor in the F250 and tire repair in the F550. Also repaired linkage for the bucket hydraulic control on the tractor. Dennis has been testing the water while Jeff is off. Ron motioned to approve. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Streets- Appropriations last year were about \$40,000. We need to start thinking what is needed for this year.

Community Development- ACT meal at legion Feb 16th. Act thinking of getting duck buttons before Thrifty on 150 so we can sell there. Oxford fire pancake breakfast 4/12. They are also having a gun raffle for a fundraiser.

Police- SJ works about 40-50 hours a month. She has had 1 juvenile complaint, 22 check businesses, 1 follow up, 3 extra patrol, 14 verbal written warnings, 1 traffic complain, 1 suspicious auto, 4 school checks.

Old Business

Muni-Link update (utility billing)- We are in the queue for a project manager.

G-Works contract-extend- 3 months. Waiting on the invoice. John makes a motion to extend our G-works contract for 3 more months. Tena seconds. Motion carried.

New Business

Grocery Tax Ordinance- The state states 1% tax but it is up to the municipality. We need to set our rate. April 1st is the deadline. We will not increase we will just set it at 1%. Ordinance 2026-1 to set grocery tax at 1%. Tena makes motion. Dennis seconds. Motion carried.

Audit 2024-2025- We are in the process of getting this started with the lawyers.

Summer Help- Ideas? We are wanting someone to help starting April. We will reach out to Ty from a couple years ago. We may add \$1 or \$2 more after probationary period.

Set date for salaries, and 2026-2027 projects- We will meet April 7th at 7.

Amend water ordinance and fees- This will be presented in March

Adopt new water rates effective May 1- This will also be done in March

Send out newsletter in April-

Other new business- Woodhull would like to see if we are interested in a junk day and splitting the cost of 3 roll away containers. \$2300. \$1400 for electronics. We will pass. Ice Cream social we would like to hire Even Steven again if he is available.

Adjourn- 8:13 p.m. John makes motion to adjourn. Ron seconds. Motion carried.