

Village of Alpha
Regular Board meeting Minutes
For Monday, July 13, 2026

The regular board meeting was called at 7:00 PM by Mayor Becky Brown. Board Members present were Tena Anseeuw, Dennis Shannon, Brad Barton, John Duyvejonck, Mike Petrovich, Ron Medley, Public Works -Jeff Kessinger, and Treasurer Lindsa Brooks. Village Clerk Heather DeShane was absent.

Comments from the Floor – There were no comments from the floor.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the regular board meeting on June 8th were reviewed and approved with a motion by John and a second by Brad. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills – The bills were reviewed and an addition was made to pay Calvin Whitman (Even Steven Band) \$250.00 to play music for our Ice Cream Social on August 2nd. Dennis made a motion and Mike seconded to pay all bills. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – There was a gaming deposit of \$3727.32. The Water/Sewer account showed \$261,475.16, Motor Fuel Tax account showed \$106,822.09, and the General account showed \$582,736.02 for a total of \$950,233.27. Motion was made by John with a **second by Ron to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.**

Public Works Report – Water pumped & distributed was 1,595,000 with a daily average of 53,167 gallons. Routine bacteria samples performed as satisfactory.

Jeff completed a total of 6 hours in water/wastewater training through 2 sessions, one in Woodhull and one in Rock Island put on by the IRWA.

Jeff will be getting an MRI on his shoulder due to some issues.

Discovered one of the discharge riser pipes to be leaking in the 2nd St lift station. The iron pipe has corroded and developed a hole. Nathan from Tony's will be replacing the riser pipes in station #2. It has to be cleaned, pumped out and disinfected first.

Jeff requested authorization to have APEX striping paint the cross walks at D St and A St. This would include both cross walks, 4 stop bars as per current layout, and cross

walk from the alley to the bus stop drop off as per current layout. The estimate was \$670.00. Motion was made by Tena and seconded by John to have APEX do the striping job as described. Motion carried.

The rotary mower has been sold for \$1000.00 to Mike Clark. This piece of equipment had been sitting around unused for some time.

The shop area has been cleared of much clutter accumulated over many years, duct work cleaned off above office area to prepare for spray foaming above the office.

Removed the salt from the salt storage box and transferred it to McCurdy's corn crib to be stored for next year. Clearing up that space allows room for the proposed bathroom installation in the west shed.

Motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Brad to approve the Public Works report as presented. Motion carried.

Liquor Commission – Nothing reported

Committee Reports:

Finance – None

Streets/Alleys – Nothing more other than in Public Works report

Police – still needing update on SOP's

Water/Sewer – nothing more than in Public Works report

Community Development – Annual Ice Cream Social will be held Sunday, August 2nd from 5-7 PM at the Gazebo with "Even Steven" playing the music. Tena will look into serving Whitey's ice cream and Olde Towne Bakery Cookies for this year.

Spirit of Alpha Day will be Saturday, August 29th this year. There will be activities on Main St mid-day and the lighted parade at dusk. There will be a street dance across from JT's Alpha Inn after the parade.

A new ACT Committee board has been formed and new members are making plans for things happening in the future and encouraging people to join the committee.

A motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Brad to forgive the ACT committee the remaining balance of \$5000.00 that is still due from them on the lighted sign that was purchased several years ago for \$15,000. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Quotes for replacing the furnace/AC unit in the office/main garage –

~~Willems H & C submitted a bid of \$13,200 for a furnace & air unit on top in the main garage not including duct work.

~~Tony's submitted a bid of \$19,240 for a unit to be installed on top with furnace & air, ductwork and insulating the ductwork.

~~A previous bid from Tony's for \$9000.00 was made to install air conditioning unit on existing furnace.

After discussion of options, a motion was made by Mike and seconded by Dennis to accept the bid from Tony's for \$9000 to add the air conditioning to the existing furnace as proposed by the earlier bid. Motion carried.

Update on new utility software - Things are going pretty well with training expected within the next 2 weeks or so. Hopefully our target date of August for implementation will become a reality.

Permit for water tower mixer – the permit to install the mixer should be coming soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Banners on Rt 150 – We could use some new spring banners. We would need 15 of them at \$80.00 per banner. Motion was made by Tena and seconded by John to purchase the new spring banners. Motion carried.

Gift of Appreciation – It was brought up that resident V ern Schnowske has been mowing the area north along Rt 150 on either side of the road for the entire length of N First ST for quite some time. It looks so very nice when coming in to town. He does this on his own and we would like to show the Village's appreciation in some way. After discussion, it was decided to give Vern a check for \$500 in appreciation of his generous efforts towards the betterment of Alpha. Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Brad to issue said check to Vern. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board at this meeting, motion was made by John and seconded by Ron to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,
Tena Anseeuw, Village Board Member

