

Village of Grantfork

November 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Village Hall

Prepared by Theresa Levora, Village Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Wendy Reinacher-Heilig, Ron Wildhaber, Katie Scott, Sydney Thole, Carla Crawford, Lucas Haller, Phil Decker Theresa Levora, Justin Rottman, Nancy Schoen and Steve Brendel attended via Zoom

Visitors: Jared and Jamie Schwarz. Mitchell Thole. Kent Mettler.

Jared Schwarz wants to enforce their road maintenance contract. The road needs rock now. The current contract calls for the Village to pay 45% which would be \$319.70. Carla motioned to pay the 45%, Sydney seconded. All in favor. The Schwarz's presented three bids for the road improvements ranging between \$53,800 to \$61,983. The Village's share of these costs would be between \$24,781 and \$35,875. If we agree to fix the road, we will need to renegotiate the agreement with the Schwarz's and the Michael's. The Michael's annual billing has been increased 1.5% every year per the contract. Add to the December agenda.

Minutes from the Previous meeting

Carla motioned to accept the minutes. Katie seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Carla, Ron seconded. All in favor. Carla motioned to approve Ordinance 2025.11.01 Levy and Assessment of Taxes for FY 26, Katie seconded. Roll call. All in favor. Carla motioned to accept Resolution 2025.11.01R Determine the Estimated 2025 Tax Levy. Roll call. All in favor.

Authorization of Bills

Motion to pay the bills by Wendy, seconded by Katie. All in favor.

Code Enforcement

No code enforcement. Neighbors of Katie Scott, MaryAnn and Lance had been cutting brush along the fence when someone put up a Private Property sign. The property belongs to Cheryl Michael's. Phil will pick up the piles of brush that were left. There is a violation at the house on the corner of Louis and S. Mulberry. It looks like a permanent yard sale.

Public Safety

Relief Center primary is Wendy, the secondary is Nancy. Lucas will cover for Nancy. December 13th is Shop with a Cop. Justin to coordinate with the Highland PD. The Alhambra Intergovernmental Agreement-Police Protection is due for renewal in January. We will be increasing the rate per hour by \$1.00, bringing the total to \$44.00 per hour. Would like to do a 2 or 3 year contract building in cost of living and officer raises. Would it make sense to change to the fiscal year instead of calendar year? The hours would need to be flexible.

A red truck has been speeding by Sydney's house. She needs to contact Justin or the County when this happens.

Non-highway Vehicles. Do we want to include ATV's? Only UTV's and golf carts. Alhambra includes everything including motorcycles. Blinkers or hand signals must be utilized and added to the Vehicle Requirements 24-8-6. Remove paragraph from 24-8-5, (C) (2) referring to handicapped applicants.

Public Works

One tap on off Steiner Road in October. Four more scheduled for November. The water tower is functioning. The residents on the curves are delighted with the water pressure. Phil is having to manually ramp up the motors. He will be happier when the tower is fully automated. We are running the motors 24/7. The power bill will be higher but our water bills will be less. The street signs are in. That will be the next project to be worked on. The electric eye on the Village Hall door needs repaired.

Old Business

Village Attorney: Nancy wants an accounting from Brett of every person that has been in contact with the Village Law Firm, Sandberg & Phoenix, via phone, email, text since the election. She is alleging that the Former Mayor has been in contact with Phil Lading and is still attempting to run the Village. She wants to hear from more lawyers. It's time for a change. Katie stated that she is not opposed to switching lawyers but whoever we go with must be established in Madison County.

Cat Roundup: Katie does not want to be responsible for relocating someone's outdoor cat. DeDe has farmers names that would be interested in Barn cats. Heart Second Chance in Collinsville will spay/neuter for \$55.00 per cat. Ron and Katie will transport the cats.

Business License: One time license application and update the registration yearly. There is a sign in Aviston that says "Solicitors require licensing". We would need IDOT permission for any signs on 160. Phil to check on cost of signs. Carla working on new draft of business code.

Christmas party: We'll have less than 50 goodie bags, trinkets can be donated. We will put the bags together at the December meeting. Board members to make cookies. Woodman will donate for the party.

New Business

Grantfork FB page: The administrator is liable. Would like just news on the page not social commentary. Either Burian or Agtelco could assist with this. Do other communities have FB pages? Sydney to do research.

Christmas Party: The Development Club will help decorate the Gazebo area. At 9:00am, on November 15th, they will be going through the lights at the shed. We need to find the map showing Christmas light placement, the extension cords, garlands, wreaths and timers. New pole lights? Put all the new Christmas lights on the main street or by the school.

Carla asked if we are still working on the Main St. grant? Preliminary work?

Lucas to send the Lagoon Road Maintenance/rebuild contract to the lawyer to review.

Adjourn

Carla motioned to adjourn, Ron seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:52.