

Village of Grantfork

October 6, 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, DeDe Lohman and Justin Rottman in attendance. Nancy Schoen was absent.

Visitor Steve Brendel asked Mayor Lucas what his policy is on returning phone calls. He responded that he gets back as soon as possible.

Minutes from the Previous meeting

Under Public Works, there was a question on a replacement fire truck. That was NOT regarding a fire truck, it referred to Phil's Public Works truck. Ron motioned to accept the minutes with proposed changes, Wendy seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Wendy, Sydney seconded. All in favor.

Authorization of Bills

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

Code Enforcement

Mayor has been driving around the Village and everyone appears to be taking care of their property.

Public Safety

Relief Center primary is Carla, the secondary is Wendy

Public Works

Water tower has been inspected and cleaned. A lot of piping was replaced. It was drained to the bottom, pressure washed, sanitized and new valving installed. We are buying water cheaper from Highland but we still need to meet the minimum requirement for Bond Madison, who has one tower down. Our tower is now feeding Silver Lake Road and from Rte. 160 to the end of the curves. The curves residents should be getting average to high water pressure now. The Village Power bill will be higher. We would like to

purchase a standby generator for the tower. There should be grants out there. The cost would be approximately 24K. We will also look into solar panels.

Old Business

Business License. Illinois business authorization numbers are required. We need to know who is conducting a business in the Village. We want to promote businesses because we want growth. There should be an initial license application then an annual registration. No grandfather's clause for current businesses. Solicitors should pay more than regular businesses. Carla would like to revise the ordinance and re-present it next month. It is important to have basic information for all businesses operating in the Village for code enforcement and tax revenue purposes. E-mail the ordinance to Carla. Monday, the 20th, meet for ordinance revision at 7:00.

The Mobile Vet will come here to spay cats at \$100.00 per. We need to decide how many and how often. There may be grants available through Madison County Humane Society. Another option would be to set traps and find farms to relocate. Katie Scott to be head of the Cat Committee. Phil, DeDe and Sydney have traps.

Non-highway vehicle driving permits. Sydney contacted the surrounding villages and the highest permit cost was 35.00. Blinkers and horns are extra kits and costly. Hand or turn signals must be seen and this should be specified in the application. Anyone driving through town should have a permit. Start with the annual fee of 25.00. It can always be changed next year. Remove 24.19 from the Motor Vehicle Code Citation Form. Violations will be issued either via State or Ordinance. The Motor Vehicle schedules need to be updated. E-mail our Codification official Frank to see if the codes are accurate.

Permits do not have to be different for Alhambra and Grantfork. Will be able to tell which Village by the placement of the sticker. The Grantfork sticker is to go in the middle of the slow moving orange triangle on the back of the vehicle.

Table the attorney discussion until Nancy returns.

New Business

December 6th, Santa to be at the Village Hall from 1-3. Put signs on the firetruck inviting the public to join the party at Village Hall. New Christmas lights should be put up on the main drag. Lights to be up by Thanksgiving. Light repair session (check decorations and lights) at the shed on November 15th.

Adjourn

Carla motioned to adjourn, Katie seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

