

Village of Grantfork

August 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Village Hall

Prepared by Theresa Levora, Village Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Wendy Reinacher-Heilig, Nancy Schoen, Ron Wildhaber, Katy Scott, Carla Crawford, Sydney Thole, Lucas Haller, Phil Decker, Brett Bruhn, DeDe Lohman and Theresa Levora in attendance.

Steve Brendel was also in attendance. He is concerned about children not of age driving golf carts and side by sides after an 11 year old was killed south of Highland. Drivers must be 16 years of age with a valid driver's license. We have been waiting for Alhambra to institute their ordinance. We need to order stickers (different color every year), vehicles will need to be inspected, copies of valid drivers license and proof of insurance will be required. We may want to have an open house. Do we need to make crossings at certain intersections? It is a violation to cross a County or State maintained road except at a 90 degree angle. On Village roads we have more control. Do we make crossings at certain intersections? We need to figure out where the stickers should be placed. Question was raised about having a multiyear sticker. Turn signals? The golf cart ordinance will be emailed to everyone. Justin to send Alhambra's forms. May be able to roll out by September.

Swearing in of new Trustee, Sydney Thole.

Minutes from the Previous meeting

Rick Porter is specifically not happy about the oil and chip. Carla motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, Ron seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

A bill has been sent to the School District for \$5600.00 for oil and chip. Brett would like to eliminate the list of bills because it's redundant. The Board likes the monthly bill breakdown. Brett has signed up for a seminar on Motor Fuel. No news on the audit. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Carla, Katy seconded. All in favor.

Authorization of Bills

Incentives for email billing and auto pay have been applied to the accounts. Motion to pay the bills by Carla, seconded by Wendy. All in favor.

Code Enforcement

Kent Mettler may be interested in code enforcement.

Public Safety

Relief Center primary is Wendy, the secondary is Carla. The replacement of the severe weather siren, which is over 50 years old and currently requires manual activation was discussed. There should be state or federal grants available to fund the replacement and installation controlled by software that would activate based on the National Weather Service alerts. We may want to see about splitting the cost with Alhambra.

All solicitors are required to fill out an application and submit a background check. A recent pest control solicitor completed the form but gave incorrect information and did not bring a background check.

Public Works

The water tower will be taken down for maintenance. Valving and pipe removal, cleaning and sanitizing. We currently don't know how much water is leaving the tank.

Keeping up with the grass growth. Phil has been mowing the Southside of the bridge which belongs to IDOT. Mayor says to keep mowing that section. Phil to have Kasey???? come trim some trees.

What is the status on the new street signs? They are on backorder.

Phil will be leaving Thursday for a week's vacation.

Old Business

Ordinance 2025.08.01 Modifying Business License will be tabled until next month. Wendy made the motion and Ron seconded. All in favor. There is value in knowing what businesses are in the Village.

Carter Special Use Hearing The board should have copies of all neighborhood covenants.

Subcommittees

Police Committee Nancy Schoen, Katy Scott, Carla Crawford

Finance Committee Wendy Reinacher-Heilig, Katy Scott, Carla Crawford

Public Works Committee Sydney Thole, Ron Wildhaber, Wendy Reinacher-Heilig

Carla made a motion to approve, Nancy seconded. All in favor.

New Business

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Candy needs to be purchased for the Homecoming. The cat roundup needs revisiting. Samantha Green, a mobile vet may be willing to help.

Phil brought up the gazebo maintenance. Do we want to pay someone or get a volunteer? We could put a notice on the FB page.

Adjourn

Carla motioned to adjourn, seconded by Nancy. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20.