

MINUTES
Of a Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 2, 2025

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Piper City was brought to order at the Community Building on July 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Orr presiding. Trustees Houck, Decker, Cotter, Berry, and Bertrand responded to roll call. Fuoss was absent.

The minutes from the regular meeting held June 4, 2025, were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion to approve the minutes with an amendment to strikeout the lines "herself and informed the board of office locations if anyone would like to speak with the office. Shirley Knilands was also in attendance." was made by Cotter and seconded by Houck. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

The financial report for June showing a balance on hand in all funds of \$1,115,330.20 as of June 30, 2025, and was presented to the Board for their approval. A motion was made by Decker and seconded by Berry to approve the financial report. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the report was approved.

A list of payroll and bills were presented to the Board for their consideration. Motion by Houck and seconded by Bertrand that the village clerk issue warrants on the village treasurer to named claimants. On a roll call vote, Houck, Decker, Cotter, Berry, and Bertrand voted aye, with Fuoss absent, and the motion was carried. The list of payroll and bills is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference.

Under public comments, Kathy Stamm asked if the village could do something about the wild grass and saplings impinging on the sidewalks at 425 S. Green and the old Quinn property. Mayor Orr responded that he would contact property owners and have Evelyn look at it. Ronald Roberson expressed his frustration with the disrepair of the property next to his. Mayor Orr noted that he has already reached out to the village attorney concerning this property. Mayor Orr stated that the village would take action to begin cleanup of the property within a week. Also present were Tony Lane, Piper City Fire Chief and Shirley Knilands. Knilands presented the board with an outline of an informational packet she would like to work on for the residents of the village. The board was in favor of this initiative and stated to help provide information as needed.

Under old business, Bertrand was instructed to purchase the tables, chairs, and racks for the Community Building.

Mayor Orr presented the Return To Work policy required by the village insurance company, IML-RMA. After review, Berry made a motion to adopt the policy and Houck seconded the motion. On a voice vote, all trustees voted aye and the motion passed.

Mayor Orr reported that the village could move forward with the transfer of the 50 & 54 W Peoria properties once any liens against the property have been cleared. He will check with IML-RMA to see if the village will need any additional coverage during the demolition. Mayor Orr provided a quote from

Lee Farms Excavating, Inc. for the cost of demolition of the 2 buildings, asbestos abatement, and backfill not to exceed \$110,000.00. After discussion, the board decided to move forward with this project and Berry made a motion to approve the quote and Cotter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Houck, Decker, Cotter, Berry, and Bertrand voted aye, with Fuoss absent, and the motion passed.

Mayor Orr shared the amended Permit Ordinance with the board for their review. After reviewing the ordinance, Decker made a motion to approve the amended Permit Ordinance and Houck seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Houck, Decker, Cotter, Berry, and Bertrand, with Fuoss absent, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Under new business, Mayor Orr shared a proposal from GEM'S Carpet Cleaning for \$3,652.40 for the stripping, cleaning, and waxing of the Community Building floor. Cotter made a motion to approve the proposal and Houck seconded. On a roll call vote, Houck, Decker, Cotter, Berry, and Bertrand, with Fuoss absent, voted aye and the motion carried.

Mayor Orr discussed a proposal for the sale of surplus property at 229 W. Market St to Richard Butler in the amount of \$1500. Decker made a motion to accept the proposal and Bertrand seconded the motion. On a voice vote, all trustees voted aye and the motion carried.

Mayor Orr presented the board with a proposed amendment to the Inoperable Vehicles section of the Village Code. After discussion, Berry made a motion to approve the amended Inoperable Vehicle code and Houck seconded the motion. On a voice vote, all members voted aye, and the motion passed.

Mayor Orr informed the board that Matt Price, Price's Tree Service, would be available for tree removal and trimming this summer. Berry made a motion to approve up to \$10,000 for tree removal and trimming, and to provide a list to Price, and Decker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Houck, Decker, Cotter, Berry, and Bertrand, with Fuoss absent, voted aye and the motion passed.

Under trustee reports, the following items were noted:

- Mayor Orr noted that he had signed agreements with Piggush to study the replacement of water mains, water services, and filtration systems and any grants applicable to each. The cost of each study will be \$9600, that may be reimbursed through grants received.

- Mayor Orr stated that Zorn would be meeting with him on Monday to discuss Code Enforcement matters.
- Houck asked if a resident on Oak St. had received a fence permit prior to building. Mayor Orr stated that he had spoken to the individual but had not issued a permit and will follow-up.

Motion for adjournment was made by Berry and seconded by Bertrand. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Rhonda McCoy, Village
Clerk