

COAL CITY VILLAGE BOARD
JUNE 11, 2025

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VILLAGE OF COAL CITY

At 7:04p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, Mayor Dave Spesia called to order the regular meeting of the Coal City Village Board in the boardroom of the Village Hall. Roll call – Trustees, Dave Togliatti, Ross Bradley, Bill Mincey, CJ Lauterbur and Mayor Spesia. Also in attendance were attorney Mark Heinle, Chief Mike Imhof, Matt Halloran with Chamlin Engineering and Matt Fritz, village administrator. Absent; Trustees Greggain and Noffsinger.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Spesia recognized the village's treasurer LeAnne Vota who was in the audience for the meeting.

The meeting minutes for May 28, 2025, were presented. Lauterbur moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey, Lauterbur and Mayor Spesia. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

The warrant list was presented. The board had a couple of questions, which were clarified by Fritz. Bradley moved to approve the warrant list, second by Lauterbur. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey and Lauterbur. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Fritz announced that prior to the meeting Julie Buck with the Grundy County Community Foundation presented a \$5,000 check to the Village of Coal City, which they pledged for a portion of the \$20,000 start up for the housing rehab second phase program. Buck explained the foundation has many opportunities to get match money and so they give a portion to assist villages and other organizations to receive large grants such as the housing grant that was \$650,000. Fritz explained there was a summary of the housing rehab program in front of them, which explained how the projects are going so far in our community. Once everything is completed, this second round the village through grants will have spent approximately \$1.3 million dollars in rehab efforts.

Julie Buck shared a presentation with the board explaining what Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) is and what they do. COAD in Grundy County has responded to six disasters over nine years. Buck went through the slides and thanked the board for their time. Mayor Spesia thanked Buck for the donation, her time as well as COAD's assistance.

Ordinance 25-12 Declaring Police and Public Works property as surplus. Fritz explained this is a step the village must take in order to remove these items from our capital assets. These are all items that have been replaced or on order already in the passed year. Once the items are surplus the village will get rid of them. Mayor Spesia stated in the past the village donated vehicles; Chief Imhof expressed this vehicle would not be worth donating. Mincey moved to adopt Ordinance 25-12 Declaring Police and Public Works property as surplus, second by Lauterbur. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey and Lauterbur. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Ordinance 25-13 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an annexation agreement at 6895 E. McArdle Road. Fritz explained the ordinance was included with the agreement at the Public Hearing. This action will allow the agreement to be recorded. Togliatti moved to adopt Ordinance 25-13 allowing annexation to be recorded for 6895 E. McArdle Road, second by Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey, Lauterbur and Mayor Spesia. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Resolution 25-11 North Broadway Bridge Deck Replacement. Fritz explained the village has been setting aside Rebuild Illinois (RBI) Project funds for the rebuilding of this bridge for a number of years. There are two actions, which must be completed: the first item is to adopt the resolution to allow the expenditure of the funds. At present a little over \$25,000 has already been spent on the planning of this project and the rest will be available once the resolution is adopted to complete the rebuild. D Construction's total cost exceeds what the village has received from the RBI but TIF dollars were budgeted to pay for the difference. Halloran explained only one bid was submitted and it came in right under what Chamlin had estimated the project at \$553,000. The estimated time the bridge will be out is about 5 weeks. Mayor Spesia asked if signs will be out in advance of the start of the project. Halloran indicated there will be road closure signage out prior to construction. Lauterbur moved to adopt Resolution 25-11 appropriating \$368,205.30 of Rebuild Illinois Project Funds for the North Broadway Replacement Bridge Project, second by Bradley. Roll call – Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey and Lauterbur. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

The next item was to attain a motion to select D Construction to complete the North Broadway Bridge Replacement Project at an estimated \$546,231.12. Bradley moved to select D Construction to complete the North Broadway Bridge Replacement Project, Second by Lauterbur. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey and Lauterbur. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Fritz explained the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) set aside some funds for Strong Communities that provide for the demolition of certain residences. To date there is a bid just over \$14,000 to demolish a home on for which the village is waiting for an electric meter to be pulled by ComEd so this can be completed. This is the first portion of the \$84,000 that will be

expended. There are two other homes lined up coming in July and in order to do this the village needs an extension on the First Amendment adopted. This has to do with when the federal funds come through versus when the grant is approved. Bradley moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into the First Amendment to the IHDA Strong Communities Agreement extending grant funds utilization until November 2026, second by Mincey. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey and Lauterbur. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Halloran explained this approval is for loan disbursement #6 for lead service grant project. This payout is for Brandt Excavating in the amount of \$239,922. They have completed 64 services since the last payout a couple of weeks ago. Lauterbur moved to authorize a payment to Brandt Excavating in the amount of \$239, 922, second by Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey and Lauterbur. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Fritz explained there is a vacancy within the Police Department and the next step is to notify the Fire and Police Board that there is a vacancy so they can begin the process of finding eligible individuals. Chief Imhof explained that today was an officer's last day with the department. Imhof spoke with the Fire & Police Commissioner and they are in the process of contacting those left on the Eligibility List. At this time, there is only one candidate left on this list so the F & P Board will be starting a new list and testing procedures within the next month. There are also possibilities with lateral hires as well. There was discussion by the board how the eligibility list and lateral hiring works. Togliatti moved to authorize the Mayor to request the hiring of an additional officer to fill a vacancy due to the departure of Officer Kolton Stockdell, second by Lauterbur. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey and Lauterbur. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Mayor Spesia wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day as well as to those that fill the father's roll and to have fun on Sunday and be safe.

Lauterbur thanked Chief Imhof for the facebook post that went out regarding solicitors and also thanked all of the village employees who worked hard to get the pickleball courts ready.

Deputy Clerk Sula, wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Halloran handed out a lead service project update to the board and indicated that to date there are 370 services done and will return in the Fall. The water tower is currently being drained so repairs can be done on the inside, which will take about 60 days. The water treatment plant has some interior piping work being done. Spesia asked about the effect it will have on water supply in the village with the tower being down 60 days. Fritz stated the water will be below the desired amount, but the Fire District will be informed of the current limitations.

Chief Imhof thanked the community for being patient with BNSF for crossings being closed

for repairs and also for being patient due to the upcoming repairs that must be done to the new repairs that were done. This should be done within the next couple of weeks. Chief explained the police department participated in the Bike Blessing at the church a couple of weekends ago. He indicated it was a beautiful day and wished the participation was larger but it was the first year. Lastly, Chief reported that within the last month in May and part of June there was only one criminal damage report within the village's park space, which a toilet was broken in the men's bathroom. The program is continuing with the crossing guards being out monitoring the playgrounds and Imhof believes this is helping. The police department ordered shirts for the guards with Park Staff printed on them and issued them keys to the restrooms so they can monitor paper products, damage etc. Imhof also indicated something will go out on Facebook letting the community know the parks are being monitored and be respectful to our staff.

Fritz explained the Chief did receive some funding from the Illinois Emergency Telecommunications Safety Board (ETSB) for the grant providing body cameras, which came through and was just shy of \$50,000 and is a reimbursement. Fritz also indicated that IDOT provided Coal City with the status of two outstanding issues to do with quiet zone as well as the intersection of Carbon Hill Road and Route 113. Fritz will explain more in an email about IDOT's conversation. Fritz also announced the new improved newsletter has gone out in the utility bills, which look very nice.

Mincey moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Bradley. Roll call - Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Mincey, Lauterbur and Mayor Spesia. Nays; none. Absent; Greggain and Noffsinger. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Sula".

Linda Sula, Deputy Clerk