STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTIES OF GRUNDY AND WILL
VILLAGE OF COAL CITY
July 23rd, 2025

Meeting minutes

Call meeting to Order

At 7:00pm on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025, Mayor Dave Spesia called to order the regular board meeting of the Coal City Village Board in the boardroom of Village Hall. Roll call was taken with Trustee Dan Greggain, Trustee Pam Noffsinger, Trustee Ross Bradley, and Trustee Bill Mincey present. Also in attendance were Attorney Mark Heinle, Ryan Hansen from Chamlin Engineering, Chief Mike Imhof and Matt Fritz, Village Administrator. Absent were Trustee Dave Togliatti and Trustee CJ Lauterbur.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Spesia asked if there were any questions regarding the meeting minutes from July 9, 2025. Attorney Heinle clarified that abstentions due to absence were acceptable, noting that in a court of law, abstainers' votes go with the majority anyway.

Motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2025 was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Noffsinger. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Mincey and Mayor Spesia voting yes.

Approval of Warrant List

Trustee Bradley questioned why there were two different vendors for the salt water treatment plant.

Trustee Noffsinger inquired about a payment to Friendly Supply for safety glasses for parks, and a payment for weed killer which Village Administrator Fritz explained was sometimes purchased from different vendors if prices were better than from regular suppliers.

Motion to approve the warrant list was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded by Trustee Mincey. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present for comment.

Appointment of Tammy Moran to Coal City Park Board

Mayor Spesia presented the appointment of Tammy Moran to the Coal City Park Board, highlighting her dedication to the community through her involvement in local initiatives including the Coal City mapping initiative (now called Coaler Drive) and the Festivals and Events Committee. He noted her work on the upcoming Back to School Bash scheduled for the coming Saturday. Mayor Spesia explained that Tammy would serve the remainder of Kayla Melvin's term (approximately 13 months) after Kayla became the village clerk, in order to maintain the park board's rotation schedule.

> *Motion to approve the appointment of Tammy Moran to the Coal City Park Board for a term ending September 2026 was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Mincey. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes.*

After her appointment, Tammy Moran addressed the board, expressing her love for the community despite not being from Coal City originally. She highlighted the upcoming Back to School Bash event, sharing that her garage was currently 75% full of school supplies for the event. She recounted how last year a parent with four children had approached her about the help the event provided families who fall between income levels. Moran also mentioned her professional experience working in the Will County State's Attorney's Office for 24 years on the civil side, giving her experience with municipal law.

Resolution 25-12 Authorize Chief to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Grundy County REACT

Chief Imhof explained that Grundy County is forming a REACT (Rapid Entry & Containment Team) team, which would involve collaboration among municipalities within the county. The REACT team would function similarly to a SWAT team but on a smaller scale, responding to high-risk situations including warrant service, hostage situations, and other emergency scenarios.

Chief Imhof stated this would be a win-win situation for all communities involved since individual departments cannot train every officer for specialized response. The REACT team would serve high-risk warrants and provide specialized response capabilities, especially helpful with new laws requiring municipalities to serve their own warrants.

Village Attorney Heinle noted he had added a clause to the agreement (#3, letter G) allowing the village discretion to withhold personnel if they couldn't be spared during a call-out.

Chief Imhof clarified that interested officers with at least three years of experience would need to apply and try out for positions on the team. The expected cost would be under $10,000 for initial equipment setup per officer, plus approximately 96 hours of annual training (8 hours monthly). The team would operate on an on-call basis rather than scheduled shifts, drawing from a larger pool of available officers when needed.

Trustee Noffsinger asked which other communities were involved, and Chief confirmed Morris, Minooka, Channahon, and Coal City would participate. He also confirmed that officers would be covered by their home department's liability when responding to calls in other jurisdictions.

Attorney Heinle explained that the agreement follows a traditional mutual aid model where each agency bears its own risk, with the benefit being that in high-risk situations, the village would have access to specialized assistance from other departments.

Motion to adopt Resolution 25-12 approving the IGA to participate with Grundy County REACT was made by Trustee Mincey, seconded by Trustee Bradley. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes.

Ordinance 25-16 Variance to the 75 foot setback from structures to allow chickens 150 E. First Street

Village Administrator Fritz explained that the Planning Commission had unanimously approved a variance request for a chicken coop at 150 East First Street. The property owners currently have a coop that is approximately 33 feet from a detached garage, which does not meet the 75-foot setback requirement in the village code. The variance would allow them to maintain their chicken coop as close as 30 feet from adjacent structures, representing a 45-foot variance from the standard.

Fritz noted this was a matter of code enforcement that came to light when the building inspector spoke with the residents, who then applied for a variance. Mayor Spesia confirmed that no neighbors had raised objections at the Planning Commission meeting and that the property owners had four chickens.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 25-16 allowing a poultry yard at 150 East First Street was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded by Trustee Mincey. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes.

2025 MFT/Non-MFT Bid Award and South Broadway Striping Bid Award

Ryan Hansen from Chamlin Engineering presented the bid results for three street maintenance projects:

- MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) related street improvements: D Construction submitted the only bid at $243,978.44, which was below the engineer's estimate.
- Non-MFT street improvements: D Construction submitted the only bid at $201,222.50, also below the engineer's estimate.
- South Broadway striping maintenance improvements: Marking Specialists Corporation submitted a bid of $74,675.10.

Hansen noted that the projects include various street improvements and that some work, such as the closure at the southwest corner of Willow and Kankakee, might be delayed pending approvals from ICC and BNSF, but the bid would remain available when those approvals come through.

Trustee Bradley expressed concerns about the aesthetics of the planned road closure at Willow and Kankakee, suggesting that a more attractive barrier be considered since the closure would be in a residential area. Village Administrator Fritz acknowledged that a more attractive design than the planned guardrail with red diamonds could be considered as they move forward with the project.

Hansen also explained that the Lincoln Street project would include parking spots to prevent vehicles from parking too close to the railroad tracks.

Motion to approve the proposal of D Construction to complete the MFT-related street improvements for an estimated $243,978.44 was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded *by Trustee Bradley. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes. Motion to approve the proposal of D Construction to complete the non-MFT street improvements for an estimated $201,222.50 was made by Trustee Noffsinger, seconded by Trustee Bradley. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes. Motion to approve the proposal of Marking Specialist Corp to complete the South Broadway striping maintenance improvements for an estimated $74,675.10 was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Noffsinger. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes.*

Authorize Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Ace Sport Surfaces, LLC to Complete North Park Pickleball Surface Treatment

Village Administrator Fritz reported that after working with four different vendors, they had finally received a proposal from Ace Sport Surfaces LLC to complete the pickleball court surface treatment. The bid came in at around $41,750, which was less than another bid that exceeded $70,000. Fritz explained that the treatment comes with a one-year guarantee, with expected wear within 3 years and likely needing redoing in 5-7 years, though many facilities stretch it to 10-12 years.

Attorney Heinle noted that since both services and materials totaled over $25,000, the motion should include waiving the competitive bid process. He also confirmed that the contract included appropriate prevailing wage provisions.

Fritz mentioned that the work would likely be completed in September or possibly later due to high demand for these services.

Motion to authorize Mayor Spesia to enter into a contract with Ace Sports Services LLC to complete the North Park Pickleball surface treatment for an estimated $41,750 and waiving competitive bid process was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Greggain. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes.

Authorize payment of Chamlin Engineering and disbursement number 13 to D Construction for water treatment expansion project

Ryan Hansen presented the payment requests for the water treatment expansion project, which has reached 86% completion. He explained that the payments would use IEPA construction proceeds.

Motion to authorize the payment of $16,936 to Chamlin Engineering with IEPA construction proceeds for completion of 86% of the total water treatment expansion project was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded by Trustee Noffsinger. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes. Motion to authorize the payment of $445,373.46 to D Construction with IEPA construction proceeds for completion of 86% of the total water treatment expansion project was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Mincey. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, and Mincey voting yes.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Spesia reported attending the Heroes and Helpers event on Saturday morning, noting it was well-attended despite the weather. He thanked the Chief, Deputy Chief, and everyone else who participated.

Report of Trustees

Trustee Mincey reported attending a meeting with IDOT along with the Village Administrator a couple of weeks prior. He noted that the meeting was encouraging, with substantial discussion about the Route 113 corridor. He mentioned that IDOT had initially suggested a roundabout near the high school at Carbon Hill Road and 113, but eventually realized that wouldn't work well with the 1,200-1,400 cars, school buses, and novice drivers passing through twice daily. While he couldn't make promises, he expressed optimism about getting some improvements to the corridor.

No other trustees had reports.

Report of Village Clerk

Village Clerk Kayla Melvin presented a new meeting minutes template for the board's review. She explained that her goal was to improve clarity and efficiency in record keeping by aligning the minutes with agenda items, structuring them with clear topics, discussions, and outcomes. If there were no objections, she planned to implement the new format for the current meeting's minutes.

Attorney Heinle reviewed the proposed format and commented that it would make the minutes more user-friendly by creating a built-in table of contents, making it easier for the public to find specific sections of interest. He confirmed there were no legal issues with the new format.

The board gave informal approval for the clerk to proceed with the new format.

Report of Village Attorney

Attorney Heinle had nothing to report.

Report of Village Engineer

Village Engineer Ryan Hansen had already covered his items during the bid awards discussion.

Report of Chief of Police

Chief Imhof thanked the board for approving the REACT agreement. He also mentioned the upcoming Back to School Bash, noting that despite having to temporarily shut down the Heroes and Helpers event due to weather concerns, the event was still successful overall. He emphasized the community effort behind the Back to School Bash and how it helps families prepare their children for school.

Report of Village Administrator

Village Administrator Fritz thanked board members for their work on various committee assignments. He announced upcoming events including the Midtown Market in front of the library on Saturday and the showing of "Despicable Me 4" at North Park on Thursday, July 31st at 8:30 PM. He also reported visiting North Park where all the pickleball courts were full of players. He mentioned that a survey was being conducted via QR code at North Park regarding pickleball court colors (blue or green), with results currently running about even.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded by Trustee Bradley. Motion carried with Trustees Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Mincey, and Mayor Spesia voting yes.

Kayla Melvin

Village Clerk

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8/13/25