



## Meeting Minutes

### Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Spesia called the Coal City Village Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM. A roll call was conducted with Trustee Dave Togliatti, Trustee Dan Greggain, Trustee Pam Noffsinger, Trustee Ross Bradley, Trustee Bill Mincey and Trustee CJ Lauterbur present. Also in attendance were Attorney Katie Nagy, Ryan Hansen from Chamlin Engineering, Chief Mike Imhof and Matt Fritz, Village Administrator.

### Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes

Mayor Spesia presented meeting minutes for approval, including the October 8, 2025 public hearing, October 8, 2025 regular meeting, October 22, 2025, and October 29, 2025 special meeting. No comments, questions, or corrections were raised for any of the sets of minutes.

*Motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025 public hearing was made by Trustee Lauterbur, seconded by Trustee Mincey. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

*Motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025 regular meeting was made by Trustee Togliatti, seconded by Trustee Greggain. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

*Motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2025 meeting was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded by Trustee Lauterbur. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

*Motion to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2025 special meeting was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded by Trustee Bradley. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

### Approval of Warrant List

Mayor Spesia presented the warrant list for approval. Mayor Spesia inquired about the final item on the warrant list regarding garage door openers. Police Chief Imhof clarified that the expense was for two new slots and two new garage door openers.

*Motion to approve the warrant list was made by Trustee Lauterbur, seconded by Trustee Mincey. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

### Public Comment

No public comment.

### Swearing in of New Officer Given Siegel

Kayla Melvin, Village Clerk administered the oath of office to Officer Given Siegel, who was sworn in as a police officer for the Village of Coal City. Chief noted that Officer Siegel had been performing well at the academy, maintaining an average of 92%. Chief welcomed Officer Siegel to the

department, noting the support he would receive from the police department. Officer Siegel expressed his gratitude and commitment to doing his best for the village.

### **2nd Annual Touch the Truck/Marines Family Day – Dave Di Vincenzo**

Dave Di Vincenzo provided an update on the 2nd Annual Touch the Truck/Marines Family Day event. He reported that the first event in July had been impacted by a storm. For the 2026 event, scheduled for July 11 from 10 AM to 3 PM at Coal City Lions Park, he plans to move away from carnival games in favor of large inflatable bouncy houses for children. The event will again feature the Marines from Joliet, with approximately 250-300 Marines and their families expected to attend.

Di Vincenzo noted that traffic control had been the biggest issue during the first event and would need to be better addressed for the upcoming one. He mentioned that the dunk tank would return, and that a local resident known as "Digger" would return to cook food.

Mayor Spesia emphasized the need for controlled growth and maintaining good communication with the police chief and village administrator regarding logistics as planning proceeds. Chief confirmed that the Marines were excited to return for the event. No formal action was needed as the special event permit would be handled by the village administrator and police chief.

### **Ordinance 25-27, Abatement of the Area Club Taxes 2025**

Village Administrator Fritz explained that this annual ordinance instructs the county not to levy taxes on the Coal City Area Club property, as agreed upon during annexation.

*Motion to adopt Ordinance 25-27, abating the 2025 property taxes levied upon the Coal City Area Club was made by Trustee Lauterbur, seconded by Trustee Togliatti. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

### **Ordinance 25-28, Abatement of the Cullick Farm Taxes 2025**

Village Administrator Fritz explained that this ordinance is similar to the previous one, abating taxes for the Cullick Farm property as part of their annexation agreement with the village.

*Motion to adopt Ordinance 25-28, abating the 2025 property taxes levied upon the Cullick Farm was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Greggain. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

### **Ordinance 25-29, Abatement of the Sanitary Bonds Improvement Project**

Village Administrator Fritz explained that this ordinance instructs the county clerks not to levy taxes for debt payment related to the sanitary modernization project. The debt payment is instead funded through sanitary surcharge fees collected from utility users and TIF proceeds. The Village Clerk was reminded that this ordinance would need to be filed with both Grundy and Will County Clerks by December 30, 2025.

*Motion to adopt Ordinance 25-29, abating the levy year 2025 tax previously recorded for the debt related to the sanitary modernization project bonds was made by Trustee Lauterbur, seconded by Trustee Bradley. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

### **Resolution 25-16, Collecting for Payment of Tornado Project Bonds**

Village Administrator Fritz presented Resolution 25-16, which explains why the village allows tornado project debt to be collected through property taxes. The payment for the current year is

\$363,250, which includes principal related to tornado recovery as well as refinanced storm water bonds from 2009. Fritz noted that these bonds will be paid off around 2029-2030.

*Motion to adopt Resolution 25-16, establishing essential services and their supporting revenue source resulting in the alternative revenue bonds of 2015, the tornado bonds, to be paid via property taxes collected in the upcoming annual levy was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded by Trustee Togliatti. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

#### **Payment Authorization, IEPA Disbursement Number 14, D Construction**

Village Administrator Fritz presented the IEPA disbursement request for the water treatment expansion project. He noted that the project is nearing completion, with approximately 98% of the total project paid. The total loan approved was about \$6.1 million, with the project costing approximately \$7.1 million, requiring about \$718,000 in local funds. Village Engineer Ryan Hansen added that the project is awaiting an occupancy permit before the facility can be put into service.

*Motion to authorize the next payment of \$49,847.26 to Chandler Engineering, \$234,875.70 to D Construction, and \$9,134.53 closing out Wren Construction's retention with IEPA construction proceeds for completion of 98% of the water treatment expansion project, and to utilize local funds for the payment of \$30,951.74 to Chamlin Engineering and \$30,002.04 for a change order for Wren Construction to close out their total project payments was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Lauterbur. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

#### **Annual Liability, Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal for 2026**

Village Administrator Fritz presented the 2026 insurance renewal through the Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative (IMIC). He explained that total coverage across all lines is increasing from \$7 million to \$8 million due to higher settlement and replacement costs. Fritz noted that the village's renewal rates increased only 3.24% despite a 13% increase in total insured values, crediting employees' good safety record. Workers' compensation rates decreased for the second year in a row. The favorable renewal will keep the tax levy within the 105% cap previously discussed by the board.

*Motion to authorize the village administrator to bind coverage with the IMIC proposal for general liability and workers' compensation coverage totaling \$444,088 for the policy year December 31, 2025 through December 30, 2026 was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded by Trustee Togliatti. Motion carried with all Trustees voting yes.*

#### **Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Spesia congratulated Officer Siegel on his swearing in. He noted that Broadway looks fantastic with the veteran's banners and thanked Officer Jones for his initiative in starting the program. The Mayor also recognized Kyle Watson for his artwork now displayed in the boardroom. He mentioned that he had recently attended his nephew Ryan Nolan's graduation from Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego. Mayor Spesia wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **Report of the Trustee's**

Trustee Lauterbur - Congratulated the new officer on joining the police department.

Trustee Noffsinger - Reminded everyone about the tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, with the Kriskringle Market from noon to 4 PM, followed by the tree lighting with Santa. She

noted that memorial ornaments for the tree would be available for purchase again this year, and that last year's ornament sales were very successful.

#### **Report of the Village Clerk**

Village Clerk Melvin thanked everyone for their condolences on the passing of her mother just over a month ago. She expressed appreciation for the support during the difficult time and for the flowers sent by the village. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **Report of Village Attorney**

No report. The attorney wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **Report of Village Engineer**

Village Engineer Ryan Hansen reported that North Broadway is expected to reopen after Thanksgiving once the guardrail installation is completed, as this is the final piece needed before reopening the roadway.

#### **Report of Chief of Police**

Chief thanked everyone for their support of Officer Siegel, noting the positive atmosphere in the department. He reported that the department participated in trunk-or-treat for Halloween, with Officer McKim and Lexi receiving an award for their decorated squad car. The department also participated in fingerprinting at the ECC with the SROs. Chief mentioned that the department will participate in "Crafting with a Cop" during the November 30<sup>th</sup> tree lighting event. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and noted that BNSF will close East Division Street on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, for approximately 8 hours to complete work on the crossing.

#### **Report of Village Administrator**

Village Administrator Fritz thanked Josh Nugent for attending the Veterans Day event, noting that while Josh was scheduled to speak but was overlooked, he would be asked to deliver his speech next year. Fritz also mentioned that on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the board would review the audit prior to its adoption at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. He congratulated the Coal City-Seneca team for their third-place finish at state.

#### **Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Greggain, seconded by Trustee Bradley. Motion carried with all Trustee's voting yes.*

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Kayla Melvin  
Village Clerk