

**Village of Varna --- Minutes of Regular Village Board Meeting  
 Varna Community Center, 512 Main Street, Varna, IL  
 Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.**

*NOTE: At this meeting, the Board may consider and act upon the items set forth on this Agenda*

**Call Meeting to Order** President Louis Holocker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Louis Holocker	P	Susan Chambers	P	LeRoy Marliere	P	Barry Meierkord	P
		Jeff Rinaldo	P	David Todd	P	Marty Kruse	P

**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	LeRoy Marliere	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marty Kruse	
Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

**Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report and place it on file (Roll Call Vote)**

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	Marty Kruse	2 <sup>nd</sup>	LeRoy Marliere	
Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

**Motion to Approve Payment of Current Bills (Roll Call Vote)**

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	LeRoy Marliere	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Susan Chambers	
Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

**Reports**

1. Treasurer
2. Maintenance
3. Water Works
4. Clerk
5. Ordinance Violations

- Cornerstone: we did get a letter another letter sent off to them, that's the second time that they have had an abandoned vehicle in the backyard
- Bridges: the vehicle she's still here Yeah sure yeah sure they got a car out on the street again that's driveways and two flat tires and letters have been sent to her and
- Preuser: still has his vehicles that are inoperable abandoned
- Burtsfield: we stopped by there and left a message on his Ring doorbell and told him that I would be up later to talk to him.
- Dobrowski: did send a letter in regards to her boat and now she has a tiny house on a trailer, that I got a complaint from Jim Foster asked about it, thought it was an eyesore. There is no plate on the tiny house so a letter will need to be sent out about that.  
 Village doesn't have any zoning in town other than what the county has, Barry did touch base with the county zoning supervisor Brian with the deal with those tiny houses and they can have them

but they have to be on a foundation and hooked up to either septic or sewer, now if they're on the trailer then it's considered an RV but he was going to check it out regardless.

- Smith: has been resolved with his vehicle that had no license.
- Slimko: Same stuff in front- Letter needs to be sent.
- Baum: Got defensive when asked about his dog. He got disgruntled after being explain what he needed to clean up his property and ask for them to leave his property and he was told by David thanked him for his negativity and that the village would deal with it legally going forward.
- Fike: Property is not livable holes in roof animals are coming in and out. Empty fast track demolition case. 30 days to fix it up or tear it down and put a lien. 6 vehicles and a Camper

It has been approved to turn the list below to attorney.

- Fike: property for demolition or repair letter
- Hoskin: property for demolition or repair letter
- Ratcliff: Semi Operatable or removal letter

**Motion**    **1<sup>st</sup> David Todd**                      **2<sup>nd</sup> Marty Kruse**

Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

**Public Comments** (Per Res. 2023-12-04, each speaker has 5 minutes & the public comment period is limited to 30 min.)

**Approval of Travel Request(s)** (if any)

**Old Business**

1. Discuss and Act on Regulation of Solar Energy Conversion Systems  
Tabled

2. Discuss and Act on updates to Water Service Regulations, including Water Rates and New Water Connection Rates

It was approved to increase the intown water rate to \$47.00 with a yearly \$2.00 increase and increase the out of town to \$65.00 with a yearly \$5.00 increase.

Meter based rate \$ 105.00 for the first 1000 gallons and usage cost.

Addition of water lines \$900 for first 15 feet of 1in line and they will need pay ½ the cost of anything over that in length or diameter.

**Motion**    **1<sup>st</sup> Marty Kruse**                      **2<sup>nd</sup> David Todd**

Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

**New Business**

1. Discuss and Act on 2 General Fund CD's Maturing on 3/6/2026 and Adding Additional Funds  
 Approved to add \$20,000 from General Fund Money Market account each CD and renew them both at the highest rate available with a term not to exceed 12months.

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup> LeRoy Marliere 2<sup>nd</sup> David Todd**

Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

2. Discuss and Act on 1 Water Fund CD Maturing on 3/6/2026  
 Approved to close the Water Fund CD because the Water Fund owes the General Fund we need to deposit \$28,405.50 to the General Fund Money Market according to the audit corrections. The remaining amount to be deposited to the Water Fund Money Market.

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup> David Todd 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Meierkord**

Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

3. Discuss and Act on Community Revitalization Grant Acquisition and Projects  
 Tabled

4. Discuss and Act on Village Hall Repairs  
 No Action - pending receipt of another bid

5. Discuss and Act on Flagpole at Village Hall  
 Approved to purchase two flagpoles

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup> LeRoy Marliere 2<sup>nd</sup> David Todd**

Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

6. Discuss and Act on Spring Townwide Garage Sale  
 If we get enough participation, we will have a Garage Sale in May

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup> LeRoy Marliere 2<sup>nd</sup> Marty Kruse**

Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

7. Discuss and Act on Sweep Brush for Village Lawnmower  
 Approved to Purchase Sweep Brush during verbal approval outside of meeting to take advantage of getting a discount on the purchase price.

Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

8. Motion to Appoint David Todd as an Ordinance Violation Investigator  
 Approved

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	Marty Kruse	2 <sup>nd</sup>	LeRoy Marliere	
Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	AB	Marty Kruse	A

9. Act on a motion to approve sharing of costs related to transfer of road jurisdiction (Chestnut Street) from the Roberts Township Road District to the Village

Approved to share out of pocket cost for to do a Juridical Transfer from Township to Village for Chestnut Street from Main Street to Route 17. Needs to include having the Tar & Chip on Road done first. Can't transfer until after road has been completed.

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	Marty Kruse	2 <sup>nd</sup>	LeRoy Marliere	
Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
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10. Open bids for the purchase of surplus property and act on Ordinance No. 303 Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Property (307 W. Madison Street)

No seal bids were received according to the terms advertised by the village.

Motioned to except the proposal from Steve Beach that he will demolition the structures on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> and if the demolition is satisfactory performed the Village will give Quit claim deed transfer in Title to property.

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	David Todd	2 <sup>nd</sup>	LeRoy Marliere	
Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
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**President's Report**

**Trustee Comments:**

Need to get a warranty deed from the High School and Rod Koch on the sliver of land that is attached to the road on chestnut.

**Correspondence**

**Executive Session (if needed)**

**Adjournment**

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Susan Chambers	A	LeRoy Marliere	A	Barry Meierkord	A
Jeff Rinaldo	A	David Todd	A	Marty Kruse	A

*Louis Holocker*  
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 Louis Holocker as Village President

*Wendy Todd*  
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 Wendy Todd as Village Clerk