Village of Varna --- Minutes of Regular Village Board Meeting
Varna Community Center, 512 Main Street, Varna, IL
Monday, August 3, 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
Approved
Motion 1st Marty Kruse **2nd** LeRoy Marliere

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)
Accepted
Motion 1st LeRoy Marliere **2nd** Marty Kruse

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)
Approved
Motion 1st LeRoy Marliere **2nd** Jeff Rinaldo

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 – Letters were sent but no Code Violation Inspections done while village works with new attorney to establish guidelines for ticketing, fining and perusing legal action for non-compliance and repeat offences.

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

New Business

1. Discuss and Act on Two General Fund CD's Maturing on 8-6-2026
Approved to renew both CDs to a new 11-month term at 3.50%

Motion 1st LeRoy Marliere **2nd** Marty Kruse

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

2. Discuss and Act on Designated Code Enforcement Officers
Barry Meierkord and David Todd were both appointed Code Enforcement Officers with Louis Holocker assisting.

Motion 1st Marty Kruse **2nd** LeRoy Marliere

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

3.Discuss and Act on Legal Action for Ordinance Violation
Board chose to pursue legal action against the Buick Garage at 600 Main St. Citing that it generates the most complaints from village residents. The current condition and state of neglect violate several ordinances and has a history of repeated offences.

Motion 1st Marty Kruse **2nd** Jeff Rinaldo

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

4.Discuss and Act of Repairs to Village Truck
Motion to have the transmission repaired at the estimated cost of $12,605.52.

Motion 1st Marty Kruse **2nd** LeRoy Marliere

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

5.Discuss and Act on Bulk Water Sales Policy
Approved the Bulk Water Sales Policy, Application and Permit to sell water for future construction and maintenance jobs performed by companies outside of the village limits.

Motion 1st Marty Kruse **2nd** LeRoy Marliere

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

6.Discuss and Act on Fall Townwide Garage Sale
Approved to pay for the advertising for the community garage sale and set the date for September 18th and 19th.

Motion 1st LeRoy Marliere **2nd** 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 Removal/Trimming of Village Trees

Approved to cut tree down and remove stump at 308 Center, 504 Walnut and 302 Front. Various other trees shall have limbs trimmed or dead limbs caught by other branches removed that were a result of recent storm damage. Cost approved $6,450.00

Motion 1st LeRoy Marliere **2nd** David Todd

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

8. Discuss Notice of County Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing

The sale of village lots on Center St. go before the Zoning Board for requested variance. The village will not act in favor of or against the proposal but chose to allow the County Zoning Board to use its jurisdiction to approve or deny the appeal.

Motion 1st Marty Kruse **2nd** Susan Chambers

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

President's Report

Robert's Township will be taring and chipping Chestnut from Rt 17 to Monroe. Then the prossess of the village assuming ownership of that stretch can be finalized.

Trustee Comments

Marty Kruse noted how bad the weeds were and asked if the village was spraying. Weed spraying shall continue but the weather is making it hard to keep up or be effective. Ryne Eldridge had asked Marty if he could still collect scrap on Clean Up Day. The board agreed that this was still ok and that scrap collection is included in the notices and flyers posted.

Correspondence

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

Motion 1st LeRoy Marliere **2nd** Marty Kruse

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

Louis Holocker

Louis Holocker as Village President

Wendy J. Todd

Wendy Todd as Village Clerk