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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | FEBRUARY 24, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by John Dierksheide

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Clerk was not in attendance.

Ryan Caudill	Mike Thomas	VACANT	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanieta Rodriguez
P	P	-	A	P	P

OPEN COUNCIL SEAT

Mayor appointed David Feahr to the vacant council seat.

Mayor swore in David Feahr to the vacant council seat.

GUESTS – Keith Brewer – Police Cruiser

Stated that if the village was under Fiscal Watch why would you be looking into a new Police car. Also adding that the village should get out of debt before trying to go into more. Mayor responded that the Police Dept. are looking into grants and other cost saving avenues.

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting January 27, 2026.

1st: Morse 2nd: Rodriguez All in favor – Y

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT and FINANCE COMM. – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk (Committee TBD)

Morse – Reviewed bank statements, discussed uncashed checks Gena to look into. Discussed camera quote for 2026 upgrade and was in favor of running cords in conduit for clean and secure install.

MOTION: To accept emailed reports/financials.

1st Rodriguez 2nd Morse

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

STREET COMM. / STREET DEPT. – (Mike Thomas, Ryan Caudill, Tim Woodruff) – Mike Cox “Town Man” – St. Dept.

- Salt was removed from the Street Dept. truck.
- Did a sweep for brush thru town.
- Getting ready for spring.

FIRE DEPT. – Chief Mike Cox.

- Tanker is at Atlantic getting an annual service and seal on steering box repaired. They will be checking the brakes as well.
- We will be alternating trucks to Atlantic to get them all serviced.

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Nick Baker

- Nothing to report.

ZONING REPORT – Mary Stahl, Jay Brown, Lynn Anderson, Vacant, Vacant

- On pause . Will post for more volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Police cruiser – (info brought forward in light grey) What will be the plan going forward to procure a new police car as the current one is a 2017. Rodriguez asked if we really need a SUV. Morse reacted that Tahoe vs Explorer is about a 12,000-difference meaning the Tahoe would be significantly more expensive. Morse also stated that to procure and outfit a new police vehicle that a SUV would be 40 – 50 thousand and that a car would be around 34,000. Morse
What will be the plan going forward to procure a new police car as the current one is a 2017. We will need to get a plan in order. C. McCafferty did state the General Fund could transfer to the Police Capital Fund with the intent to purchase a cruiser. This would require legislation and follow the RC 5705 13. Morse - added property tax issue at the state level will possibly be an issue going forward with procuring a Police Cruiser
Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **1st Read - Resolution 2026-001** A Resolution of the Village of Necessity to RENEW the 4 year 1.3 Mill Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation Which was Passed November 7, 2023 to Provide Additional Funds for the Current Expenses of the Village
Motion: 1st Rodriguez 2nd Caudill **AIF Y**
No Vote / Abstain:
Roll Call Vote: Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Fehr – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas – Y, Woodruff - Absent

- **1st Read - Resolution 2026-002** A Resolution of the Village of Necessity to RENEW the 5 year 6.3 Mill Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation Which was Passed November 2, 2021 to Provide Additional Funds for the Current Expenses of the Village
Motion: 1st Rodriguez 2nd Feahr AIF Y
No Vote / Abstain:
Roll Call Vote:Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Feahr – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas – Y Woodruff - Absent

- **1st Read - Resolution 2026-003** A Resolution of the Village of Necessity to ENACT an Additional 5 year .5 Mill Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the Maintenance and Improvement of Village Park Land.
Motion: 1st Rodriguez 2nd Thomas AIF Y
No Vote / Abstain:
Roll Call Vote:Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Feahr – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas – Y Woodruff - Absent


- **Park Cleaning Position** – Motion to hire Marisa Roper for the position of Park Custodian at 13.00/hr.
Motion: 1st Feahr 2nd Caudill AIF Y

- **Update on Southeast Ambulance Dist. (Morse)** – Jerry Houtz has left the board. Tim Rubel is now on the board as well as Morse is now the Board President. The board will be putting a levy on the ballot for an addition.3 mills. Also, Southeast would also like to have a Town Hall either before a RSV council meeting or after to update the residence and answer any questions.

MOTION: To Adjourn 1st Rodriguez 2nd Morse All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting March24, 2026 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall

Finance Meeting: Always the same day @ 5:45p.m.


 Gena Rathburn
 Fiscal Officer / Clerk


 John Dierksheide
 Mayor