

Village of McLean Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 4 August 2025 7:00pm. @ Park District

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm on 4 August 2025, at the Park District. Danny Biehl (President) presided over meeting.
2. Roll call was made by Teresa Isringhausen (Clerk)—trustees present: Micheal Mattson, Pam Page, Henry Dawdy, Lonnie Kirby, John Willie. Also, present was Marcy Seeman (Treasurer), and Danny Biehl (President), Chief Dylan Miller. Colton Gordon was absent
3. Village of McLean attorney Mark McGrath was on zoom
4. A motion to approve meeting minutes was made on 07 July 2025 with addendums by Danny Biehl and Pam Page.
 - o Pam Page: Gary Ummel should have been Greg Ummel.
 - o 33 Résumés for the posting of the public works position.
 - o Reword: No one was here for the proposal for the Mt. Hope Funks Grove Park District
 - o Danny Biehl: comment was made about CORE when they proposed getting monies from the Board Members approval it did come out of Hotel/Motel Tax and it was always requested from this account and not from general fund, and the statement was **NOT TRUE**. Katie Funk presented said documents to the President of McLean Danny Biehl.

Nothing to change question was being asked about the Training that was supposed to be done by 08 August 2025. Courtney did not send out the packets to board members for sexual harassment and other training. Danny Biehl says that they are all color coded and Courtney has to assign them to everyone and then the person has to go into them and take them. Danny Biehl said he would send to Pam Page the information he sent to Courtney. They are for meetings acts and stuff like that.

John Wille asked about Western McLean County Law Enforcement? Mark McGrath answered back that nothing has changed as of yet. Information was requested from the Past Board Members to the Attorney General, and no answer will be back until 2026. Nothing more will come from this board until the board members say ayes or nay.

Approval of all three (3) meeting minutes on 07 July 2025 Board Meeting minutes, Special Meeting Minutes 15 July 2025, Special Meeting (rescheduled from 15 July 2025) 22 July 2025. First approved by John Wille. And seconded by Pam Page. All approved 5-0

Colton Gordon Absent

Public Input: Nothing to add

Attending Monthly Board meeting from the public: Sharon Leipold, Sandra Sheldon, Mark Lane, Stephanie Neuman, Katie Funk, Jeff Hake, Jeani Lane.

Employees Attending: Greg Rutherford

Committee Reports: No meetings for August

1. Finance
2. Human Resources
3. Public Works
4. Public Safety

Department Reports:

1. **Finance:** PUB (publication of Treasurer report) required by state law we publish our treasurer reports. Danny Biehl asked what PUB meant.

John Wille: Frontier? — June 30th was supposed to be the last day the village paid them but could not because the lines must be landlines to the lift stations, pump house, are examples of.

We did receive our final distribution for taxes of 2024 year this is to help with the budget for next year. Hotel/Motel fun = \$61,383.00. Account auditing for 2 different proposals for an accounting firm is still in process. We have to have an accountant company because of the amount of water, sewer, income, and outcome that is in the accounts at the banks. Tax Distribution-have name changed to Marcy Seeman from Heather (past accountant). Busey Bank should be cleared up now with the name changes from Aaron to Danny. 5 to 6 letters from the IRS taxes for the 3rd quarter was \$9000.00 then that was paid back to the Village of McLean, then paid back to the IRS, then given back to the IRS again, this was going on for a few times because it was not filed correctly in the 3rd quarter taxes. Marcy is still working on trying to separate out the water, sewer, and trash in quick-books program.

Motion to approve monthly bills first by Micheal Mattson. And seconded by John Wille. Approved 5-0
Colton Gordon was absent.

2. **Human Resources:**

- o Pam Page is working with Mark Rossi about the handbook.
- o Changed a 90 day to a 30 day.
- o Danny Biehl suggested to have another Human Resources Meeting to make sure everything is ready to be voted on for next month.

3. **Public Works:**

- o MFT chip and seal final bill.
- o Apprenticeships: Greg R is working with IRWA to get the new employees help with to obtain their licenses for public works water and sewer.
- o Still working on 136 water main.
- o One of the new employees had to go to a funeral back in Texas for his grandmother and flew down and back and still was back at work on that Monday morning. Greg Rutherford thought that was just gratitude and dedication to the job.

- Greg Rutherford would also like to thank Lonnie Kirby and Chief Dylan Miller for their help in getting traffic to cooperate on Route 66 for a water main issue for Mac Robinson. If not for the help of these two people someone could of gotten hurt from the traffic not slowing down for public works.
 - Greg is going to wash the water tower; he knows a gentleman that has a lift (190 feet lift) that he can use. This will be done in the fall or spring of 2025-2026. Spoke of buying a pressure washer from Colton Gordon to be put on next months meeting agenda.
 - Danny Biehl also wanted to have on the agenda a Milwaukee tool for the guys to use (½ inch and 3/8 inch) for September's meeting. Along with Gas Pressure washer from Colton's Ag business.
 - Pam Page asked about having a committee meeting for building a new building for the police department and Dylan was speaking with Kent Seeman. Waiting on getting information back from Dylan to see what exactly is needed in the building before going forward with the plan. Danny needs to speak to Dylan and Kent before committee meeting. If we move police out of old building, then water works department can move their equipment in that building. Not moving forward yet.
4. **Public safety/ Police:** helped to get everything ready for range night and it was very much appreciated per Chief Dylan Miller.
- Lexipol contract is on the agenda for September 8, 2025. Pam Page asked where the ordinances go to after they get approved and it would go to the attorney's office then the Village of McLean has to file it. Pam could not find ordinances that were approved from the last board members about burn policy that was updated. The information could only be found in meeting minutes because not online or at the office in the folders. Public does have access to the ordinance's information on the website. Lexipol will not go through them. The idea is to have Lexipol will publish them to the website so there is a better chance that it will not be lost in the system. The idea is to update it, and Dylan gives it to Lexipol to put on the website for public viewing.
 - Danny Biehl would like to pick a topic on ordinance—Board members are to go to the office to get a copy and go over them to approve or scrap. This needs to be in one spot and then posted to the website so it will be easier for public to search.
 - Lexipol wants to be in the meeting. Chief Dylan will maintain the ordinances. John Wille has a meeting public service with ISU/public high school following week about interns helping with ordinances for their careers.
 - Chief Dylan Miller presented a report of the monthly activity of August 2025.
 - Misdemeanor arrest 0, felony arrest 2, traffic stops 44, traffic citations issued 29, ordinance violations 19, ordinance tickets/warnings issued 7, business checks 161, calls for service 42, reports taken 3, investigations conducted 8, special events 9.
 - Pro-Phoenix—ongoing training with new CAD software-officer level use now active. All police officers can use this program now.

- Range Night—low light training and tactical advantage shooting. Another swat officer to train with them.
- Grand jury 2
- MTU 8 Training additions for AXON training—mandatory day time hours
- September 15th is the provided build time for the police responder F150—should be done.
- GNS—first order completed for uplifting
- Interdiction Detail—enforcement night with ISP and MCSO (Aug 6th)
- 6.6 Event on Route 66 August 23rd
- Danvers PD— Special Event support readiest for McLean PD. Mutual Aid agreement
- McLean officer is back to full duty from a medical absence on 7/24/2025
- Meeting with ILETSB representatives in McLean—met with our police department.

Old Business:

1. USDA—loan for new water tower

New Business:

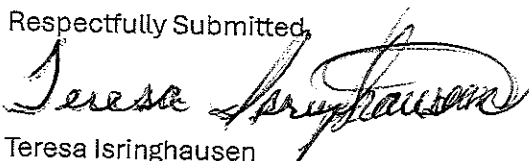
1. Henry Dawdy—> meeting with electronic signs: this was discussed in 2024, but nothing was followed through with. Previous Mayor was supposed to follow through but was not done.
 - Called several different companies with the help of Pam Page has several quotes from sign companies.
 - Where signs post next to railroad and coming straight downtown. Double sided sign mounting. Do we want Greg Rutherford to dig holes for the sign and run electricity, or do we want to have that part hired out. Danny asked why we could not have it on top of the pavilion. Way to heavy of a sign and even though it is LED lights. Weight 800 to 1000lbs. Other option was a double-sided sign mounting on 136. Additional cost along with prevailing wage rates. Height from the ground and WiFi capabilities so the office could put stuff on the sign. Micheal Mattson asked what would the true purpose of having the sign? Henry answered that it would serve the community on what was going on in advance like Route 6.6 would say when it was happening. Information for the public on for village meetings. Legality of the public wanting to put on the sign. Would we charge for the sign usage. Lot more information is needed before voting on this. Prairie signs meeting with Pam and Greg Rutherford next Monday at 1pm. Have ready for next months meeting.
2. Lonnie Kirby—Getting a light for the flagpole in front of the office. Danny suggested getting a solar light cost would be less than \$100.00. Lonnie wants LED bulbs to be used. Lonnie has around \$150.00. Getting a light for the flagpole was a yes to do so.

3. USDA—water tower—Marcy was getting figures to see what interest we are paying compared to what monies is in our Busey accounts. If it is close to the same, we should pay water tower off. Once all figures are done proposing paying off water tower and lowering our water tower fee to like \$5.00 per month for a maintenance for water mains/water pipes for public works use. If benefitting village then keep it but if not pay off water tower. Going to be losing money if we keep going this way. This went to old business for next month to discuss at meeting on 08 September 2025.
4. Water Rates—every year the water bill must go up and Danny is trying to figure out why it is going up. John Wille—every year goes up because everything costs more. Danny is going to table this for now and wondering why we were raising the water bill. John Wille if they do not vote on it then it automatically goes up to 5%. Every January it is a percentage of the 5% that the water bill gets raised. Where is the break even for the charge and how much in each account to get the loans for the water tower. January water rates get voted on in meeting to keep water at 2% instead of 5%. Marcy has a problem with not being able to be broken apart in different accounts. Example would be water in one account and sewer in another trash in another. EJ water billing was putting it all in one account and not separating the monies to where they were supposed to go. Danny came to one meeting, and it was voted on how much extra payment do you want to make on the water tower loan payment. Should not have to ask considering the tenants have paid in this much. Pam Page said what is done is done and now to move forward. Danny has nothing else to add.

Motion to adjourn first by John Wille. And seconded by Micheal Mattson. All ayes 5-0. Colton Gordon absent.

Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Teresa Isringhausen

Village of McLean Clerk