

Village of Alma Center

Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2025

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Village President Eric Olson at 6:31 at the Alma Center Village Hall.

The open meeting notice requirements were met.

Motion made by Clark-Streff/Anderson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 8, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Johnson/Anderson to approve the personal committee meeting on October 6, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Anderson/Johnson to approve the bills as paid for the period from September 8, 2025, through October 13, 2025. Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Ag teacher Robert Streff addressed the board. Mr. Streff was requesting the board to exempt the school from the ordinance restricting the number of chickens allowed in the village. Robert wants to bring live animals back into the ag department. This would benefit several classes such as Mr. Bowen and the Finance class.

Robert wanted to address the school board after getting the approval from the village board. The village attorney is going to review the ordinance. This will be addressed at the November board meeting.

Old Business

Police Department: The police report was reviewed.

Sewer Operations: Basin #1 had issues, the decanter failed causing all the (bugs) to die. Don and Ryan reached out to Black River Falls utility and spoke with B. Benz. BRF will give us some seed (bugs) from their plant to get it started again. Other than that, the plant is running well.

The brush dump is open and very busy at this time.

We received a quote from Greenleaf of \$350.00 for fixing the water drainage issue in Meadow View. They have us on the list to be done as soon as they can.

Weight restriction signs have been placed. Mr. Sanchez was given until 9/30/25 to find a different location to park his Semi trucks. Citations will be issued now.

New Business

Motion was made by Anderson/June to approve the Ordinance 2025-10-13 amending section (f) of ordinance 6-1-2, adding Sheep and removing fees for chickens & rabbits. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Anderson to keep all licenses fees the same. Roll call vote was taken, June, Anderson, Johnson, Clark-Streff aye, Olson no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Clark-Streff to remove restrictions on Pitbull's and Rottweilers. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Olson attended a meeting at the Merrillan village hall. Merrillan village is looking into re-establishing the Police department. Nothing specific right now, they will be researching grants in the spring.

Motion was made by Anderson/Johnson to have Eric Olson be the representative on the board for the Community Fire District and Carrie June as the alternative. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Olson attended the meeting for the Community Fire District; he informed the village board that the Fire district is moving forward on the purchase of the property for the new fire station. The property will need to be re-zoned.

The well head protection ordinance #2021-01-11 (M) Zone B will need to be adjusted from 1200 ft to 400 ft for well #2. Brien Pietz (DNR) was consulted and felt there are no issues making the change. Attorney Radcliffe will make the changes for November's board meeting.

The Finance Committee will meet on November 6, 2024, at 5pm at the Village Hall.

Motion was made by Clark-Streff/Johnson to approve the quote of \$ 5242.60 from Computer Gutz to upgrade the computer in the Village office and at the Public Works office. Roll call vote was called, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held about Aflac (short term disability, Life Insurance) and the board would like more information.

Motion was made by Anderson/Johnson to approve the operator license for Melissa Clemens. Motion carried unanimously.

Starting in November 2025, board packets will not be delivered, they will be at the Villager Hall on Thursday before the board meeting.

Motion was made by Clark Streff/Anderson to go into closed session at 8:03pm, roll call vote, all ayes

Motion was made by Anderson/Clark-Streff to return to open session, roll call vote. All ayes

Motion was made by Anderson/Clark-Streff to increase wages as follows:

Don Hart	\$1.00
Ryan Flick	\$1.00
Claudia Fields	\$1.00
Heather Cummings	\$1.00

And to increase Retirement benefits by \$35.00 for Don, Ryan, Claudia & Heather. Also, to approve a onetime purchase of a "HiVis" jacket up to \$200.00 each for Don and Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Anderson/Clark-Streff at 9:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Claudia Fields, Clerk