

# Minutes of the April 8, 2025 Village of Boyne Falls Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Cousineau at 7:00 pm. Present were Joann Bell, Brandy Marvin, William Carson, Raphael Zara, and Larry Organek.

Raphael Zara made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Doug Weiss. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Raphael Zara made a motion to approve the March 11th, 2025 meeting minutes, supported by Joann Bell. Motion carried 6 to 1.

A motion was made to approve the Financial Report by Doug Weiss and was supported by Raphael Zara. Motion carried 7 to 0.

## Public Comment

None at this time

## Advisory Committee Update

Signed a contract GEI/Spicer, received the final draft of the contract tonight, on which the council will vote. Feasibility study will begin and will take approximately a year. Monthly updates will be provided. Received a \$35,235 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Larry Organek attended the County Commission meeting and provided brochures to inform them what we are doing.

## Old Business

President Marilyn Cousineau shares information regarding the installation of a street light at the intersection of M-32 and 131. Estimated to begin in March 2026 and be completed by Fall 2026.

Jeremy Loper, Chairman of the Polish Festival Committee, as well as members of the Polish Festival Committee, are in attendance to discuss the proposal of requiring a two-thousand-dollar permit to host the Polish Festival and use the sidewalks. Jeremy explained how the process worked when Billy Carson was President. He would simply ask the Polish Festival Committee for donations towards upcoming projects. He reported multiple occasions on which \$5,000 was donated to the Village. Representing the group, he explains that they are willing to help with donations, but do not agree with being charged a permit or sidewalk fees. He also shares the

limited funds (\$12-15,000) available to disburse and shares multiple ways the Polish Festival gives back to the community through the children, school, fire department, etc.

Billy Carson explains the Village of Boyne Falls' income to expenses.

Joann Bell doesn't agree that the Polish Festival is responsible for the Village of Boyne Falls not following our budget.

Christine shares her experience as an original Polish Festival Committee member (although she is not presently a member). The original goal of the Polish Festival was to support the kids and community, with the first rule being no outside vendors. She listed many ways the Polish Festival has supported the community including purchasing the first ambulance (split with Boyne USA), purchasing the land in front of Railroad st. etc. Thousands of hours and dollars were spent trying to build the festival and she respectfully ask that the Village does not charge a fee, but if they need something to please request a donation.

President Marilyn and the council will discuss what the Village might need, and will write a letter requesting a donation to polish festival committee.

The Village and The Polish Festival will continue working together.

President Marilyn Cousineau shares that The Village Council can make the decision to sell the Addis Rd. property. A vote of the people is only needed when it is a park.

Discussion on the possibility of accepting donations for the dam project. The Village can accept donations, there just needs to be a separate line item.

Discussion on the cost of Dave's insurance. President Marilyn Cousineau will figure out the details and bring them back to the next meeting.

### New Business

Larry Organek motions to approve the contract with GEI for the feasibility study, supported by Raphael Zara. Motion carries with the vote 7 to 0.

Brandy Marvin motioned to approve Bill doing the sidewalks again this summer, supported by Raphael Zara. Motion carries with the vote 7 to 0.

### Ordinance Violations

Jason Lightfoot van not licensed - letter sent

White vehicle at the pantry - need more information

### To Do List For Dave

None at this time

Adjournment - A motion was made by Brandy Marvin and supported by Larry Organek. Motion carried to all in favor with the vote 7 to 0. President Marilyn Cousineau adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Minutes taken by Alyssa Bellant