

Village of Varna --- Minutes of Regular Village Board Meeting

Varna Community Center, 512 Main Street, Varna, IL

Monday, June 1, 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	AB
		Jeff Rinaldo	AB	David Todd	P	Marty Kruse	P

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion 1. LeRoy Marliere

2. Marty Kruse

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

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report and place it on file (Roll Call Vote)

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2. LeRoy Marliere

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

Motion to Approve Payment of Current Bills (Roll Call Vote)

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Reports

1. Treasurer
2. Maintenance
3. Water Works
4. Clerk
5. Ordinance Violations – Letters sent to:

Weide – Weeds & Grass

Alleman – invalid license plate

Yetter- Pile of rock in village right away & Nuisance

Marliere- Nuisance

Eldridge – Nuisances

Preuser – Pile of rock in village right away

Barry asked to hire new attorney for code enforcements situations. Trustees have asked to look into it for more details. Will talk to current attorney and see if the other attorney is interested and get more details and it will be on the agenda for next month meeting.

Public Comments (Per Res. 2023-12-04, each speaker has 5 minutes & the public comment period is limited to 30 min.)

Sue Jesse: About those letters that are being sent out, your board member is one of those people.

Louis H. stated that he got one too. Sue said he's not doing anything, I've been staying at that house for two years and those vehicles have not moved and they're not registered, so why is he on the board if he is not participating in everything else. I mean that's seemed very inappropriate. Teryl said he's been talked to about losing his board seat. Sue said but that doesn't help me if I ever wanna sell that house. Teryl explained that when we send a letter it

seems that people point fingers at other yards are just as bad or worse. We must send the letter and then if we can't get anywhere with the resident then it will have to go to court to try and get something done about it. Sue said it is like we're protecting board member. Louis H. said no we're not we're not protecting a board members gets the same violations letters as the rest of the town. How many people complain about your cats that are using the bathroom in other peoples yards. Sue said that's why I'm here for tonight, they're not my cats they are a problem in the community. Louis H said quit feeding them, Sue said and let them starve, why don't we find a way to help the cats find homes for the relocate them. The reason I was here tonight is for that reason that I wouldn't do that I'm retired I have time you can trap them all you want and relocate them. Louis H said they are feral cat there's no laws to keep you can trapping them, you can do whatever to get rid of them. Angela said that she lives by them and them cats and they don't bother her. they're all over they kind of tend to do their own thing but I'm not gonna kill them there's birds all over too I'm not gonna kill the birds. Sue said this one lovely board member swears like a banshee when he comes home and yells at me. Louis H said that if they were in my yard I'd be doing the same thing but I'd be pretty mad if he because if I walk out my yard and I got cat poop all over I would have issue because I don't have cats I have removed that poop. Sue said that they weren't hers and that just the cats just showed up. Angela said I think that everybody has the right at your yard and your space and I understand all that I just would like to find a way to solve it and I will work with whatever and I am willing to use my time my money to try to help. Louis H said then all you got to do is set live traps and live trap them and relocate them. Teryl said that every town has a cat problems. Sue said that she has done it out of pocket every time, I get one spade and you and I've been doing this and then something happens like a coyote. I'm trying to get help and I have relocated multiple cats that it's gonna take some time. I do not need somebody being harassing to me they don't need it in their yard. I'm sorry they're gone except for someone that just showed up it's not my cat and it just showed up. Louis H said just telling you quit feeding them you won't have no problem. You're going around everywhere and putting out food for these feral cats. We don't have any kittens at the shop but you're feeding them at our shop you're feeding them at Larry Anderson's they've also complained. Sue said I'm not feeding them there anymore there is kittens there and I was trying to get the kittens out of there so that they would be able to be taken somewhere. Teryl asked if they were caught and Sue said no I could never see them. Teryl said that that's because they are feral cats. Sue said this is because they lock them up and they died. Louis H said that feral cats are no different than skunks raccoons foxes coyotes there's no state law. I tell you I've been to the meetings for the county there's no state laws. Sue said about the 4 cats I tried to do something there is a mother cat that's got kittens in his yard and I wanna go get them so I can get her out of there she's the last one to go but I haven't trespassed because I'm afraid of what you just passed. Teryl said pardon me you trespassed twice a day. Sue said yeah but you haven't said anything to me about it and Teryl said because I told him not to yell at you. LeRoy M stated that the kittens have been relocated to a barn they went out to a farmhouse where there was 2 mother Mama cats and those kittens got relocated. Sue said OK but I got the mom she's still coming so you know where she went to because I could take LeRoy M said I'm not for sure but they are safe. Sue said alright then I'll try to catch the mother. LeRoy stated that they were caught nonlethal they were taken nonlethal. Sue said thank you. LeRoy stated that those kittens did get relocated to a farmhouse when they are old enough to be on the wrong they will be relocated to another farmhouse.

Angela Bukhalter: in town has been awful lately with speeding through town, is there something that can be done. Louis H stated that it will need to be reported to the county police department.

Approval of Travel Request(s) (if any)

Old Business

1. Discuss and Act on Appropriation Ordinance for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

Approved

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2. LeRoy Marliere

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New Business

1. Discuss and Act on Community Revitalization through the Strong Communities Program
No motion need discussion only

Grants for properties that need clean up of properties that the villages had to take position of.

For properties that the villages doesn't have position. Mutual agreement to get some of the stuff cleaned up.

Motion 1.

2.

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Jeff Rinaldo		David Todd		Marty Kruse	

2. Discuss and Act on Bulk Water Sales

Has been approved to double the flat fee and the gallon fees for the first 25,000

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3. Discuss and Act on FOIA Resolution 2026-06-01

Approved to pass this resolution.

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President's Report

Asked to give Randy an extra \$25 on her check for extra cleaning needed to prepare for the reseal of the floors. The board has agreed.

Trustee Comments

Correspondence

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

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Louis Holocker as Village President


Wendy Todd as Village Clerk