

CRAINVILLE VILLAGE BOARD
Board Meeting
Tuesday April 08, 2025

Mike Harbin	Yea	Sam Jones	Yea
Julie Aue	Yea	John Oetjen	Yea
Martin Bruyns Jr.	Yea	Jim Rains	Nay
Brad Olson	Yea	Jaci Chapman	Yea
Tena Steinacher	Yea	Arthur Mize	Yea

A quorum was present:

Minutes:

Minutes from the March 11, 2025 regular Board Meeting were presented. There was one correction on Page 3 and 4 the term should be “residents”.

Motion 1: Harbin made the motion and Oetjen seconded the motion to approve the March 11, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes as corrected. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

Village Financial Report was given to all Board Members.

Motion 2: Oetjen made the motion and Harbin seconded the motion to bring down \$30,000 from the Illinois Fund to the Village General Fund. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Bills:

April 2025 bills were presented. The following bills were added: United System \$2,500.00 out of Water Account, T’s Tire \$25.00 out of General Account, SIRCHIE \$594.55 out of General (Police) Account, and \$899.00 out of General Account.

Motion 3: Harbin made the motion and Mize seconded the motion to pay the April 2025 bills as corrected. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Visitor Participation

There was no Visitor Participation for the April 2025 Board Meeting.

PSC Engineering Report

Rodney Potts was unable to attend the April Meeting, and the Engineering Reports will be tabled until the May Meeting.

Donna Drive

Tabled

Landing Drive

Tabled

Marion St.

Tabled

Department Heads

Water Report: (Pam Borders)

1. There are 805 water customers
2. 621 garbage customers.
3. 0 Building Permits
4. 8 new customers
5. 10 disconnects (final customers)
6. Room Rental 0

Water Appeals

There was one water appeal. Todd Mann had an outdoor water spicket that had broken. The Board decided to look at his water bills from the last six months and charge him for water used over his average water bill., at the rate that the Village is charged by Rend Lake Water District. He is not connected to the Village sewer.

Street/Water-Sewer Presented a Written Report

1. Street Department flushed/lubricated all the Village fire hydrants.
2. The Street Department has been patching potholes.
3. Repaired a check valve break in a lift station.
4. Cleaned out the concrete gutter on Landing Drive
5. Clean-up day went smoothly, used 5 roll-off dumpsters.
6. The backhoe will not move in forward gear, and we are looking for replacement parts.

Police Report (Chief Lindley)

Chief Lindley presented his written report.

Old Business

Ron Mitchell Memorial Garden (Julie Aue)

Aue told the Board that a group of people from Love and Truth Church helped rake and clean-up the Garden area. She said that the Garden needs to be leveled and will need more dirt hauled in.

Aue told the Board that she and Pat Mitchell talked to American Monuments regarding a stone memorial for the Garden. American Monuments will sell the Village a stone memorial for \$350.00. The price will include the engraving on the stone that will say; “Ron Mitchell Memorial Garden.”

Motion 4: Harbin made motion and Oetjen seconded the motion to purchase a stone monument from American Monuments for the Ron Mitchell Memorial Garden for \$350.00. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Solar Ordinance

The Board reviewed the proposed Solar Ordinance and made a couple of changes. The Ordinance for Solar Energy Systems will be available on the Village website once the Ordinance has been recorded at the County Clerk’s Office.

Motion 5: Oetjen made the motion and Harbin seconded the motion to approve the corrected edition of the Ordinance for Solar Energy Systems. (Ordinance Number 2025-04-01) All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

The Jay Effect Business

Jones went out to Yemisi Anderson property on Marion Street. Ms. Anderson owns and operates the Jay Effect business. She is wanting to put up a pole barn on her property. Jones went out to measure and make sure she has the required setbacks to build the pole barn. She was unsure of where her property line was. Jones told her that before he can determine if her property meets the zoning requirements for a pole barn she will have to know where the property line is. She will contact the Village once she has identified the property lines.

Budget 2025/2026

The Board went over the proposed 2025/2026 Village Budget. The Board made several changes to the proposed budget. The budget will be amended to reflect the changes and voted on at the May Board Meeting.

New Business

Mowing Bids.

The Village contracts out mowing that needs to be done on Village property. An ad for mowing bids was put in the local paper. Two bids were received the lowest bid was from William McKinney for \$545.00 per mowing.

Motion 6: Oetjen made the motion and Mize seconded the motion to award the Village mowing contract to William McKinny for \$545.00 per mowing. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Carterville Easter Egg Hunt

Motion 7: Aue made the motion and Harbin seconded the motion to donate \$250.00 to the Carterville Easter Egg Hunt. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Executive Session

Motion 8: Harbin made the motion and Oetjen seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 pm to discuss legal and personnel issues. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:45 pm.

Motion 9: Mize made the motion and Harbin seconded the motion to hire Jaime Garcia as a full-time Police Officer at \$20.50 an hour starting April 9, 2025, (He will forgo the regular annual raise being given to village employees in May, 2025). All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Motion 10: Oetjen made the motion and Aue seconded the motion to give all employees, (except Jamie Garcia –see above) a 3% raise starting May 1, 2025. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Motion 11: Harbin made the motion and Aue seconded the motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:00 p.m. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Jacquelyn Chapman, Village Clerk