

# VILLAGE OF CATLIN

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Village of Catlin  
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois  
May 20, 2025

The Council of the Village of Catlin met in the Village Board room in regular session at 7:00pm with Mayor Justin Bargo presiding. Mayor Bargo called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and instructed Jane Weston to call roll.

Roll Call:

Mayor: Justin Bargo

Commissioners: Fred Rinehart, Wanda Schmit, Ross Wilson and Kevin Kirk  
Jane Weston was present to take the minutes for the meeting.

Absent: Autumn Lange, Village Clerk

Also Present: Mike Stiles, Hannah Bargo, Gary Jones, Vernest Jacobs, Rex/Alaina Phillips

A motion was made by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Kevin Kirk to approve the agenda for the meeting, May 20, 2025 with the additions to the Mayor's Report that include Codification, Keep Vermilion County Beautiful, Discuss Liquor Sales Hours and also to Commissioner Schmit's reports adding Liability Insurance Update for Installing Adult Exercise Equipment.  
Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on May 6, 2025.  
Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Fred Rinehart to approve the bills as presented.  
Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Public Expression:

Vernest Jacobs was present regarding breeding dogs in the Village of Catlin. She currently has multiple dogs that exceed the Village Ordinance of only 4 animals per residence, and she would like the board to consider amending this ordinance. The board agreed that they would investigate all County and State laws to make sure they are in compliance to determine the Village's next steps on proceeding with this matter.

Commissioner Rinehart: Commissioner of Accounts and Finance

Motion to approve 3 building permits by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit.

107 E Davis St (Catlin Fire Protection District) – Solar Panels

122 Kent Dr (Leslie and Sara Evans) – Temporary Pool Installation

214 Seminary St (D. Rex Phillips) – Carport/Porch Removal and New Construction

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Commissioner Rinehart presented the board with the FY2024-2025 Budget vs. Actuals for the Water and Wastewater Departments.

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## Commissioner Schmit: Commissioner of Public Health and Safety

Commissioner Schmit reminded everyone that the Village Clean Up Day is June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 8:00am to 10:00am. She will be making a post on the Catlin Community Facebook Page as well as a reminder to our residents.

The Masonic Lodge reached out to the Village to set up on the Southeast corner of the public parking lot near the Catlin Banquet Center during the Strawberry Festival to sell hamburgers and brats. The board did not see an issue with this but just wanted to make the Masonic Lodge aware that the power at the sign on the lot has had issues at one point, so they should confirm that the power outlets are still working if they were to need it. She also provided an update on the Splash Pad, and it has been serviced and ready to be open on Memorial Day (Monday, May 26, 2025).

The board discussed the additional insurance costs it would entail to install the adult exercise equipment, and it would be \$18.30 annually. After concerns of lack of utilization and the extra costs it will accumulate to install, it was ultimately decided that the Village will take the steps to install the equipment since we already own it and determine after one year if it is something the residents will enjoy and if not, we will proceed with selling the equipment.

## Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvement

Commissioner Wilson gave an update that the repair to various sidewalks in town that included the corner of Vermilion and Sandusky, as well as the corner of Vermilion and Paris, are in the works and once Owens Excavating and Trucking and the Public Works department can schedule a date, he will provide that update to the board. Our engineers, Fehr Graham, determined that the Manhole Project will be under \$25,000 so we will not have to put the job out for a bid in the local newspaper and can utilize our MFT Funds. The handicamp ramps at the Village Hall were installed and will be able to be used on Friday, May 23, 2025.

Commissioner Wilson also stated that he was approached by the residents of 130 Mapleleaf Dr that there is a drive that splits off into each driveway where he lives and he would like to tear it up and replace it with concrete all the way to the street. According to Village maps, there is a water line under that drive so the Village Administrator/Property Manager, Dave Biggerstaff, will research this matter before the board takes any action.

## Commissioner Kirk: Commissioner of Public Property

Commissioner Kirk stated that the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report was finished by Fehr Graham and the Village Clerk and Water/Wastewater Superintendent will work together to determine how we will disperse the information to residents before the deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Chlorine Room at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been going through repairs to previous issues and there is only one minor leak left at this time that is getting under control. The room does not need to be under full operation until 2027 but as of right now, it is running okay, and we would like it to be something we get familiar with before it is mandated. There was a t-shirt found in the pump at the Lift Station located on North Webster which caused it to overflow. It is still undetermined how the piece of clothing ended up in the pump, but all issues have been corrected in regard to this matter. The notification system on that pump is not operating properly at this time though so a bid from Anderson Electric was reviewed for an estimated total of \$5,400, but they will focus on obtaining more bids to correct this issue. Regarding the sludge removal, Gabe Shepherd said he will come get it and charge the Village \$500.00 total if the public works department loads it. This will be taken into consideration and the board will decide at a later date if they would like to approve.

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## Mayor Bargo:

The mayor presented the board with a revised copy of the Small Business & Community Development Grant/Loan Program Application. He would like there to be a 30-day time frame for applications to be submitted, and then the board can review them to determine how they would like to allocate the funds that were allotted for this program in this budget. Regarding updating the Village Ordinances, it was budgeted for this fiscal year, and the process will begin as soon as possible with IL Codification Services as it is crucial for our Village, and it will take a year to fully execute. A representative from Keep Vermilion County Beautiful was present at our last board meeting. The board agreed that it is beneficial to continue being a member of this group and will add it to the next Agenda to vote on approving municipal membership.

The owners of the Catlin Banquet Center/The Stor reached out regarding concerns of hour limitations of liquor sales on Sundays. According to our current ordinances, the hours of sale/consumption vary for each license category. The board is going to contact the Village Attorney to modify the ordinance as they agreed that they would like to update the hours and make it the same for all licenses. Once the ordinance update is prepared, it will be added to a future Board Meeting Agenda to be voted on.

Plans for building improvements at the Village Hall have been discussed, and the Mayor will work with the Village Administrator/Property Manager to obtain quotes on various improvements to the building that include new doors, new windows, etc.

## Tad Beddow, Chief of Police:

The Stor will be having a soft opening this weekend and serving pizza, salad and other various food options and will continue to slowly operate each weekend as they get established. He also expressed that he would be looking into the ordinances and laws regarding Dog Breeding as it was discussed earlier in the meeting.

\*Note: Kevin Kirk stepped out from 8:30pm until 8:38pm.\*

## Dave Biggerstaff, Property Manager:

Douglas St Tree Removal – The job has begun, and progress has been made  
105 Byerly St and 113 Jackson St– USDA reached out after receiving violations and they are communicating if the homes can be sold

106 Douglas St – Demolition quotes are being reviewed currently and determining if we need to put the project out for bid

Solar Farm – Earthrise Energy is the company that will be installing the Solar Farm and as of this time, there are zoning issues that have arisen with the installation as this a 1400-acre project. The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000,000.00. It is a 30-year contract and over that time there is an estimated \$35,000,000 for the taxing bodies to receive (The Village is not one of these taxing bodies; Catlin Township is) and of that, 21,000,000 is estimated to go to the School District. The remainder would be divided up between the various other taxing bodies in the area. This Summer, there will be a lot of surveying being done and construction is slated to start Spring of 2026.

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Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:48pm by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit.  
Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

  
Autumn Lange, Village Clerk

  
Justin Bargo, Mayor



Water - #318					
5/7/2025	Check	13804	Payroll Clearing	WATER SALARY MAY 8 2025	\$1,239.60
5/7/2025	Check	13804	Payroll Clearing	WATER FICA MAY 8 2025	\$94.84
5/7/2025	Check	13804	Payroll Clearing	WATER UNEMP MAY 8 2025	\$13.02
5/20/2025	Check	13805	Illini FS	Fuel Charges - May 2025	\$67.32
5/20/2025	Check	13805	Ameren Illinois	Account No. *****1610 - Water Pump	\$72.33
5/20/2025	Check	13807	IMCO	Order No. 2079544.00 - Material to Fix a Water Line on Jackson St	\$207.23
5/20/2025	Check	13808	USA Bluebook	Invoice No. 00702113 - Ammonia Chemkey (25pk)	\$256.06
5/20/2025	Check	13809	Locis	Invoice No. 49288 - Pink Paper for Water Billing	\$352.01
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Wastewater - #588				
5/7/2025	Check	6943 Payroll Cleaning	WASTEWATER SALARY MAY 8 2025	\$ 3,313.85
5/7/2025	Check	6943 Payroll Cleaning	WASTEWATER FICA MAY 8 2025	\$ 253.51
5/7/2025	Check	6943 Payroll Cleaning	WASTEWATER UNEMP MAY 8 2025	\$ 2.21
5/7/2025	Check	6943 Payroll Cleaning	WASTEWATER IMRF MAY 8 2025	\$ 280.28
5/20/2025	Check	6944 Ilini FS	Fuel Charges - May 2025	\$ 67.32
5/20/2025	Check	6945 Danville Septic Tank, Co.	Invoice No. 32611 - WW Job @ Paris Street	\$ 293.75
5/20/2025	Check	6946 USA BlueBook	Invoice No. 007071304 - Chlorine Squeeze Bottle	\$ 34.07
5/20/2025	Check	6947 USA BlueBook	Invoice No. 007060010 - Latex Gloves and DPD 4 for 10ml Sample	\$ 74.94
5/20/2025	Check	6948 HughesNet	Invoice No. B1-431508409 - Internet at WWTP	\$ 101.23
5/20/2025	Check	6949 Hawkins Inc	Invoice No. 7068127 - Supplies for WWTP	\$ 60.00
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