

VILLAGE OF CATLIN

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Village of Catlin
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois
June 10, 2025

The Council of the Village of Catlin met in the Village Board room for a Study Session at 6:00pm with Mayor Justin Bargo presiding. Mayor Bargo called the meeting to order at 6:04pm and instructed Village Clerk Autumn Lange to call roll.

Roll Call:

Mayor: Justin Bargo

Commissioners: Ross Wilson, Wanda Schmit and Kevin Kirk, present

Absent: Fred Rinehart

Village Clerk: Autumn Lange

Also Present:

A motion was made by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit to approve the agenda for the Study Session, June 10, 2025.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

The Study Session's purpose was to go over various ways to improve the Village of Catlin.

Comprehensive Plan – Our current plan was last updated in 2001. It is almost 25 years old, so the board agreed that we will reach out to the Fire Department and any other agencies that need to be involved to have an updated Comprehensive Plan for the Village.

5 Year Infrastructure Replacement, Improvement & Additions Planning:

Streets Improvement – There are multiple streets in town that exceed the Village's budget limits to repair so the Village Clerk, Autumn Lange, has taken a Grant Writer course and has obtained that Certificate and will be applying for Grants to open opportunities to repair roads that are multi-million-dollar projects. Mapleleaf St in town is the biggest priority to be repaired and expanded and the Clerk has applied for a grant on this project, and we will be notified in the Fall if we are awarded the grant.

Commissioner Wilson discussed that Coronado St has become an issue with residents parking on both sides of the street and it is not wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides. The board is going to investigate what needs to be done and that includes contacting the Village attorney to adjust the ordinances regarding parking on the streets. The roads that were coated last year will only last for about 5 years until they will need repaired once again. Commissioner Schmit Wilson also brought up the condition of South Sandusky St and how the condition is continuing to deteriorate as well.

Water Line Replacement – There are two water mains that are a priority for repair but in the same regard as the street repairs, the repairs exceed the Village's budget limits to repair. Obtaining Grants for Water Systems is very competitive, but the Clerk is going to pursue grant opportunities for this as well. The water mains are on Douglas St and Jackson St.

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Business Support Planning – With Sweet Magnolia closing their doors this past weekend, it is a bigger motivator for the board to figure out ways to support our local businesses. The Small Business Grant/Loan Program will be a good start to offer to the businesses within the Village and the board will continue to explore more opportunities to support those businesses outside of financial assistance as well.


The Small Business Grant/Loan Program is accepting applications until July 31, 2025


Ordinance Planning/Evaluation – The board approved a quote from IL Codification Services previously and discussed how updating the ordinances will allow for residents to better understand them, everything will be completely updated and uploaded to our website, and it will ensure that we are following all current laws and regulation.

Water/Wastewater Billing – The board is going to review our ordinances and determine the timing, but our charges are supposed to be reviewed by the board every few years. Our customer charges have not increased since the Wastewater Treatment Plant was improved in 2019. Aqua has raised their prices this past November for the first time in 6 years and the board needs to determine how we need to adjust our charges to adjust to this rate increase. The board also discussed updating our current billing software. We are using Locis 7 and if we were to update to Locis 8, a lot of the issues that we are currently facing with billing issues will be resolved. It would be a cloud-based software that we could access anywhere versus tied directly to our desktops and only accessible on the computers in the office, which is what we currently have.

Village Annexation and Expansion – The board discussed Municipal Annexation and if the Village of Catlin would have any avenues that they would like to explore as it is a common practice for municipalities to focus on expanding, when possible, for the benefit of the community. The board agreed that at this time they are not interested in Annexation or Expansion but would review the idea during a Study Session in the following year.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:20pm by Ross Wilson and Seconded by Wanda Schmit.
Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo


Autumn Lange, Village Clerk


Justin Bargo, Mayor