

# VILLAGE OF CATLIN

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Village of Catlin  
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois  
July 1, 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 7:03pm and instructed Village Clerk Autumn Lange to call roll.

Roll Call:

Mayor: Justin Bargo

Commissioners: Fred Rinehart, Wanda Schmit, Ross Wilson and Kevin Kirk

Village Clerk: Autumn Lange

Also Present: Kristen Cox, Jared Hooks, Monica Meharry, Aaron Richardson, Mike Sacre, Kevin Bodine, Lisa Jarvis, Scott Church, Tonya Hill, Carl Hill, Mike Stiles, Alec Severins, Lisa Comrie, Cody Comrie, Patty Jones, Melissa Hill, Eric Hill, John U. III, Robert Jones, Michael Ganley, Rebecca Miller, Scott James, Janice Dirks, Devin Fruhling and Brian Greene

A motion was made by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Ross Wilson to approve the agenda for the meeting, July 1, 2025.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Wanda Schmit and Seconded by Fred Rinehart to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on June 17, 2025.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Ross Wilson and Seconded by Wanda Schmit to approve the minutes from the study session, June 10, 2025.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

Abstain: Rinehart

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:

Rebecca Miller was present to express concerns regarding the proposed solar project. She has experience with the proposed solar/wind turbine project in Fairmount/Sidell/Indianola and is worried about how a project of this magnitude would affect the community.

Aaron Richardson was present to ask the board if the cameras were working at the park as there was vandalism there a few weeks ago. The mayor replied that the cameras are not working, and the Village is going to be looking into a new camera system to install as soon as possible.

Patty Jones was present to express concerns regarding the proposed solar project. She asked the board to accept the resignations of Dave Biggerstaff and Justin Bargo because she feels as if they have been untruthful about the proposed solar project.

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Jared Hooks was present to express concerns regarding the proposed solar project. He broke down some of the revenue amounts that were presented by Earthrise Energy at their meeting. The 30-year contract would break down to around \$40,000 a year for the Township and around \$583,000 a year for the School District. He is worried about how useful that money will be each year and if that will be guaranteed over the 30 years.

Mike Sacre was present to ask if the Zoning Commission has met regarding the proposed solar project. Mayor Bargo confirmed that we do have a Planning and Zoning Commission, and they have not met regarding the proposed solar project as the company has not filed any official paperwork for a project. Mike requested a list of the Planning and Zoning Commission members, and the Village Clerk printed off a list for him at the end of the meeting.

Tonya Hill was present to express concerns regarding the proposed solar project. She stated that the Village does have control of the 1.5 mile and Veto power that Vermilion County does not have. The mayor asked where she had received the information, and she had researched the information in the Vermilion County ordinances.

Janice Dirks was present to express that she hopes that the project doesn't destroy our community and thanked the board for what they are doing. She asked if the board had any knowledge of the solar farm that is by the coal mine and the mayor said he only knows what was published on Vermilion County First website.

Commissioner Rinehart: Commissioner of Accounts and Finance

Motion to approve 3 building permits by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit.

126 Mapleleaf Dr (Alva Lee Haynes) – Solar Panels

126 Mapleleaf Dr (Alva Lee Haynes) - Pool

702 W Vermilion St (Mike Leverenz) – Asphalt Drive

113 Delmar Dr (David and Amanda Reed) – Removing Tree & Concrete Driveway

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Motion to approve 1 building permit by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit.

703 Webster St (Kevin and Diana Kirk) – New Roof

Aye: Wilson, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Abstain: Kirk

The Budget vs. Actuals was presented and Commissioner Rinehart let the Commissioners know to review their specific line items and if they had any questions to reach out to the Village Clerk. The Treasurer's Report will be the first meeting in August.

Commissioner Schmit: Commissioner of Public Health and Safety

Motion to approve the new Park Pavillion Rental Policy for the Village of Catlin by Wanda Schmit and Seconded by Fred Rinehart.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvement

Motion to approve the purchase of a hydraulic motor for the Street Sweeper in the amount of \$550.00 by Ross Wilson and seconded by Kevin Kirk.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo



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Commissioner Wilson stated that the sidewalks on Paris & Vermilion and Sandusky are currently being repaired. He is waiting to hear from Daniel Ribbe Trucking about a quote on streets needing repaired.

Commissioner Kirk: Commissioner of Public Property

Motion to approve upgrading the Water/Wastewater Billing System from Locis7 to Locis 8 with an initial fee of \$1,650 and the annual fee would be \$800.00 more each year by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Commissioner Kirk expressed that they are still looking into the idea of transitioning to monthly billing versus bi-monthly billing cycles. Regarding maintenance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, it is running fine at this point. The issue on Douglas St has still not resolved so the mayor said he will reach out to our engineer, Fehr Graham, on determining the installation of the Flush Hydrant on that street.

Mayor Bargo:

Mayor Bargo asked the residents who were in attendance what they would like to see done in town. Mike Sacre brought up Mapleleaf St and the board expressed that they have applied for a grant for the project and are looking into ways to tackle that project.

Janice Dirks brought up the Butler Branch Park Project and Commissioner Schmit stated that the project exceeded the amount granted, and they ultimately had to cancel the project.

Scott James brought up the Stormwater Drains, and the public works department said that they are looking into this. Sidewalks were also discussed to which the Village Clerk stated that she had applied for a grant for those was well.

Aaron Richardson brought up utilizing tax dollars on fuel as there are public works employees who drive Village vehicles to and from work each day.

The old Catlin Bank was brought up and the building is now renovated, and it is an operating appraisal business.

Jared Hooks asked how the board would enforce the new park pavilion rental policy and they stated they would utilize the police to make sure the person who reserved the pavilion was present and the ID's matched.

Scott Church expressed concerns about officials who may be connected to the proposed solar project and the mayor agreed that all laws will be followed and any members who are a conflict of interest will not be able to discuss or vote on the project.

\*Ross Wilson stepped out from 8:00pm-8:06pm\*

Motion to approve the upgrade of the Village of Catlin's website with a monthly fee of \$159.00 by Ross Wilson and Seconded by Fred Rinehart.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Tad Beddow, Chief of Police:

He is still waiting for a response from the Attorney to update the Liquor License Ordinance. The grant reimbursement for the taser purchase has been received and he requested that the board use this money to purchase new AEDs for the Maintenance Building

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and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion to purchase 2 AEDs in the amount of \$4,801.28 for the Maintenance Building and Wastewater Treatment Plant by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Dave Biggerstaff, Property Manager:

113 Jackson St – USDA is not going to do anything with the property so he would like the board to add the property to the next agenda for an Action on proceeding with Demo

105 Byerly St – Someone is in contact with USDA to potentially purchase the property

Motion to hire Shane Merritt to replace the doors in the Community Room in the amount of \$6,000 that will follow the 60%/40% agreement with the Township by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Motion to hire Prairieland Drainage LLC to demo the garage at 106 Douglas St in the amount of \$7,700 by Ross Wilson and Seconded by Fred Rinehart.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:26pm by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Kevin Kirk.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

  
Autumn Lange, Village Clerk

  
Fred Rinehart, Commissioner





Water - #318					
6/18/2025	Check	13824	Payroll Cleaning	WATER SALARY JUNE 18 2025	\$1,153.60
6/18/2025	Check	13824	Payroll Cleaning	WATER FICA JUNE 18 2025	\$88.25
6/18/2025	Check	13824	Payroll Cleaning	WATER UNEMP JUNE 18 2025	\$12.12
6/18/2025	Check	13824	Payroll Cleaning	WATER IMRF JUNE 18 2025	\$0.00
7/1/2025	Check	13825	Illini FS	Fuel Charges May 2025	\$89.44
7/1/2025	Check	13826	USA Bluebook	Invoice No. 00749212 - Hach Monochloramine Chemkey Reagents	\$105.78
7/1/2025	Check	13827	IRWA Training Division	Invoice No. 4625 - IRWA Annual Membership Fees	\$462.20
7/1/2025	Check	13828	Ameren Illinois	Account No. *****6571 - Pumphouse	\$399.06
7/1/2025	Check	13829	Illinois EPA	Account No. ILR400622 (A) - Annual NPDES Fee	\$1,000.00
					\$ 3,310.45
					\$ 0.00
					\$3,310.45

Wastewater - #588									
6/18/2025	Check	6956	Payroll Clearing	WASTEWATER SALARY JUNE 18 2025				\$ 3,558.85	
6/18/2025	Check	6956	Payroll Clearing	WASTEWATER FICA JUNE 18 2025				\$ 272.26	
6/18/2025	Check	6956	Payroll Clearing	WASTEWATER UNEMP JUNE 18 2025				\$ 4.78	
6/18/2025	Check	6956	Payroll Clearing	WASTEWATER IMRF JUNE 18 2025				\$ 280.28	
7/1/2025	Check	6962	Illini FS	Fuel Charges May 2025				\$ 89.45	
7/1/2025	Check	6963	Anderson Electric, Inc.	Invoice No. 102557 - Lift Station/WWTP Chlorine Vent				\$ 1,004.82	
7/1/2025	Check	6964	Hawkins Inc	Invoice No. 7100807 - Supplies for WWTP				\$ 60.00	
7/1/2025	Check	6965	Venture Mechanical Contractors, Inc	Invoice No. 10509 - Labor to Repair Pumps				\$ 936.10	
7/1/2025	Check	6966	Pace Analytical Services LLC	Invoice No. 257216303 - WWTP Sample Fees				\$ 565.50	
7/1/2025	Check	6967	Progressive Chemical & Lighting	Invoice No. 58343 - 5 Gallons Grounded				\$ 325.90	
7/1/2025	Check	6968	Ameren Illinois	Account No. *****8574 - Lift Station				\$ 220.37	
7/1/2025	Check	6969	Gasvoda & Associates	Invoice No. INV24SVCO719 - Penn Valley Double Disc Pump - Failure, Rebuild & Reinstall				\$ 8,343.33	
7/1/2025	Check	6970	Illinois EPA	Account No. IL0023108 (A) - Annual NPDES Fee (Sludge Fees)				\$ 5,000.00	
								\$ 20,661.64	
								\$ 0.00	\$20,661.64