

VILLAGE OF VANLUE

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Robert Wells, Mayor

Joshua Riegle, Village Administrator

Melinda Boyd, (Fiscal Officer)

April 27, 2026

On April 27, 2026, Council met in regular session at the Village Community Park and was called to order by Village Mayor Robert Wells at 7:00 PM.

Village Residents or other in attendance were:

Sharon May	Tim Bechtol	
Angie Strahm	Keith Hendricks	
Terri Ward	Dave Ward	Leo Hendricks
Nathan Kear	Derrill Arnold	Julia Arnold
Cindy Frantz	Becky Nye	Deb Lee
Fred Phillips	Brandon Desgranges	

Roll call of Council Members Present by Mayor Wells:

Jeri Wenger (P)	Ann Burrell	Ashley Riegel
Leon Caudill	Heather Stapley	Bridget Shepherd

Village Employees in attendance:

Josh Riegle (Village Administrator)
Mindy Boyd, (Fiscal Officer)
John Filkins (village solicitor)
Kayla Sierra (water clerk)
Mike Wenger (maintenance)
Mike Bakies (water/sewer operator)

All reports, minutes and agendas are sent electronically to all of Council prior to the meeting so they can be reviewed by Council members and the mayor. The same reports are available to the public at the meeting.

A motion was made to accept the April 27, 2026 meeting agenda by Jeri Wenger and seconded by Heather Stapley
Motion passed 6-0

RCAP water rate study presented by Melanie St. Claire

RCAP completed a water rate study. Melanie showed a slide show on costs versus revenue. Currently, the current water cost is \$51.25 plus \$6.00/1000 gallons usage. The average bill is approximately \$900.00/month. Once the increase takes effect in the June bill, the minimum cost will be \$67.00 plus \$7.50/1000 gallons. For the next 5 years the rate will increase. She encouraged us to have accounts set up separately for each debt payment, such as OWDA, USDA and OPWC. The public was encouraged to attend so Melanie could answer any questions. The new rates will be approved May 18, 2026.

Reading of and motion to accept to the minutes from the March 23, 2026 minutes was made by Ann Burrell and seconded by Bridget Shepherd
Motion passed 6-0

A motion was made by Heather Stapley and seconded by Ann Burrell to accept the payment of all expenses as of the meeting on April 27, 2026. Jeri Wenger and Ashley Riegle abstained due to conflict of interest.
Motion passed 4-0

A motion was made to approve the receipts till the date of the meeting by Leon Caudill and seconded by Ashley Riegle
Motion passed 6-0

A motion was made Jeri Wenger and seconded by Bridget Shepherd to accept the financial documents for the month of February
Motion passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Departmental Reports:

2025 VCO yearly calendar

- May 2nd Spring clean-up and May 4th part day for school kids to pitch in and help residents. As of the date of the meeting there were 8 people signed up to get help from the kids.
- May 16, 2026 reverse raffle
- June 19 & 20th, 2026 garage sale days
- July 23 – 25, 2026 Vanlue Fest
- September 19, 2026 all you can eat spaghetti dinner for the Veterans Parkway 5 – 7 pm
- October 29, 2026 Trick or Treat
- The Easter egg hunt was April 4th at 10 am and all ages were welcome.

- The banners that have blown have been found. If not found the Banner Committee will replace. If one is found, please drop it at the restaurant.
- The landscaping for the Boulevard will be completed by Roger Kloepfer. If he can not do it, Larry Monday and Jeremy Kloepfer will do it.

Zoning:

The zoning committee reviewed the rules and regulations for zoning. The date of the public meeting was March 11, 2026 to explain zoning rules. There were 2 permits granted in April. One for Rumschlag for a fence and one for Burrell for an updated deck.

The extra dirt from the installation of the fiber optics will be dumped at the lagoon at a specific place. This is for public use.

Leon Caudill asked if he needed a permit to put stone in under his dumpster.

Committee Reports:

Trees, Streets & Sidewalks – Leon Caudill & Ann Burrell

Leon and Ann drove around town at the sidewalks and trees. Leo Hendricks on E Main would like to replace his sidewalk. Lorraine Dietz would like the tree in the tree lawn removed. Kenny Ward will look at it. He will also drive around to see if any trees need removed or trimmed.

Finance and Community & Public Relations Bridget Shepherd, Ashley Riegle & Heather Stapley

Buildings and Grounds and Records: Jeri Wenger (P) & Bridget Shepherd

- The records meeting is on April 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Community building, prior to the meeting.
- We had a records request through email on March 21, 2026. They requested copies of all request solicitations responses, and bid protests documents. I provided her the well field bidding process and ad.
- Jeri had the contractor come out and look at the leak over the council room. Apparently it was leaking at the seam where half the roof was replaced a few years ago. He applied some sort of sealer.

Village Administrator, Josh Riegle

- Josh would like to have council discuss and vote on letting Mike Wenger operate the tractor. Council stated it is a case-by-case basis.
- There is a printer quote that Mike Bakies received for some diagnostic work on the water softeners at the water plant. Typically, each softener is able to softener 24,000 gallons roughly before running a regenerating cycle. However, one of our softeners is only softening 12,000 before regenerating and Mike is not sure why. ML Tech Services, LLC

supplied an estimate to Mike. Council held off on approval but then approved by text due to needed to do it sooner rather than later.

- The guys are going to start flushing hydrants once the weather stays nice

Mayor's report

- The next meeting is May 18, 2026 at 7 pm at the Village Town Hall
- As of the meeting, he has not talked to the fiber optic people for an update.
- Mindy informed him that the company digging for the installation has hit 2 gas lines and had to call Sheldon in to repair.

Treasurer report:

- Leon is on office cleaning for May.
- Mindy had to stop payment on a check made out to A1 printing for \$41.99. They have never received the check that was dated March 17, 2026.
- The bill came in from AEP for the Christmas lights. It was \$92.70 compared to \$486.14 last years bill.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02, the zoning regulations updated was made by Ann Burrell and seconded by Heather Stapley

Motion passed 6-0

Motion to approve the hiring of Brandon Desgranges was made by Leon Caudill and seconded by Heather Stapley. He will start at \$20.00/hour part time.

Motion passed 6-0

Motion was made by Jeri Wenger and seconded by Heather Stapley to adjourn the Village of Vanlue Council April 27, 2026 meeting at 8:23 pm

Motion passed 6-0

Robert Wells, MAYOR

Melinda Boyd, FISCAL OFFICER