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Village of Angola Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2026 5:30 P.M

At Regular meeting of the Village of Angola Board of Trustees held at Village Hall, 41 Commercial Street in Angola, New York, County of Erie on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:30PM, there were; PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Whelan, Trustees Valerie Stonitsch, John Dybowski, Todd Dybdahl, and William Ludwig, Nicole Leppard – Clerk Treasurer, John Grennell- Attorney, and Jack Krajacic- Crew Chief
Mayor Whelan dedicated the meeting in honor of Carol Kin who served as Trustee of the Village of Angola for 10 years.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Whelan

A motion was made by Trustee Stonitsch seconded by Trustee Ludwig to have an AUDIT OF BILLS, Mayor Whelan, Trustee Ludwig, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl and Trustee Dybowski said AYE.

VISITORS: Jill Barratt of North Main spoke on behalf of Evangola Community Theater who will be performing this weekend at UCC Church

New Business:

1. **33 Commercial Street maintenance- Trustee Dybdahl purchased building, front façade will need to be removed and Ashlee Dybdahl will be relocating her business here.**
2. **Frawley Park Playground Install almost completed**
3. **Town of Eden Water Readings - shared service- resolution today**
4. **Water Fund Balance-workshop at 5:15pm on 10/19/26**
5. **Advertise Engineer- RFQ will be posted this week.**

REPORTS

Code Enforcement – excused.
Trustee Dybowski - Water loss report dropped about 9%. South Main Street water leak last week.
Trustee Stonitsch - Library Fundraiser Harvest Dinner is 10/17/26.
Trustee Dybdahl - Congratulated volunteer Jessee Chudzik on the $1 million award for the firehall upgrades. He also reported he would like to send a letter of intent from the Village to take over properties with unpaid tax. Trustee Stonitsch would like buildings to go to public to be sold
Trustee Ludwig - no report.
Mayor Whelan - reported he was at the NYCOM training last week, thanked Governor Hochul for the fire dept grant. Also, reported that the Village Board and staff have worked hard to secure funding.
Crew Chief - paving and sidewalks are complete. Leaf pick will begin- need a schedule posted
Fire Chief - 10/2 homecoming parade, chief vehicle updates underway
Police Chief - no report
Attorney - no report
Clerk Treasurer – Reported that the Auditors from OSC will meet with the Mayor and clerk on Wednesday, and sexual harassment and workplace violence annual training is next week.

Resolutions offered:

(Tabled from Last Month)

#1 AUTHORIZE QUOTE FROM KRAVITZ TREE SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Village of Angola received two quotes for the removal of the tree located in front of 49 Maple Street, one from The Davey Tree Expert and one from Kravitz Tree; and

WHEREAS, after review of the quotes, the Village Board has determined that the quote submitted by Kravitz Tree in the amount of $15,000 is in the best interest of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the tree removal will be funded through a budget line transfer from A1620.2 – Buildings- Equipment, in the amount of $5,000.00 to A8560.4- Shade Trees and $2300 from A5110.23- Street maintenance and other equipment to A8560.4- Shade Trees

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Angola hereby accepts the quote from Kravitz Tree in the amount of $15,000 for the removal of the tree and stump located in front of 49 Maple Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the necessary budget line transfers to cover the cost of the tree removal and pay the $15,000 from Account code A8560.4-Shade Trees.

Discussion: Ludwig asked why is it needed? Mayor Whelan explained that the sidewalk and driveway is damaged in the area because of how large the tree is. The area is damaged and hazardous. Trustee Ludwig does not want to take budget money from other funds. Trustee Stonitsch confirmed the resident at 49 Maple wrote a letter stating he will not hold the Village responsible for any damage to his driveway after the removal.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Whelan, seconded by Trustee Dybdahl. Trustee Dybowski said Aye. Trustees Ludwig & Stonitsch said Nay.

#2 AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN WATER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Village of Angola and the Town of Eden have negotiated a Wepax Road Service Area Water Maintenance Agreement concerning the maintenance and operation of the water system serving the Wepax Road Service Area; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed agreement and finds it to be in the best interest of the Village of Angola to enter into said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall expire at the end of such term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Angola hereby authorizes Mayor Thomas M. Whelan to execute the Wepax Road Service Area Water Maintenance Agreement with the Town of Eden, with the Agreement expiring one (1) year from its effective date.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Whelan, seconded by Trustee Stonitsch, unanimously carried.

#3 AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NOTICE OF GRANT REQUIREMENTS (NOGR)

WHEREAS, the Village of Angola has been awarded grant funding for improvements to the Frawley Park Playground Project; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires the Village to execute a Notice of Grant Requirements (NOGR) in connection with the project; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents related to the NOGR and the administration of the grant;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Angola hereby authorizes Mayor Thomas M. Whelan to execute the Notice of Grant Requirements (NOGR) for the Frawley Park Playground Project, together with any related documents necessary to fulfill the grant requirements.
A motion to approve was made by Trustee Whelan, seconded by Trustee Dybowski unanimously carried.

#4 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF PARK SIGN
WHEREAS, the Village of Angola desires to install a new park sign at Frawley Park; and
WHEREAS, FASTSIGNS has provided an estimate in the amount of $563.28 for the new park sign; and
WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has reviewed the estimate and determined that the purchase of the new sign is in the best interest of the Village;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Angola hereby authorizes the estimate from FASTSIGNS in the amount of $563.28 for the purchase of a new sign for Frawley Park.
A motion to approve was made by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Dybowski, unanimously carried.

#5 AUTHORIZE QUOTE FROM KOHLER AWNING
WHEREAS, the Village of Angola has determined that repairs are needed to the existing awnings at Village Hall; and
WHEREAS, Kohler Awning has submitted a quote in the amount of $5,755.00 to repair the existing awnings at Village Hall; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby accepts the quote from Kohler Awning in the amount of $5,755.00 for the repair of the existing awnings at Village Hall and that the cost of the repairs shall be paid from budget line A1620.2 – Buildings – Equipment.
Discussion: Board agrees not to move forward as the Fire Department grant will include façade upgrades that would interfere with the awning.
All said NAY

#6 PARK RENTAL APPROVAL
BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Angola Board of Trustees hereby approves the applications from the following for the use of Herman Park Facilities:

1. Chelsea Hamrick On August 22, 2026 for a birthday party- $100 fee collected
2. Michael Conklin on September 6, 2026 for a birthday party- $100 fee collected
3. Nicholas Coia on September 12, 2026 for a birthday party- $50 fee collected
4. Elizabeth Schanbacher on September 20, 2026 for a birthday party- $50 fee collected
5. Carrie Klauk on September 27, 2026 for a birthday party- $50 fee collected

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Stonitsch, unanimously carried.

#7 AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

RESOLVED that the Village of Angola Board of Trustees hereby approves the TEMPORARY USE PERMIT from the following:

1. Lake Shore Annual Homecoming Parade on Friday October 2, 2026. Main Street Closed from Commercial to Beach Road.
2. JTW Elementary School for a Turkey Trot on November 18, 2025. Road closed from High Street to Lake Street.

Discussion: Facebook post needed for road closures

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Stonitsch, unanimously carried.

#8 APPROVE MEMBERSHIP TO FIRE COMPANY

RESOLVED, the Village of Angola Board of Trustees approves probationary membership of: Charles Klepfer and Parker Klepfer of 638 Dawn Ave., Angola, NY 14006.

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Stonitsch, unanimously carried.

#9 APPROVE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Village of Angola, Board of Trustees authorizes the Village of Angola Justice Court to review and complete an application for a Justice Court Assistance Grant that is being offered by the New York State Unified Court System, and

WHEREAS, the Village Justice Court reviewed the grant Application and found that this grant is necessary to obtain specific needs of the Angola Justice Court that go beyond the budgeted limitations of the Justice Court System,

BE IT RESOLVED, the board of the Village of Angola authorizes the Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2026-2027 grant cycle up to $5000 for video surveillance/alarm system.

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Stonitsch, unanimously carried.

#10 ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER

WHEREAS, Phil Tremblay has submitted his letter of resignation from his position with the Village of Angola Code Enforcement Office, with his resignation effective November 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to formally accept his resignation and recognize his service to the Village of Angola;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Angola hereby accepts the resignation of Phil Tremblay from his position with the Code Enforcement Office, effective November 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees extends its appreciation to Mr. Tremblay for his years of service and dedication to the Village of Angola.

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Dybowski, unanimously carried.

#11 ADVERTISE FOR PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Village of Angola is in need of a Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer to perform code enforcement duties and responsibilities within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to advertise the position in order to solicit qualified applicants for consideration;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Angola hereby authorizes the Village Clerk to advertise for a Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer position and to accept applications from qualified candidates; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applications received shall be presented to the Mayor and Village Clerk for review and consideration.
A motion to approve was made by Trustee Stonitsch, seconded by Trustee Dybdahl, unanimously carried.

#12 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF JOHN C. GRENELL FOR RETIREMENT
WHEREAS, John C. Grennell, Esq. has submitted his resignation from his position with the Village of Angola, effective December 30, 2026, for purposes of qualifying for retirement benefits; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Grennell has requested that any reappointment, if considered by the Village, not become effective until at least twenty-four (24) hours following acceptance of his resignation;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Angola hereby accepts the resignation of John C. Grennell, Esq., effective December 30, 2026.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any future reappointment shall be considered separately by the Village Board and shall not become effective until at least twenty-four (24) hours following the effective date of his resignation.
A motion to approve was made by Trustee Dybowski, seconded by Trustee Dybdahl, unanimously carried.

#13 DECLARING FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT SURPLUS
WHEREAS, the Angola Fire Department has identified certain equipment that is obsolete, no longer serviceable, or no longer needed for municipal purposes; and
WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has reviewed the inventory of equipment attached hereto as Exhibit A and has determined that the identified items may be declared surplus property;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby declares the equipment listed on Exhibit A as surplus property of the Village of Angola; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the items designated for Auction are authorized to be sold through Auction International or another lawful public auction, with all proceeds remitted to the Village of Angola; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the items designated for Dispose are authorized to be properly disposed of or destroyed in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and Village policies; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and appropriate Village officials are authorized to take any necessary actions to carry out this resolution.
A motion to approve was made by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Whelan, unanimously carried.

#14 AUTHORIZE THE ANGOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT DUTY PROGRAM RULES AND GUIDELINES
WHEREAS, the Angola Fire Department has developed Duty Program Rules and Guidelines to establish consistent expectations and procedures for members participating in the Department's duty program; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the proposed Duty Program Rules and Guidelines and finds them appropriate for the operation of the Angola Fire Department;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Angola hereby authorizes and approves the Angola Fire Department Duty Program Rules and Guidelines, effective upon adoption.
Discussion: Trustee Stonitsch if 13 members will be coming into the program. Will they need to apply and approved and tested and physicals. Yes. Will the regular members be invited to participate first, if not then the new members will have the option. Ludwig- EMT's will need T-Shirt. They will supply their own pants. New gear will not be purchased. This program will not replace current members it is made to encourage and bring in enough volunteers to make calls.
One year limit
A motion to approve the fire department duty program with a one-year limit was made by Trustee Stonitsch, Seconded by Mayor Whelan, unanimously carried.

A motion to ADJOURN to regular board meeting on Monday, October 19, 2026 at 5:30, with a 5:15 workshop to discuss water fund made by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Dybdahl, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole Leppard
Clerk- Treasurer