

MINUTES
Village of Angola Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 10, 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, August 10, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Whelan

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

New Business:

1. 33 Commercial Street maintenance- will be on the Tax Auction
2. Frawley Park Playground Install – Rubber mulch will be installed, new sign in design.
3. Town of Eden Water Readings- shared service- \$500 Quarter
4. Water Fund Balance- Mayor Whelan explained there have been \$1.4 million in water projects in the past 6 years. He recommends raising the infrastructure fee on the water bills from \$11- \$20/every other month.

VISITORS: none

5:35pm OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2

Notice of Public Hearing

Proposed Local Law #2 for the year 2026

Village of Angola

Please take notice that proposed Local Law # 2 for the year 2026 has been introduced before the Village Board for the Village of Angola Amending Chapter 245-18 entitled Regulations applicable to all zones. Said local law clarifies the allowance of temporary snow fences.

Now therefore, please take notice that pursuant to New York Municipal home rule a Public Hearing on the Local Law will be held on the 10th day of August 2026 at 5:35 PM at the Village Hall at 41 Commercial Street Angola, NY 14006. A copy of such proposed law is available at the Village Clerk's office and www.villageofangola.org.

This Local Law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

By Order of the Village Board

July 13, 2026

Nicole Leppard Village Clerk-Treasurer

COMMENTS: Mayor explained temporary fences are allowed during certain months, and the law will give allowable material to use.

Trustee Stonitsch confirmed a temporary fence is allowed during other months.

5:37 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

REPORTS

Code Enforcement – excused. Trustee Dybdahl read a detailed report.

Trustee Dybowski - no report

Trustee Stonitsch - Recommends updating the zoning law so planning board recommends to village board any site plan changes. Library harvest dinner tickets on sale.

Trustee Dybdahl - The tax auction will be held on August 26th.

Trustee Ludwig - Parking at the end of Lorain Street during the school year. Homeowners are parking on road and buses are unable to use the road. Village Board will review and report next month

Mayor Whelan - no report

Crew Chief - Water department agrees to read meters on WePax Rd, Eden. Village will install Neptune readers paid by in Eden. Agreement for 1 year and renew the following if all goes well. Rural Development came in and located leaks. 2 were detected, however they were not a village issue. Quotes for a leak locator are underway.

Fire Chief - Hose company test will be next week; he will meter water for the water department. Duty Program will address the issue of not being able to have enough people to go on a call. This will allow recruitment of outside village residents. This will directly allow volunteers who are already qualified. Trustee Stonitsch asked if they would be driving around using fuel. Chief explained they will be cleaning, training etc. Stonitsch also explained the Village will need to contribute to I.O.SAP. Mayor asked if patients could go to any hospital- as long as it qualifies the patient needs.

Police Chief - Shopping carts being left around the village issue has been addressed.

Attorney - no report

Clerk Treasurer - no report

(Tabled from last month)

#1 AUTHORIZE CELL PHONE LINE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds it necessary to provide a dedicated cellular telephone line for the Angola Volunteer Fire Department to enhance communication during emergency responses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the establishment of one (1) cellular telephone line for the Angola Volunteer Fire Department, to be used exclusively for official Fire Department business while responding to emergency calls.

Trustees Ludwig, Dybowski, Stonitsch- NAY. Dybdahl and Whelan Aye-

The resolution was not passed

#2 APPROVE LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, there was introduced before the Angola Village Board at its meeting on July 13, 2026 Proposed Local Law Number 2 for the year 2026 Amending Chapter 245-18 entitled Regulations applicable to all zones, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 10th day of August 2026 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Proposed Local Law Number 2 for the year 2026 is hereby adopted as Local Law Number 2, 2026 and is Amending Chapter 245-18.

Mayor Thomas Whelan, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Dybdahl, and Trustee Ludwig said AYE.

#3 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. Tony Jakubczak on August 15, 2026 for Fisher Bus family day- \$100 fee collected
2. Kim Tracy on August 16, 2026 for a birthday party- \$50 fee collected
3. Kim Tracy on September 19, 2026 Girl Scouts- \$50 fee collected

Mayor Thomas Whelan, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Dybdahl, and Trustee Ludwig said AYE.

#4 APPROVE ATTENDANCE TO NYCOM FALL TRAINING SCHOOL

RESOLVED that the Village Board does hereby approve the following to attend the New York Conference of Mayors for Fall Training School from Monday, September 14 through Thursday, September 17, 2026:

Clerk Nicole Leppard, Trustee Valerie Stonitsch, Mayor Thomas Whelan

Mayor Thomas Whelan, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Dybdahl, and Trustee Ludwig said AYE.

#5 APPROVE WATER SHUT OFFS

RESOLVED that the Village of Angola Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Water Clerk to issue water shut offs per the attached list of delinquent water accounts unless paid in full by Tuesday, August 18, 2026 by 10AM. These residents have all been duly notified with plenty of time to respond and are scheduled for shut off due to non-payment of two or more water bills as per Village regulations. Total amount of delinquency is \$22,668.83.

Discussion: Stonitsch confirmed with crew chief that the curb stops are being fixed that we are unable to shut off.

Mayor Thomas Whelan, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Dybdahl, and Trustee Ludwig said AYE.

#6 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: Trustee Ludwig asked if the village needs to take care of the driveway? Mayor said no. Stonitsch asked if the sidewalk will be repaired after and do we need quotes? Crew Chief spoke with homeowner who believes the Village will repair the driveway and sidewalk once tree is removed. Trustee Stonitsch believes the homeowner needs to understand he will be responsible for the driveway repairs.

A motion was made to table the resolution by Trustee Ludwig, seconded by Trustee Stonitsch and speak with the homeowner prior to tree removal.

#7 APPROVE MEMBERSHIP TO JUNIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED, the Village of Angola Board of Trustees approves probationary membership of:
Lucas Burkley 541 Commercial Street, Irving NY 14081.

Mayor Thomas Whelan, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Dybdahl, and Trustee Ludwig said AYE.

#8 Resolution to raise infrastructure fee to \$20 temporary made by Mayor Whelan

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the current water infrastructure fee and the Village's ongoing infrastructure costs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proposed temporarily increasing the water infrastructure fee to \$20.00 per month, beginning September 1, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Angola hereby approves the temporary increase of the water infrastructure fee to \$20.00 per month, effective September 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this increase shall remain in effect until further action by the Village Board.

Discussion: the proposed increase is anticipated to generate approximately \$50,000 annually; and Trustee Stonitsch requested that the matter be considered by the Board, and Trustee Ludwig expressed concern regarding the increase in water rates and Village taxes this year; and Village is scheduled to complete its \$42,900 annual payment to the County in 2029

A roll call vote was made as followed: Trustee Stonitsch & Trustee Ludwig said Nay. Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Dybowski, and Mayor Whelan said Aye. Resolution was carried.

A Motion to ADJOURN to regular board meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:30, if workshop needed 5:00 was made by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Dybowski, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted by:



Nicole Leppard
Clerk Treasurer