

The regular monthly City Council meeting was held on July 7, 2025 with Mayor Jake Wentland, Council Member Terri Trettel, Council Member Travis Bartkowicz, City Clerk Jude Stodolka and Treasurer Molly Sobania present. Council Member Jessy Lashinski was absent. Also in attendance were Joe Sobania and Fire Chief Brad Psyck.

Roll call was accepted. A motion was made to accept the roll call by Terri Trettel. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

June minutes were approved with a correction to remove the interview paragraph in the regular meeting minutes and add it as a Special Meeting. A motion was made to make the correction by Travis Bartkowicz. Seconded by Terri Trettel.

Bills to be paid were approved with no additional new bills. A motion to approve was made by Terri Trettel. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

The Treasurer's Report was approved. Molly Sobania, Treasurer informed the council that there was an overpayment of \$325.82 to the IRS which will be applied to the next 941 taxes. The City of Bowlus also received a refund of \$28.66 from the IRS for 941 taxes. The gambling account has donated \$14,707.15 for improvements to the Fire Hall/City Hall, including a new sprinkler system. The donated amount will be reflected in next month's bank statement. The City of Bowlus created a plan to use the CD's through Edward Jones to repaint the water tower in 2023. They have been in two ten-year CDs since 2015. The \$17,000 CD has matured and has been reinvested into twelve-month CD's. Per Edward Jones, the City of Bowlus is only allowed to take out CD's in \$1,000 increments causing an overage amount. The first overage check of \$859.82 was received and was added to the Water Fund. There was a 20% share of Bowlus water gross award settlement from the Napoli Shkdnik, PLLC Aqueous film forming foam litigation. The City of Bowlus received \$1,529.46 from the settlement which was added to the Water Fund. Molly informed the council that the Bowlus Mosquito Fund is growing. The notes received from the Treasurer, on the Treasurer's Report, was motioned upon and approved by Terri Trettel. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

FIRE: Fire Chief Brad Psyck informed the council that a donation of \$14,707.15 from the Gambling Fund will provide the funds needed to make improvements to the City Hall/Fire Hall. The City of Bowlus will not need to donate at this time. Firefighter Paul Rudolph attended the meeting. The council accepted the SC-25 Form from the relief association. The Retirement Fund for the firemen was unanimously voted upon by the Firefighters Association in favor of raising retirement per year of service from \$1,300.00 per year to \$1,500.00 per year. A motion was made by Terri Trettel to approve the increase. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

FIRST RESPONSE: No Report

WATER/SEWER: The Gambling Fund donated \$2,000.00 to repair one of the fire hydrants. Erickson Electric made some repairs to the water tower. The new water hook-up has been completed for Dave and Janet Virnig.

COMMUNITY CENTER: No Report

UTILITIES: A notice to residents was mailed out in this quarter's utility bill informing residents of the new drop box located on the front of the City Hall/Fire Hall, at 212 Main Street, Bowlus.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Jake Wentland informed the council that he replaced old street signs with new signs. Three new signs that state the park hours will be put up as soon as they are received.

Mayor Jake Wentland received black dirt for the softball diamond at no charge. There are plans to improve the softball diamond. He has patched some potholes with cold tar on Bowlus city streets.

Joe Sobania inquired about possibly having a Structural Engineer come out to inspect the pavilion, as there are issues that need to be addressed. Abid Construction will come to do the repairs needed. After repairs are completed, a Structural Engineer may be considered.

Travis Bartkowicz informed the council that Fallsnet has agreed to provide a new system for paying utility bills on the website. The topic was tabled until next month when Utility Administrator Sara Seelen will be present.

NEW BUSINESS: Payroll check for Doreen Loomis was approved. A motion to approve was made by Terri Trettel. Seconded by Jessy Lashinski.

A motion was made by Terri Trettel to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Jude Stodolka

City Clerk