

Village Of Downing

MEETING Minutes

March 9, 2026

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Nutter

PLEDGE OF LEGIONS

ROLL CALL Village board members- Jeremy Nutter, Sue Mason, Tom Berends (absent), Laura Lee, and Jennifer Lagerstrom

Approval of Agenda APPROVED Motioned by Nutter Second by Mason

Reading of February Meeting APPROVED Motioned by Mason Second by Nutter

February Financials APPROVED Motioned by Nutter Second by Mason

Citizen Questions and Concerns Gordy Cronk

Cronk wanted to know about gopher tails through Downing. Jeremy let Gordy know Downing does not do that and can bring them to Tiffany Township. Also wanted to know more why a tax increase. So the board explained to him it was for road repairs/Maintenance and Operational cost. Gordy wanted to know if there was a way for him to vote on an increase due to not being in the voting district. Unfortunately that is not possible. You vote in your residency.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-312 MAIN STREET SEWER: Gordy has come to the past board meetings and the board tabled until this month to look at records. Gordy wants the village to decrease his sewer bill due to he doesn't use it. The board let Gordy know there is a lateral to your building all businesses pay full and it was up to businesses if they connected from their side.

The board APPROVED motion by Nutter Second by Mason that the 312 Main Street pay full price unless capped off by a Licensed contractor and show proof it's completed. If capped off 25%

-MSILT Grant: Dustin Binder will keep us updated on the bridge that is to be completed this year. The bridge is all funded by a grant the county got. Jennifer will contact Dustin also about the lot attached to Wayne Blaser's buildings that's considered a road.

-PARK/ TASK FORCE UPDATE: The Village has a lot planned to help raise money for our park. It's going to take a team of Volunteers.

*from cans this month we raised \$164.00

**Upcoming craft event April 25th 9-3 at the Pump House. Flyers on facebook and flyers up in multiple places. We have 8 vendors already. Inside has 8 spots 6 with electricity and rest outside. There will be raffle items and 50/50 drawing*

**There is also a craft show December 12 and 13 with breakfast with Santa and Mrs Clause December 13th. Looking for Santa and Mrs Clause board was thinking of asking Chuck and Rosie Gordon or Steve and Julie Lee*

**4th of July we will sell popcorn for firework show*

**There are boxes at Brothers Country Mart and Pump House for donations. These boxes are made out of the Village of Downings old voting boxes. Payball has also been created for donations. Laura will add this on the website also.*

**2027 we have something in the books that we are working on in May*

**Glenwood City has also contacted us about the blue playground set. They are giving it to the Village. We would have to buy 3 pieces to fix and there are lots of years left of this. So we are contacting a guy from Somerset that inspects playground equipment. Drew Mason has offered his assistance and his big equipment to get it to Downing.*

-ORDINANCES: Table Jennifer is looking in League of Municipalities and will bring back when all is in order

NEW BUSINESS

-VILLAGE FURNACE BID APPROVAL: Bids will be looked at and approved at the May 11th Board meeting. Jennifer will post Furnace bids wanted on facebook webpage, post at Brothers and on Village board. Jennifer will also email to furnace people we are aware of. Jeremy stated would be great to have 3 or more bids.

-POSSIBLE TIME CHANGE FOR MEETINGS: Keeping meetings at 7

-VACATION REGARDING ASH STREET AND ALLEY WITH DIKEMAN'S: Everything is completed and on schedule. The Village will have an information meeting May 11, 2026 at 6pm before board members. Letters will be mailed to individuals on April 4, 2026.

-LEVY MEETING RECAP: the information meeting went well. We had 4 individuals attend and were very understanding. They felt we weren't raising it enough.

-OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW DATES: Dates have been set Open Book 9-9-26 1:30pm-3:30pm and BOR is 9-22-26 6pm-8pm. Sue Mason will take the training if re-elected in April with Jennifer for the BOR.

-APRIL ELECTIONS APPROVAL FOR LAURA LEE AND DEB ZIELSDORF/ELECTION UPDATE: We have two individuals Laura and Deb willing to do training to help out with elections. There is training the end of March at county or they can complete their hours on their training portal. APPROVED motion by Nutter Second by Nutter for Laura Lee and Deb Zielsdorf to be Election Inspectors for the Village of Downing for 2026 Elections.

-Email CONVERSION: g-mail is having some updates so looking at Microsoft 365 for yearly \$278.68 or goggle space yearly \$443.35. There is also a month to month contract for each one. Board APPROVED motion Mason second by Nutter to convert to Microsoft 365 with the yearly contract at \$278.68.

-STEINMEYER INSPECTION ACTIVITY REPORT: NONE Jeremy is going to call Justin on buildings that need to be torn down and questions

-OPERATORS LICENSE APPROVAL: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

-STREET SWEEPER: Jeremy will call and get downing on the schedule to street sweep

-DOWNING SPRING CLEANUP: Looking to do a Spring Clean up April 30th-May 11th 2026. Will have it at the Downing Church parking lot Kadingers will bring a scrap dumpster free of charge, Ridgeland supplies will provide a dumpster free of charge for appliances. Looking into a dumpster for regular garbage. Will keep updated

-HOLIDAY HIGHLITES LLC: APPROVED motion Mason second Nutter to sign Holiday Highlites, LLC 4 year contract @ \$500.00 1st year and \$300 for the following.

-There were pad locks purchased for the sewer inside panel for the lift station

“ THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER AND ACT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM”

Signed Vouchers and Checks APPROVED Motioned by Nutter Second by Mason

Motion to Adjourn by Mason Second by Nutter at 8:55 PM

VILLAGE CLERK OF DOWNING

JENNIFER LAGERSTROM {typed 3-11-2026}