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Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - 6:30 pm
Angelica Grange, 55 Park Circle

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by J. Shannon
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll call of members/public present: Josh Shannon, Colleen Gyr, Christie Kalinowski, Jim Ryan, Karin Bruton
Missing: None Village/Town Residents: None
- IV. Minutes from Feb 10, 2026 approved. Motioned by C. Gyr, seconded by J. Ryan
- V. Public Comment - None
- VI. Reports
 - a. Village Board Meeting: attended by J. Shannon. Village had some frozen pipes and leaks to repair. Having issues with salt availability for our streets during bad weather; A Mr. Terwilliger was interested in purchasing the old school and J. Shannon will reach out to him to see if he is still interested now that the owner has passed and her daughter may be more motivated. Mayor gave props to Fire Chief Ford for the improvements made in their Hall. Uptown water project still being worked on (lease agreement); Pickleball and tennis courts are being expanded to 4 courts. Village will connect with us to complete the Land Use paperwork. Bond extension was discussed. Linda Cash has moved and her position on the Village Board has been filled by Robin Robbins.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. List of Project Priorities for Village Improvements: The following list is culled from the survey results conducted last Fall:
 1. To Strengthen the local economy and the downtown business environment
 2. Expand housing options and encourage building rehabilitation
 3. Preserve Angelica's historic character and cultural heritage while enhancing public spaces
 4. To improve infrastructure, utilities, and multi-generational amenities
 5. To Strengthen community life, youth opportunities, engagement, and safety.

Research was conducted on revitalization of small rural communities and it was determined that successful turnarounds require boosting revenue. A strategic focus on year-round traffic, specifically increasing foot traffic, is essential for revenue growth. To achieve this, establishing an inviting village environment is the primary objective. Addressing the high number of vacant storefronts is a priority, as they currently diminish the area's appeal. People visit but never come back. Therefore, the Board will address this as a matter of priority. Next, would be to increase local support of our current businesses and advertise to digital nomads how we are conducive to remote work. Being part of the Artisan trail has its advantages too. Need to discover what incentives the village can offer potential investors. Promoting regular historical tours, in historical clothing, could be a big draw.
- VIII. New Business
 - a. It was noted that **Starlink** for internet services is now available in our area.
 - b. Review of Feb Booster News "**16 Wishes For Angelica**" and how it relates to our project list:
 - i. *Develop a consistent, sustainable planting and maintenance program for trees along Main Street and in the park (#5 on the Booster list).* C. Gyr to connect with the Highway Dept.
 - ii. *Here's hoping the pickleball, horseshoe, and similar recreation facility proposed for the former school property near the village office/garage complex becomes a reality (#13 on their list).* Awaiting word from village committee.
 - iii. *Clean up the patio bricks around the Main Street clock and finish the building outline lights, And here's hoping the idea of a pavilion roof is more than a Lirpa joke (#11 & 12 on their list).* Karin to connect with Melissa Carr.
 - iv. *It would be nice to have a basic mom-and-pop diner serving breakfast, lunch, and sometimes supper. Perhaps the reopening of a certain Main Street "sweet spot"? Maybe more than just gas at the East Main fueling station—or even produce at Dollar General? (#9 on their list).* Updated information is needed. Josh to reach out to Ethan, who reps Judah, the station owner).

- v. *It will be good to confirm grant support for the east-end water project, which will benefit all concerned. Once that is moving forward, perhaps the community can begin looking into a municipal sewer system (#4 on their list).* Kier Dirlam, Director, Allegany County Office of Planning has indicated there are funds available for a study to be conducted. We need to have this elaborated further. Mr. Dirlam will be attending our next meeting.
 - c. Legislation to start thinking about re: **Data Centers/AI/Crypto Currency Centers** (from the County Newsletter). To be discussed further at the next meeting with Mr. Dirlam. Concern is regarding quality of life issues, energy use, no limits in place. To work in conjunction with the Village Board.
 - d. **Annual Local Government Conference** @ Houghton, Full day June 4th. – Board members available that day will be in attendance.
- IX. Guest Speaker(s) - None
- X. Comments, Questions, Concerns – None.
- XI. Adjournment
There being no further business, K. Bruton motioned to adjourn at 7:35 pm and was seconded by J. Shannon..
- XII. Next Public Meeting to be held on April 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Grange.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ☐ Josh to reach out to Mr. Terwilliger
- ☐ Josh to send Karin Dave Hagstrom's email to reach out regarding the 250th Celebration and list of 16 Wishes in the Booster News.
- ☐ Karin to research incentives for store owners
- ☐ Colleen to connect with Mike from the Highway Dept to see if new tree plantings are scheduled for this year
- ☐ Karin to share with Village Board at next meeting, that discussion has started regarding Data Centers.
- ☐ Board members attending the Government Conference should sign-up, pay and bring receipts at next meeting (to submit for reimbursement).