Village of Iola Board of Trustees Meeting
September 8, 2026, at 5:30 PM
Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 South Main Street, Iola WI 54945

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by President Pro Tem Dave Harper. The open meeting statement was read by D. Harper, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call. Trustees present: Alan Bauer, David Harper, Jim Rasmussen, Aaron Messier, Pamela Parks, and Mike Richberg
Absent: Jennifer Schustek

Others present: Ali Johnson, Megan Melum, Amanda Christoph; Laura J. Krogwold, Village of Iola Clerk/Treasurer; Missy Fenn, Village of Iola Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Hunter Jankowski, Patrol Officer.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Ali Johnson-Asked for official Village of Iola Facebook Page.
Megan Melum-Asked for a Village Website and FB Page.
Amanda Christoph-Asked for a Facebook Page as a complimentary source of information to residents.

The request for an official Village of Iola Facebook page has been referred to the Working Board meeting on September 22, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

J. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and September 2, 2026, Finance Committee. Motion seconded by A. Bauer. Motion passed.
A. Messier made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 24, 2026, Parks & Garden Committee. Motion seconded by M. Richberg. Motion passed.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. Richberg made a motion to authorize the painting of 52 Fire Hydrants in the Village at $185.00 per hydrant to be paid for from the Water General Fund over the 2026 and 2027 Calendar years. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Messier made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-7 September 20, 2026, to be Charles Fritz Day in the Village of Iola. ***Resolution No. 2026-07:RESOLUTION DESIGNATES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026, AS CHARLES E. "CHUCK" FRITZ DAY***
Whereas*, on Sunday, September 20th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, a gathering will be held to honor Charles E. "Chuck" Fritz.*

***Whereas**, since arriving in Iola in 1976, Chuck has contributed immeasurably to the cultural, educational, and civic life of our community, enriching countless lives through his music, his teaching, and his public service; and*
***Whereas**, Chuck has further demonstrated exceptional civic dedication through his many years of service, providing leadership, stability, and unwavering commitment to public safety as the Emergency Management Director for the Village of Iola and as a member of the planning commission for zoning and variance committee and*
***Whereas**, the number of lives he has literally saved through his service as Fire Chief of the Iola Fire & Ambulance stands as a testament to his courage, compassion, and dedication; and*
***Whereas**, Chuck Fritz has not only led the OSLC choir for half a century, but has also served our community through a distinguished nearly 40-year career as a music educator at the Iola-Scandinavia School District, shaping generations of students through his commitment to music, mentorship, and excellence; and*
***Whereas**, the Village Board extends its deepest gratitude to Chuck Fritz for his extraordinary service and invites all residents to join in celebrating his legacy, his achievements, and his profound impact on the Village of Iola and*
Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Village of Iola hereby designates Sunday, September 20, 2026, as Charles E. "Chuck" Fritz Day in the Village of Iola, in honor of his exceptional contributions to our community; and **Proclaimed this 8th day of September 2026, Village of Iola, WI
Motion seconded by J. Rasmussen. Roll call vote was done. 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent. Motion passed.

Motion made by M. Richberg to designate $1,875.00 from the sale of the Public Works Department 4-Wheeler sold through Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction to the Public Works Vehicle Replacement Fund. Motion seconded by A. Bauer. Motion passed.

Motion made by P. Parks to allow the Veterans Memorial Fishing Pier donation sign to be placed on the Village of Iola shoreline near the new fishing pier. Motion seconded by J. Rsmussen. Motion passed.

Motion made by P. Parks to waive the sign application fee of $25 for Veterans Memorial Fishing Pier donation sign to be placed on the Village of Iola shoreline near the new fishing pier. Motion seconded by A. Bauer. Motion passed.

Motion made by A. Messier to install an 8 ft by 30 ft concrete pad for the batting cage to be placed over existing area to reduce wear and tear to the park ground. This slab will be covered with turf. Melum Masonry will donate the project labor and materials. Motion seconded by A. Bauer. Motion passed. Huge thank you to Melum Masonry for the donation.

Motion made by A. Messier to install a new donation sign 4 ft tall by 3 ft wide for Rosie Paws Park Donation Board designed by Cavin Kosloske with steel post for anchoring at a cost of $400. His labor will be donated. Motion seconded by M. Richberg. Motion passed. Huge thank you to Cavin for his donation of labor.

Motion made by M. Richberg to issue a Temporary Class "B" Picnic License for October 3, 2026, for Iola and Rural Fire & Ambulance Fall Festival located at 350 West Iola Street, Village of Iola. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Clerk Krogwold stated that all requirements for this license have been met and participants have passed the background checks for license holders and operators. Motion passed.

Motion made by A. Bauer to waive $10.00 fee for Temporary Class "B" Picnic License and $30 in background fee for the October 3, 2026, for Iola and Rural Fire & Ambulance Fall Festival located at 350 West Iola Street, Village of Iola. Motion seconded by A. Messier. Motion passed.

Motion made by M. Richberg to issue Temporary Operator's license for Todd Donald Snyder and Traci Ann Dusek for October 3, 2026, Iola and Rural Fire & Ambulance Fall Festival. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

Motion made by A. Bauer to waive $20 permit fees and $20 background check fees for Temporary Operator's licenses for Todd Donald Snyder and Traci Ann Dusek for October 3, 2026, Iola and Rural Fire & Ambulance Fall Festival. Motion seconded by M. Richberg. Motion passed.

Motion made by J. Rasmussen to set Trick-or-Treat from 2:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, October 25, 2026. Motion seconded by A. Messier. [Megan Melum was given the floor to speak about changing the Trick or Treat time to better accommodate her children's schedule and being able to participate in other municipals trick or treating]Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning: Nothing to report at this time.

CDA: Nothing to report at this time.

Personnel: Nothing to report at this time.

Library: J. Rasmussen stated that there has been a new system installed in the library and there are no stats available this month.

Protection of Persons and Property:

P. Parks presented the August 2026 Protection of Persons Report presented by Police Chief Zierler. P. Parks made a motion to accept the August 2026 monthly of 235 total Calls:

8	911 Hangups	1	Lockout
1	Alcohol Offense	1	Noise Complaint
6	Animal Problems	3	Motor Vehicle Crash
1	ATV/UTV Stops	71	Public Spaces Patrol
11	Assist other Agency (11 EMS)	2	Property Damage
4	Building Check	10	Radar Enforcement
8	Citizen Assist	9	School Patrol
1	Community Engagement	10	Suspicious Circumstance

1	Death	1	Theft
1	Controlled Substance Problem	1	Traffic Hazard
1	Escort	77	Traffic Enforcement
1	Fireworks	1	Warrant Pickup
2	Follow up	2	Welfare Check

Motion seconded by A. Bauer. M. Richberg thanked P. Parks for following up with an incident last month and feels the 77 traffics stop is excessive for a month. J. Rasmussen stated he does not feel it should be up to the board to limit the police work. Both Trustees were referred to the next Police Committee meeting by D. Harper. Motion passed.

Public Works (Public Property, Streets, Sewer, Water): Will be working on removing fallen trees from around the river. Looking at the next meeting in October.

Ordinance: Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 4:30 PM. Topics to discuss will be short-term rental license and ATV/UTV.

Park & Garden: Children's Garden season is coming to an end. Clean-up day will be Saturday, September 12. The final Outdoor Recreational Plan will be the main topic at the next meeting on, Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 4:30 PM.

Finance: Motion made by J. Rasmussen to pay the bills. Motion seconded by M. Richberg. Motion passed.

Motion made by J. Rasmussen to accept the August 2026 financial report. Second, by A. Messier. Motion passed.

Village of Iola
Fund Balance Summary

	Ending: August 31, 2026	Ending: July 31, 2026
POOLED CASH		
Chet Krause Park	$ 47,129.87	$ 47,641.94
Children's Garden	$ 3,051.76	$ 3,051.76
Community Garden	$ 1,447.92	$ 1,447.92
Dog Park	$ 8,182.23	$ 8,187.35
Donations	$ 200.00	$ 600.00
Downtown Revitalization	$ 1,646.05	$ 17,688.37
General Fund	$ 285,892.35	$ 158,024.89
Splash Pad & Christmas in the Park	$ 1,215.35	$ 1,215.35
Riverwalk	$ 19,878.66	$ 19,878.66
Sewer-General	$ 34,070.79	$ 53,847.10
Sewer-Relining	$ 24,330.00	$ 24,330.00
Sewer Equipment Replacement	$ 10,484.50	$ 10,484.50
Sick Pay Reserve	$ 48,293.62	$ 48,293.62
Vehicle Replacement	$ 3,153.35	$ 3,153.35
Vehicle Replacement-Fire/Ambulance	$ 73,835.00	$ 73,835.00
Vehicle Replacement-Police	$ 4,896.32	$ 4,896.32

Vehicle Replacement-Public Works	$ 24,260.97	$ 24,260.97	
Water-General	$ 56,841.72	$ 68,064.86	
Checking Account Balance	$ 648,810.46	$ 568,901.96	
Iola Community Development	$ 62,304.71	$ 62,296.77	
Sewer MMA	$ 16,012.82	$ 16,011.46	
Water MMA	$ 15,830.58	$ 15,829.24	
Library MMA	$ 113,952.66	$ 113,756.87	
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 856,911.23	$ 776,796.30	
DEBT SERVICES			**Next Payment**
Sewer Loan	$ 1,088,384.82	$ 1,088,384.82	December 1, 2026
Internal Sewer Loan (Paid to General Fund)	$ 96,079.00	$ 101,079.00	September 30, 2026
Golf Course Loan	$ 184,297.01	$ 184,297.01	September 15, 2026
General Obligation Loan	$ 835,240.45	$ 835,240.45	December 1, 2026
TOTAL DEBT	$ 2,204,001.28	$ 2,209,001.28	

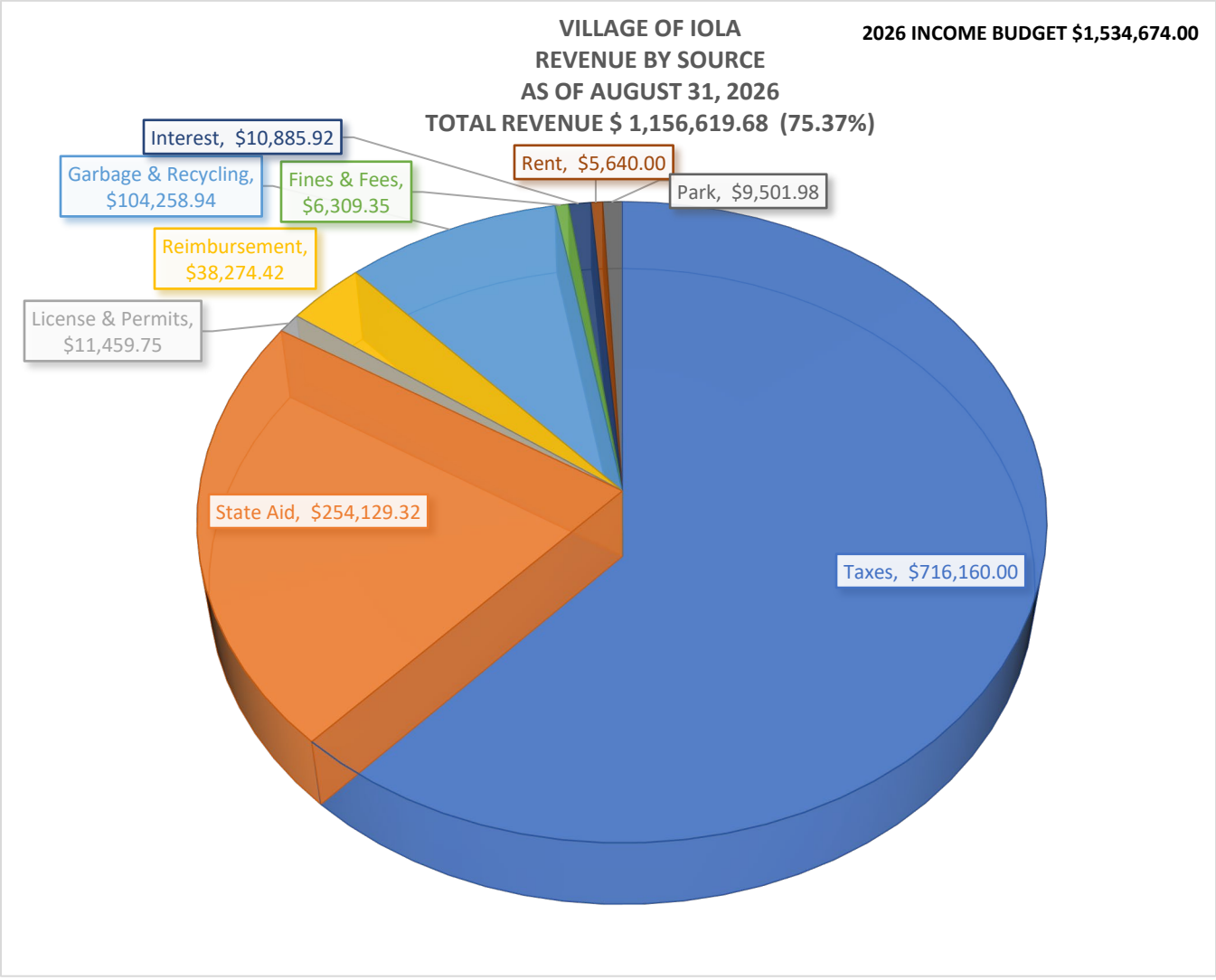
August 2026 Budget Summary

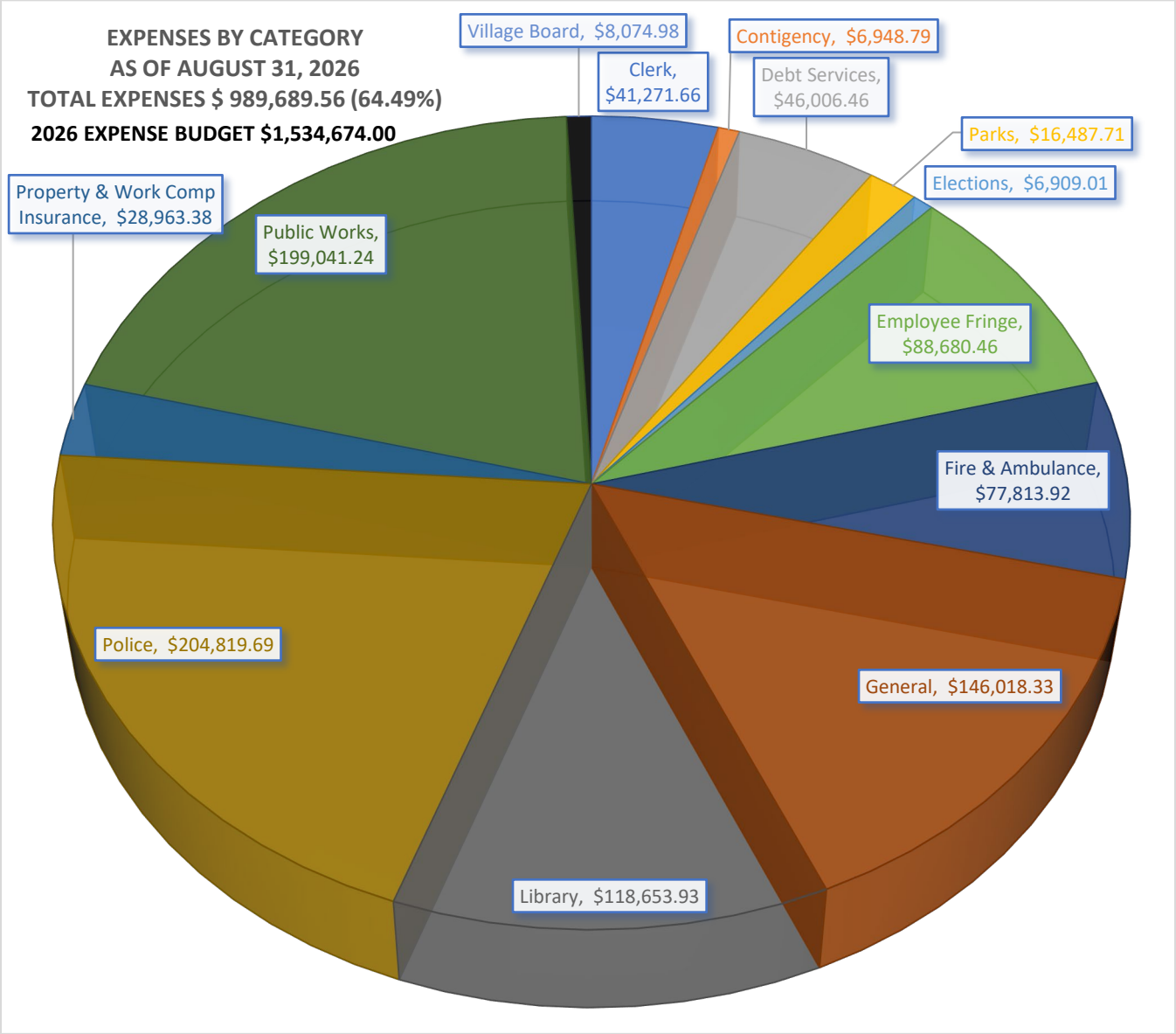
REVENUE						
Account Number		**2026 August**	**Actual 08/31/2026**	**2026 Budget**	**Budget Status**	**% of Budget**
100-00-41110-000-000	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	174494.4	716160	718952	-2792	99.61
100-00-43410-000-000	STATE SHARED REVENUES	0	70504.82	270243	-199738	26.09
100-00-43420-000-000	STATE FIRE AID	0	4930.22	3660	1270.22	134.71
100-00-43430-000-000	EXEMPT COMPUTER	0	2364.3	2364	0.3	100.01
100-00-43530-000-000	TRANSPORTATION AIDS	0	53172.72	70938	-17765.3	74.96
100-00-43690-000-000	OTHER STATE AID	0	389.94	12490	-12100.1	3.12
100-00-43720-000-000	COUNTY LIBRARY AID	0	122129	122129	0	100
100-00-44350-000-000	LICENSE & PERMITS	710	11489.75	11000	489.75	104.45
100-00-46312-000-000	VILLAGE REIMBURSEMENT	7177.53	38274.42	149958	-111684	25.52
100-00-46410-000-000	FUEL SERVICE	31.35	3426.96	100	3326.96	3426.96
100-00-46420-000-000	GARBAGE COLLECTION	793.47	62166.11	78000	-15833.9	79.7
100-00-46430-000-000	RECYCLING COLLECTION	462.82	38665.87	58600	-19934.1	65.98
100-00-46900-000-000	CABLE TV REVENUE	0	608.32	390	218.32	155.98
100-00-48100-000-000	INTEREST INCOME	993.78	10885.92	20000	-9114.08	54.43
100-00-48200-000-000	RENT REVENUE	745	5640	8500	-2860	66.35
100-00-48510-000-000	PARK FEE/DONATION	0	9501.98	850	8651.98	1117.88
100-00-48900-000-000	FINES & FEES	1127.8	6309.35	6500	-190.65	97.07
	Total Revenues	**$186,536.10**	**$1,156,619.68**	**$1,534,674.00**	**$-78,054.32**	**75.37%**

EXPENSES						
Account Number		**2026 August**	**Actual 08/31/2026**	**2026 Budget**	**Budget Status**	**% of Budget**
100-00-51008-000-000	SICK PAY CLEARING	0	7000	7000	0	100
100-00-51100-110-000	VILLAGE BOARD WAGES	1074.98	8074.98	16000	7925.02	50.47
100-00-51100-130-000	VILLAGE BOARD SS/MEDICARE	82.27	617.98	1600	982.02	38.62
100-00-51300-000-000	MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY	3246.07	16310.43	23000	6689.57	70.91
100-00-51420-110-000	CLERK WAGES	3541.2	28416.68	46000	17583.32	61.78
100-00-51420-130-000	CLERK SS/MEDICARE	251.96	2070.9	4000	1929.1	51.77
100-00-51420-131-000	CLERK WRS	252.04	2043.12	3700	1656.88	55.22
100-00-51420-132-000	CLERK INS- H/D/L/V	539.74	3297.82	3500	202.18	94.22
100-00-51420-223-000	CLERK-PHONE	98.63	224.66	1400	1175.34	16.05
100-00-51420-295-000	CLERK/TREAS AUDIT	0	5538.34	14000	8461.66	39.56
100-00-51420-310-000	CLERK/TREAS OFFICE SUPPLIES	653.42	1880.88	2000	119.12	94.04
100-00-51420-321-000	CLERK/TREAS MISC.DUES, SUPPORT	1597.33	10749.44	17000	6250.56	63.23
100-00-51440-110-000	ELECTIONS WAGES	2991.31	5153.29	8000	2846.71	64.42

100-00-51440-130-000	ELECTIONS SS/MEDICARE	126.65	145.01	1400	1254.99	10.36
100-00-51440-131-000	ELECTIONS WRS	80.32	82.68	100	17.32	82.68
100-00-51440-132-000	ELECTIONS INS- H/D/L/V	167.53	176.23	250	73.77	70.49
100-00-51440-310-000	ELECTIONS OFFICE SUPPLIES	352.67	1697.76	4500	2802.24	37.73
100-00-51530-000-000	ASSESSOR - ASSEMENT OF PROPERTY	0	8000	12000	4000	66.67
100-00-51600-110-000	MUNICIPAL BLDG WAGES	54.78	585.7	400	-185.7	146.43
100-00-51600-130-000	MUNICIPAL BLDG -SS/MEDICARE	3.98	43.52	200	156.48	21.76
100-00-51600-131-000	MUNICIPAL BLDG -WRS	3.95	42.18	100	57.82	42.18
100-00-51600-132-000	MUNICIPAL BLDG -INS H/D/L	7.18	44.33	200	155.67	22.17
100-00-51600-220-000	MUNICIPAL BLDG UTILIITIES	1152.16	8592.8	11500	2907.2	74.72
100-00-51600-310-000	MUNICIPAL BLDG -SUPPLIES	1166.21	1819.79	3000	1180.21	60.66
100-00-51600-350-000	MUNICIPAL BLDG REPAIR/MAINT	1865.79	18377.67	17600	-777.67	104.42
100-00-51930-000-000	PROPERTY-LIABILITY-INS	21207.19	22385.99	36000	13614.01	62.18
100-00-51931-000-000	WORKER'S COMP	6577.39	6577.39	14500	7922.61	45.36
100-00-52100-110-000	POLICE DEPT WAGES	15932.64	143810.7	221977.6	78166.92	64.79
100-00-52100-120-000	POLICE PT WAGES	456	10803.32	16000	5196.68	67.52
100-00-52100-130-000	POLICE SS/MEDICARE	1221.92	11552.42	15820	4267.58	73.02
100-00-52100-131-000	POLICE DEPT WRS	2347.99	22335.29	33000	10664.71	67.68
100-00-52100-132-000	POLICE DEPT INS- H/D/L/V	23.72	-612.83	25000	25612.83	-2.45
100-00-52100-223-000	POLICE PHONE & INTERNET	266.15	1288.12	4300	3011.88	29.96
100-00-52100-230-000	POLICE MAINT & REPAIRS	0	1205.65	4000	2794.35	30.14
100-00-52100-290-000	POLICE CONTRACT SERVICE	155.7	1778.06	2000	221.94	88.9
100-00-52100-310-000	POLICE OFFICE SUPPLIES	441.91	4873.86	2000	-2873.86	243.69
100-00-52100-341-000	POLICE TRAINING	0	742.94	3500	2757.06	21.23
100-00-52100-342-000	POLICE FUEL	1271.47	5952.58	9500	3547.42	62.66
100-00-52100-343-000	POLICE RADIO	0	5313.56	3000	-2313.56	177.12
100-00-52100-344-000	POLICE EQUIPMENT	483.5	6916.93	5000	-1916.93	138.34
100-00-52100-345-000	POLICE WEAPONS/TAZER	0	2457.87	2000	-457.87	122.89
100-00-52100-346-000	POLICE AMMUNITION	0	0	1000	1000	0
100-00-52100-347-000	POLICE VEHICLE REPLACEMEN	0	16000	16000	0	100
100-00-52100-391-000	POLICE UNIFORMS	1340.98	1464.78	2000	535.22	73.24
100-00-52110-110-000	CROSSING GUARD WAGES	0	2211.36	4031.42	1820.06	54.85
100-00-52110-130-000	CROSSING GUARD SS/MEDICARE	0	169.17	0	-169.17	0
100-00-52140-290-000	ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT SERVICE	0	0	500	500	0
100-00-52220-000-000	IOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT	0	22367.6	48395	26027.4	46.22
100-00-52225-000-000	EMERGENCY GOVT - VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	0	24000	24000	0	100
100-00-52230-000-000	AMBULANCE - ASSESSMENT	0	31446.32	62893	31446.68	50
100-00-53100-340-000	PUBLIC WORK STREET CONST/MAINT	9743.21	100000	100000	0	100
100-00-53100-347-000	PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	0	25000	25000	0	100
100-00-53110-110-000	PUBLIC WORKS WAGES	4779.82	42311.35	49250	6938.65	85.91
100-00-53110-130-000	PUBLIC WORKS SS/MEDICARE	340.78	3112.84	6800	3687.16	45.78
100-00-53110-131-000	PUBLIC WORKS WRS	344.14	3002.95	4700	1697.05	63.89
100-00-53110-132-000	PUBLIC WORKS INS- H/D/L/V	842.03	1645.33	13000	11354.67	12.66
100-00-53110-310-000	PUBLIC WORKS - OFFICE SUPPLIES	184.82	247.66	400	152.34	61.92
100-00-53230-220-000	PUBLIC WORKS SHOP UTILITIES	250.39	5480.28	6500	1019.72	84.31
100-00-53230-380-000	PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS	386.81	3186.44	7000	3813.56	45.52
100-00-53340-110-000	SNOW REMOVAL WAGES	0	10071.35	7500	-2571.35	134.28
100-00-53340-130-000	SNOW REMOVAL SS/MEDICARE	0	762.51	2649	1886.49	28.78
100-00-53340-131-000	SNOW REMOVAL WRS	0	725.12	1000	274.88	72.51
100-00-53340-132-000	SNOW REMOVAL INS- H/D/L/V	0	295.75	2000	1704.25	14.79
100-00-53340-340-000	SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS	0	7360.51	13500	6139.49	54.52
100-00-53420-000-000	STREET LIGHTING	1769.95	14298.03	23000	8701.97	62.17
100-00-53610-000-000	FUEL SERVICE	913.45	6016.57	100	-5916.57	6016.57
100-00-53620-000-000	GARBAGE COLLECTION	6692.56	52224.89	69000	16775.11	75.69
100-00-53630-000-000	RECYCLING COLLECTION	4379.58	34206.58	58700	24493.42	58.27
100-00-53710-321-000	RECYCLING VILLAGE DUES	0	1387.44	1536	148.56	90.33
100-00-55110-110-000	LIBRARY WAGES	8837.63	69159.92	140195	71035.08	49.33
100-00-55110-130-000	LIBRARY SS/MEDICARE	664.26	5109.64	14000	8890.36	36.5
100-00-55110-131-000	LIBRARY WRS	489.63	3926.02	9000	5073.98	43.62
100-00-55110-132-000	LIBRARY HEALTH INS	58.32	3048.54	27750	24701.46	10.99
100-00-55110-220-000	LIBRARY YEARLY RENT	0	16000	16000	0	100

100-00-55110-223-000	LIBRARY PHONE	40.63	287.31	800	512.69	35.91
100-00-55110-290-000	LIBRARY XEROX	303.48	2921.75	5500	2578.25	53.12
100-00-55110-310-000	LIBRARY OFFICE SUPPLIES	334.36	4046.77	4000	-46.77	101.17
100-00-55110-311-000	LIBRARY TECH/COMPUTERS	0	752.02	2000	1247.98	37.6
100-00-55110-312-000	LIBRARY MATERIALS	1479.66	14649.16	14331	-318.16	102.22
100-00-55110-320-000	LIBRARY PUB/WPLC BYG GDE	0	560.48	560	-0.48	100.09
100-00-55110-321-000	LIBRARY DUES AUTOMATION	0	9523	9523	0	100
100-00-55110-340-000	LIBRARY PROGRAMING	88.49	299.39	2000	1700.61	14.97
100-00-55110-341-000	LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL EXP/TRAINING	0	0	500	500	0
100-00-55110-820-000	LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT	0	454.13	500	45.87	90.83
100-00-55200-110-000	PARKS WAGES	458	3588.11	7000	3411.89	51.26
100-00-55200-130-000	PARKS SS/MEDICARE	32.09	265.07	1400	1134.93	18.93
100-00-55200-131-000	PARKS WRS	32.98	258.34	500	241.66	51.67
100-00-55200-132-000	PARKS INS- H/D/L/V	99.28	322.23	1000	677.77	32.22
100-00-55200-340-000	PARKS GENERAL OPERATIONS	697.23	12899.6	18000	5100.4	71.66
100-00-55220-000-000	CELEBRATIONS	0	1300	1600	300	81.25
100-00-58105-000-000	CONTINGENCY FUND	6948.79	6948.79	20000	13051.21	34.74
100-00-58110-000-000	DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL	0	32510.05	64124	31613.95	50.7
100-00-58210-000-000	DEBT SERVICE INTEREST	0	13496.41	27889	14392.59	48.39
	Total Expenses	**$122,229.10**	**$989,689.56**	**$1,534,674.00**	**$544,984.44**	**64.49%**





Revitalization: Next meeting September 9, 2026, at 3:00 PM

I/S Chamber: Representative J. Rasmussen shared the highlighted items talked about at the previous Chamber meeting. Successful back to school week, The Veterans Pier has been installed. Pie in the Park was held. Taste of Norway and Fire & Ambulance Fall Festival will be October 3rd. Ride for Heroes is coming up starting September 11. Next meeting, September 9, 2026, at 7:00 AM.

Future monthly Board of Trustees meetings: September 22, 2026, at 4:30 PM Working Board in Community Room at Village Hall. October 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM Regular Board Meeting in Community Room.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter from the Honorable Diane L. Meulemans for being able to greet and speak with the Board of Trustees at the July 14, 2026, board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J. Rasmussen to adjourn. Second by M. Richberg. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned by D. Harper at 6:15 PM.

Submitted by: Laura J. Krogwold, Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Iola