

## Village Administrator Monthly Report – July 2025

### General Updates

- Attended the ILCMA Regional Lunch and hosted the July session of the Winnebago Intergovernmental Planning Committee (WIPC), which included representatives from the Village, School District, and regional partners.
- Met with the Village's insurance broker to begin healthcare renewal discussions. Preliminary projections show an 8–12% premium increase for FY26.
- Had preliminary discussions with a governmental cooperative Health insurance group, offering potential for substantial savings on premiums.
- Continued work with NIU Center for Governmental Studies to review downtown overlay zoning and UDO revisions; a proposal will be provided shortly and a follow-up meeting is being scheduled.
- Coordinated Board and Committee of the Whole materials and supported meeting logistics.
- Led a July 4th event debrief and expressed appreciation to staff for preparing the Village ahead of the holiday weekend.

### Economic Development/Community Development/Zoning

- Facilitated the July 1 Zoning Board Public Hearing regarding a **text amendment to the UDO fence standards**, prompted by a resident's request and staff review of ordinance inconsistencies.
  - The Board unanimously adopted **Ordinance 2025-11**, amending Section 6.13.03 to clarify fence height and setback requirements for lots abutting alleys.
- Continued coordination with the Table Talk Supper Club development team, including review of infrastructure needs and collaboration with the Village Attorney and Public Works on a proposed development agreement.
- Conducted a site meeting with Reflections Salon to address ongoing property maintenance concerns and discuss compliance strategies.
- Continued discussions with a local entrepreneur's inquiry into opening a coffee shop; the individual is looking at a Benton Street Location.
- Participated in ongoing discussions related to the implementation of the Village's strategic and comprehensive plan updates.
- Worked with a homebuilder interested in village lots for new residential development.
- Participated in meetings with the Greater Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce regarding regional economic development initiatives.
- Hosted and facilitated a Development Team Meeting with internal and external stakeholders to assess ongoing developments and discuss strategies for addressing blighted properties in the Village.

*Please see the attached Board Brief's for a deeper view of the month's activities for the Village.*