

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2026
MINUTES
6:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

- 1) The Regular Board Meeting on January 12, 2026 was called to order by President Steve Buss at 6:00pm.

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Joe Hallstrom and Nicole Callos. Not present: n/a. Also Present: Brian Nott, Tom Green, Tillie Coomber, Brian Lamphere, Louise Workinger, Robin Walton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Public Hearing, Special Board, Board Meeting, of November 24, 2025**
On a motion by Peight second by Keeffer approving the Public Hearing, Special Board, and Board Meeting minutes from November 24, 2025. ALL AYE.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2025**
On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer approving the minutes from December 8, 2025. ALL AYE.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE REPORT**
On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer approving the Bills Payable Report as presented. ALL AYE.
- 5) **TREASURER’S REPORT ACCEPTANCE**
Callos presented the report for December. On a motion by Keeffer second by Rood to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. ALL AYE
- 6) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
There was no public participation at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION, ATTORNEY’S REPORT, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY,
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, ZONING & PLANNING – NO REPORT / LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

VILLAGE ENGINEER

Nott reported the following updates: Hoerr is continuing their work within the Village. Nott met with Jon in regards to the INI results. Smoke testing will take place January 15th & 16th near Fremont & Railroad, and Church & Main and near Down on the Farm Toy Store. Fliers will be handed out to residents making them aware they may see colored smoke, and that it is not a hazard. EMS and the Fire Department will also be notified. This test is done to determine what is tied to the sanitary system. Nott said Bridgette Stocks is planning on giving a further update at January’s Committee of the Whole Meeting.

WATER & SEWER

Smith reported the following: Repairs are still going on around the Village. Smith also made the Board aware that there is a scam email going around trying to sell a water filter by using a false rating system to state the water quality is above contamination ranges.

CEMETERY BOARD

Robin Walton reported the following: Revenue: \$29,451.78 Expenditures: 35,718.08. Troy Esling will be back to work in April. Increased burial fees to a standard \$600 and implemented a \$200 thaw fee to coincide with what the Cemetery Board is charged; no money is made from these fees. Cremation burial instruction was made more clear as well.

NEW BUSINESS

- 7) **DISCUSS BUDGET**
This will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole in January.
- 8) **APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-100 MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM**
Callos explained the current agreement expires in June. It is important to align with other municipalities to get the best pricing. On a motion by Peight second by Keeffer approving resolution 26-100 for the Municipal Electric Aggregation Program. ALL AYE.
- 9) **DISCUSS/APPROVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE 25-019**
Attorney Green explained the process for approving this ordinance. He requested a meeting at the February Committee of the Whole to go over this further with the Board.
- 10) **DISCUSS RIGHT OF WAY ORDINANCE**
The Board decided to discuss this at the Committee of the Whole in February.
- 11) **DISCUSS/APPROVE DEMOLITION OF COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ORDINANCES**
The Board decided to discuss this at the Committee of the Whole in February.
- 12) **APPROVAL OF GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES AT THE DOWNTOWN PAVILION**
Buss explained his only concern would be people parking on Route 73. On On a motion by Keeffer second by Baldauf approving Girl Scout cookie sales on February 13th or March 6th from 4-6pm. ALL AYE.

On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith to move to Executive Session at 6:37pm.

****Executive Session **Pursuant to the exception set forth in Section 2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act concerning personnel. No action was taken during executive session.**

Roll Call

WELFARE OF THE VILLAGE

ADJOURNMENT

- 13) On a motion by Peight second by Keeffer to adjourn the January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting at 7:00pm.
ALL AYE.

CLAUDIA SIMPSON
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE BUSS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT