

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2026
MINUTES
6:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

- 1) The Regular Board Meeting on June 8, 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, Tillie Coomber and Nicole Callos. Not present: Brandon Smith. Also Present: Brian Nott, Tom Green, Andrew Jacobson, Josh Garcia, Louise Worker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 11, 2026**
On a motion by Keeffer second by Peight approving the minutes from May 11, 2026. ALL AYE.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE REPORT**
On a motion by Peight second by Rood approving the Bills Payable Report as presented. ALL AYE.
- 4) **TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTANCE**
Callos presented the report for May and noted a credit for the ACS grant writing. Tree removal and replacement is over due to a donation. A credit from Nicor exists for a water main repair reimbursement. On a motion by Rood second by Keeffer to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. ALL AYE
- 5) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Andrew Jacobson and Josh Garcia with Liberty Public Adjusting Group were present to explain how they believe they can help residents within the Village navigate their insurance claims. They do not do roof repair themselves and are regulated by the State; licensed in Illinois, Florida and Wisconsin. Liberty Public Adjusting is paid by a percentage of the insurance settlement to the insured. Buss stated Liberty Public Adjusting Group could set up a booth at the Farmers Market. They do not knock on doors and do not require a solicitation permit. It was mentioned to speak with the Park District and the Library. There have been no other public adjusters ask to be present in the Village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION, ATTORNEY'S REPORT, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, WATER & SEWER, ZONING & PLANNING, CEMETERY BOARD – NO REPORT / LISTED ON THE AGENDA

VILLAGE ENGINEER

Nott reported the following updates: Bridgette Stocks has not heard anything back from IEPA loan.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Keeffer reported that Bob and Christy with Railside Pub were requesting a street closure to set up tables and chairs during the fundraising event for Ryan Buss from 3-11pm on June 27th. Emergency services will be notified. Allies can be utilized during the closure.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Rood stated the new streets hire is working out well. Training continues and he plans to get his CDL. Rood wanted to know the process for stumps in the right-of-way; Attorney Green noted that the bid process can be waived with a super majority Board vote 4/6. A log of right-of-way issues will be drafted.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6) **DISCUSS/APPROVE UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT ORDINANCE 26-008**
Callos stated an adjustment is done every year, but this year water was adjusted more than sewer and will take effect in July. On a motion by Keeffer second by Rood approving the utility rate adjustment ordinance 26-008. ALL AYE.
- 7) **DISCUSS/APPROVE AMENDING CH. 13: OVERNIGHT PARKING ORDINANCE 26-009**
On a motion by Rood second by Baldauf approving Ordinance 26-009 amending Chapter 13 regarding overnight parking to include an exception for residential homeowners. ALL AYE.

- 8) **DISCUSS/APPROVE WASTEWATER SCADATA SYSTEM ENGINEERING AGREEMENT**
Nott explained the estimate the Board reviewed regarding product and installation of the SCADATA system. Funds are allocated from Sewer. On a motion by Rood second by Keeffer approving the wastewater SCADATA system engineering agreement in the amount of \$80,058.98. ALL AYE.
- 9) **DISCUSS BESS ORDINANCE UPDATES**
Nott presented written recommendations to the Board to make the existing ordinance more efficient. The Board will review all before amending the existing ordinance.
- 10) **DISCUSS TOWNLINE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**
Nott explained a situation on Townline Road where the legal description of 4 parcels extend out to the center of Townline Road. The goal would be to establish a dedicated right-of-way of 33 feet for utilities to avoid property-owner involvement regarding utility work. Technically an easement should be required. Attorney Green noted this is a historical mistake and everyone wants to make it right. Contact will be made with the two property owners.
- 11) **DISCUSS DRAINAGE ISSUES ON IL ROUTE 73**
Attorney Green explained the Village did not approve the parking lot on Route 73; a permit was issued. The Village can send a letter to the property owner first, explaining the drainage issue and complaint. Fehr Graham will be drafting a letter assessing the situation.
- 12) **DISCUSS ABORVITAE ON LOCUST STREET**
Nott explained back in August a letter was drafted to be sent to the property owner due to complaints from residents. At that time, it was agreed to trim the trees that impede on visibility to drivers. The issue has arisen again and a letter will be sent.

WELFARE OF THE VILLAGE

Callos said that the Village Insurance claims are filed with IML IMRA. Several adjusters have been re-assigned and Callos continues to reach out and maintain contact with them.

ADJOURNMENT

- 13) On a motion by Keeffer second by Baldauf to adjourn the June 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting at 7:34.p.m.
ALL AYE.

CLAUDIA SIMPSON
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE BUSS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT