

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2026
MINUTES
6:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

- 1) The Regular Board Meeting on July 13, 2026 was called to order by President Steve Buss at 6:00pm.

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Brandon Smith, Dean Rood, Tillie Coomber and Nicole Callos. Not present: N/A. Also Present: Brian Nott, Tom Green, Lindsay Buss, Brian Lamphere, Louise Workinger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 8, 2026**
On a motion by Peight second by Keeffer approving the minutes from June 8, 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 June. On a motion by Keeffer second by Baldauf to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. ALL AYE
- 5) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Jim Accurso from the SBA was assigned to a new disaster and unable to attend July's meeting, but online disaster relief is available until July 17th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Baldauf expressed her appreciation for Madi Becke and Nicole Callos for running the Village office.

VILLAGE ENGINEER

Nott reported the following updates: Nott has sent the letter to business owner on Route 73 regarding parking lot concrete and further communication has been had with Mayor Buss and Attorney Green. All parties have been contacted and a resolution is being discussed. 2) Nott sent correspondence to residence with arborvitae in the right-of-way 3) Helm is beginning repairs this week. Water main on Oak has been completed and tied in; curb and gutter on Leet and Oak Street are final items. Nott is drafting a memo for Board review to assess priority areas for repair from the smoke test results.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Keeffer reported the following grant progress: DOT step grant, part of traffic enforcement: DOT supplements overtime hours. Organized retail crime grant: FLOCK system grant which is granted annually. FOID card: Reimbursement grant checking for FOID card compliance. Grant for officer employment of \$150,000 for three years. 2) Scooter discussion: Chief Lamphere has put together an ordinance that would be consistent with the upcoming Illinois State Law that takes effect January 1, 2027 regarding all 'E-micro-mobility'. Keeffer and Chief Lamphere want to keep discussion open regarding scooters.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Rood gave the following updates: 1) Brandt Esling sent an email with a list of street signs that were damaged during the tornado. 2) Skid loader for stump removal purchase rather than paying a separate entity to grind stumps on Village property. 3) IML risk management; claim hold up is waiting on approval from RMA.

WATER & SEWER

Nott stated they are waiting on word about the water main grant yet. LaHood Grant is on its way to Springfield. Nott is checking on a sump pump issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6) **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 26-010**
Appropriations Ordinance 26-010 was reviewed during the Public Hearing by the Board. No public present made comment. On a motion by Peight second by Keeffer approving the Appropriation Ordinance 26-010. ALL AYE.
- 7) **DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 26-011 AMENDED ENTERPRISE ZONE**
The following discussion was held: Once the enterprise zone is established, it remains the same unless revised. Buss explained the benefits including no sales tax on building material purchased in Illinois, and three years abatement on property improvement tax increases. On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer approving Ordinance 26-011 amending the enterprise zone. ALL AYE.
- 8) **DISCUSS/APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-103 AMENDED ENTERPRISE ZONE**
Buss stated this is a corresponding resolution for Ordinance 26-011. On a motion by Rood second by Peight approving the enterprise resolution. ALL AYE.
- 9) **DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 26-012 AMENDED ENTERPRISE ZONE**
On a motion by second by approving Ordinance 26-012 to amend the enterprise zone. ALL AYE.
- 10) **DISCUSS/APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-104 AMENDED ENTERPRISE ZONE**
On a motion by second by approving resolution 26-104 to amend the enterprise zone. ALL AYE.
- 11) **DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 26-013 BACKUP GENERATOR PURCHASE**
On a motion by second by approving Ordinance 26-013 for the backup generator purchase. ALL AYE.
- 12) **DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE 26-014 AMENDING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**
Attorney Green stated he will be taking recommendations from Brian Nott/Fehr-Graham for the ordinance to be discussed and approved.
- 13) **DISCUSS/APPROVE PAY APP #3 – MAIN STREET & TOWNLINE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**
Nott explained this payment is for retainage. On a motion by Rood second by Peight approving Pay Application #3 and final for Main Street and Townline Road intersection improvements in the amount of \$3,512.55 for Fischer Excavating. ALL AYE.
- 14) **DISCUSS/APPROVE PAY APPLICATION #3 – MILFRED STREET IMPROVEMENTS**
Nott stated this project was partially MFT funds. On a motion by Peight second by Rood approving pay application #3 for Milfred Street improvements in the amount of \$7,000.21 for Fischer Excavating. ALL AYE.
- 15) **DISCUSS/APPROVE PAY APPLICATION #1 – 2026 STREET IMPROVEMENTS**
Nott explained On a motion by second by approving Pay Application #1 for 2026 Street Improvements in the amount of \$36,639.00 for Helm Civil. ALL AYE.
- 16) **DISCUSS MUNICIPAL DISASTER RELIEF GRANT**
Buss stated the Village applied for a grant from the State for \$250,000 to help assist with Village money spent on: roughly 800 hours of cleanup, employee hours in the office and Police Department, street signs, water and sewer, anything outside the scope of insurance, \$40,000 for dumpsters.

WELFARE OF THE VILLAGE

Lena Lions Pet Parade – Saturday July 18th at 10am
National Night Out – Tuesday August 11, 5-8pm.

ADJOURNMENT

- 17) On a motion by Keeffer second by Peight to adjourn the July 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting at 7:10pm.
ALL AYE.

CLAUDIA SIMPSON
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE BUSS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT