REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2026
MINUTES
6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

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

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Tillie Coomber, Nicole Callos. Not present: Brian Peight. Also Present: Brian Nott, Attorney Tom Green, Ben Cheeney, Louise Workinger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 14, 2026 – Board Meeting and Public Hearing**
On a motion by Keeffer second by Rood approving the minutes from September 14, 2026. ALL AYE.

3) **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE REPORT**
On a motion by Keeffer second by Rood approving the Bills Payable Report as presented. ALL AYE.

4) **TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTANCE**
Callos presented the report for September. On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. ALL AYE

5) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
There was no public participation at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Baldauf reported that the Newsletter is on the Village Facebook page in addition to being mailed to residents.

VILLAGE ENGINEER
Nott reported the following updates:1) Smoke testing will continue, rain permitting. 2) 2026 Street Project Plans are essentially complete; addressing some final punch-list items yet; Pay applications to follow. 3) Logan to Main Streets have been walked to begin planning and design. Center Street water main projects were walked and comments made; design process will follow. Center Street bids will go out in March. 4) Helm will be completing the curb on Robin Court. Nott stated they are seeing about tying in drain tile; 15 ft section of curb will be replaced to allow for water drainage. 5) Nott will be working with Kory Polhill regarding water service lines.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Keeffer reported that the new police hire is doing well, and will be off training soon. Trick-or-treating will be from 5-7pm on Halloween, barricades will be placed and notice will be posted that streets will be closed 4:30pm—7pm. High school kids can get volunteer hours for helping. Baldauf is adding to the school announcements that 2 or 3 volunteers are requested.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
1.) Cheeney stated salt pricing has increased again this year. 2) Pam Farris visited Lena and was happy about all the trees she helped to have planted.

WATER & SEWER
The following updates were discussed: Insurance payments have been made on some portions of the Tornado and Hail claims. Super majority can be done to approve bids for some storm damage repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

6) **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 2026 ZBA MINUTES**
Buss and Madi Becke were present at this ZBA meeting to take questions on the Battery Energy Storage Systems. On a motion by Rood second by Smith approving the ZBA meeting minutes from October 5, 2026. ALL AYE.

7) **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 26-110 LBPA CHRISTMAS PARADE**
On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith approving Resolution 26-110 for the LBPA Christmas Parade. ALL AYE.

8) **APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 26-014 AMENDING CH21 ZONING**
On a motion by Smith second by Baldauf approving Ordinance 26-014 amending Chapter 21, Zoning. ALL AYE.

On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith moving the Board out of Regular session, into Executive Session: ***Pursuant to the exception set forth in Section 2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act concerning personnel.**

Roll

WELFARE OF THE VILLAGE

ADJOURNMENT

9) On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer to adjourn the October 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting at 6:42pm. ALL AYE.

CLAUDIA SIMPSON
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE BUSS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT