

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**October 13, 2025**  
**Council Chambers, Village Hall**  
**213 N. Prairie Street, Bethalto, Illinois**

The Village Board of Trustees met on the above date in the Council Chambers of Village Hall for a regular meeting called to order by Mayor Gary Bost at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Roll call was taken by Village Clerk Sue Lowrance. Present: Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, and Wright. Trustee Sontag was absent. Also present: Police Chief Jason Lamb, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Amy Gabriel, Fire Chief Jay Grant, and Village Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Wright, to approve village board meeting minutes of September 8, 2025, as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 5-0.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Fire Chief Jay Grant reviewed the statistical report for the month of September. There were 150 calls for service this month, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,387. New pagers have been received for the Star Comm system, and the radios will be received soon. The new rescue truck is now in service, and the new pumper truck is ready for pickup. Two grants are being applied for through the Illinois State Fire Marshall and Firehouse Subs. Fire Prevention Week events occurred at the schools and library, and Touch a Truck is set for this week as well. The department is cooperating with LCCC for some training at their airport facility, and additional training is scheduled for Saturday in Elsah with live burns. There were no questions.

Police Chief Lamb presented the monthly activity report for September. CMHS Homecoming week went well with no incidents to report. The department is in the process of running background checks on a potential lateral transfer hire. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports and reviewed work completed in the water, sewer, street and parks departments as well as the water office. Plegge Blvd is completed and awaiting the final walkthrough. Plegge trail work is being completed in-house from Prairie to Oak Street. Cheatham reviewed the monthly water quality report, noting that some property acquisition is required for the Hilltop project and the landowner is cooperating. The Airline and Valley Drive projects are in the final stages of engineering. Five filters and two softeners are being repacked at the water plant. IEPA test results have all come back clear and odorless, with all test results under MCLs. The Village conducted independent PFAS testing, which came back under MCLs as well. Cheatham has held meetings with IEPA related to funding possibilities for main replacements. Some complaints have been received about erosion around auto-flush locations, and Cheatham will be making adjustments to address those complaints. There were no questions.

The monthly Building & Zoning report was reviewed with no questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Melissa Certa, 160 Heatherland Drive, expressed concerns about pedestrian traffic along and across Roosevelt Drive at Heatherland. Certa suggested a traffic study and possible use of speed radar. Mayor Bost stated we will discuss possible options at the October committee meeting and follow up accordingly.

Joan Ketcham, 413 Whispering Oaks Drive, addressed the board regarding her petition for a variance to allow construction of a carport at her home.

Shaun Flatt, 419 Sullivan, East Alton, addressed the board regarding how the Village will prevent any future recurrence of “brown water”, what training has been done, and any findings from the storage tank/diver inspections.

David Wright, 275 W Haller, East Alton, addressed the board stating that he “can’t get answers to simple questions” and stated that “the Village doesn’t have credibility”. Wright expressed that his main concern is that he is “stuck” with Bethalto water and doesn’t have a vote in terms of representation due to his address being out of town. Wright added he has no other place to go and that Bethalto “is not putting up a good program”.

Rosie Brown, Alderwoman in Alton and candidate for State Representative in District 111, introduced herself to the Board and stated that she believes the Village is doing all it can to address water safety, but that her concern is for the people who cannot afford to purchase water if/when needed.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

### **ORDINANCES**

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

### **REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

The Planning & Zoning Board has forwarded a recommendation to the Village Board regarding a variance application from Joan Ketcham for property located at 413 Whispering Oaks Drive. Ms. Ketcham has applied for a variance to allow construction of a carport/portico at the front of her property. After the public hearing and meeting held September 25, 2025, the P&Z Board is recommending the variance request be denied.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board and deny the variance request.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The Halloween Parade is scheduled for Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. Line up is at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens beginning at 6pm. Trick or Treating is October 30 & 31 from 6-8pm.

**MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The September Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Revenue and expenses were reviewed, and the ending cash balance increased nearly \$300,000 over the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2025.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**BILLS**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$230,840.98.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**WATER & SEWER FUND**

**Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Wright, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$447,584.88.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**INSURANCE FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$179,469.28.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Wright, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$57,426.36.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND**

**Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$12,500.00.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

October committee meetings will be held October 27, 2025, at 6:00pm. The next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting will be held on November 10, 2025, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

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Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Gary Bost, Mayor