

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
November 10, 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, Mull, Sontag and Wright. Trustee Keister 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 Wright, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of October 13, 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 October. There were 156 calls for service, two of which were fires. The department completed inspections at Riverbend Head Start and did school visits throughout our district. New pagers are in service, but we are still waiting on Star Comm. There were no questions.

Police Chief Lamb presented the monthly activity report for October. Two new squad cars are at Weber Ford awaiting customization. Datatronics is completing work on a new radio system in conjunction with East Alton PD, but there is an issue at the Mine Street tower. We have had a lot of problems with electric scooters, and several towns are having the same concerns. We’ve had reports of coyotes in the area and Chief Lamb has put information out to inform residents that they can’t trap, shoot, or otherwise harm wild animals. A new patrolman, Elijah Dannenbrink, starts this week. 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. There were six main breaks this month. The Airline/Valley main replacement project is at the IEPA; those plans should be approved quickly and then out for bid shortly thereafter. The Hilltop project is still in negotiations. Pledge resurfacing is completed with a few minor details to be taken care of before the final approval. Work began on the multi-use trail from Prairie to Oak Street; that work is being completed in-house. Drainage work is being completed on Terrace St, and the Lee Street alley and connectors were oiled and chipped. Equipment for the all-inclusive playground is in and will be installed in the spring. HVAC is being replaced in the bandstand restrooms. There were no questions.

The monthly Building & Zoning report was reviewed. There were 12 permits issued and 1 new construction permit. Violations were reviewed and commercial projects discussed. QT is remodeling their kitchen, Bethalto Animal Clinic is undergoing an expansion, and plans for a Jimmy Johns in the Hit n Run complex have been received for review. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis Clements, 602 Church Drive, addressed the board with complaints about his neighbor neglecting his yard and burning piles of brush, which has had adverse effects on Clements' daughter who suffers from asthma. Clements also believes that underage drinking frequently occurs at the residence. He had previously met with Mayor Bost, PW Director Cheatham, Zoning Inspector Ressler, and Police Chief Lamb to discuss his concerns. Clements stated he feels he is fighting a losing battle and pleaded with the Board to take action.

Angel Helmkamp, 500 North Street, thanked the Village for the improved water quality and asked if the few discolored water issues lately could be from the main breaks reported earlier;

Cheatham said that discoloration is common with any main break. Helmkamp was updated on the status of the main replacement projects and again thanked everyone for their hard work.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2025-15 An Ordinance Approving a Purchase Agreement to allow the Village to Purchase a New Fire Truck was presented. As discussed in committee, this authorizes the purchase of a new fire truck that will be funded up-front from the Village's General Fund and paid back over six years through adjustments to the Fire Department's annual equipment budget. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Sontag, to approve Ordinance 2025-15 An Ordinance Approving a Purchase Agreement to allow the Village to Purchase a New Fire Truck.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Village offices will be closed November 11 for Veteran's Day and November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving. Christmas Village in the park opens November 28th, and the Victorian Christmas Walk is December 14th. Bost also recognized that today marks the 250th birthday of the United States Marines.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The October Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. There were no questions. **Motion made by Wright, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve the**

Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2025. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Mull, Sontag 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 \$931,072.57. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Sontag, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$201,691.21. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$58,785.97. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$361,528.62. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

November committee meetings will be held November 24, 2025, at 6:00pm. The next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting will be held on December 8, 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 7:18pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor