

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
January 12, 2026
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 Sontag. Trustee Wright was absent. Also present: Police Chief Jason Lamb, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Fire Chief Jay Grant, and Village Attorney Amy Gabriel. CM Cross Country Coach Jake Peal and several of the team members were also in attendance.

Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of December 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 December; there were 175 calls for service in the month and a grand total of 1,794 calls for the year. There have already been 84 calls in January, so the department is off to a busy start to 2026. The Star Comm radios should be in service at the end of March. The department is using new reporting software through Madison County, which will be a cost savings to the department. There were no questions.

Police Chief Lamb presented his department’s monthly activity report as well as the 2025 Annual Report. The cameras in Central Park were utilized again for what was believed to be vandalism to one of the Christmas Village displays; it turned out to be heavy winds that knocked it over. Chief Lamb informed the Board of issues at the homeless encampment on Village property west of town; there was a brush fire there last week and the site has now been cleared out with help of Public Works. Lamb thanked Village crews for their assistance

with this issue. The department will be completing their mandated trainings over the next several weeks. 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. IEPA approval has been received for the 9th Street and Valley Drive projects, so bid docs are being prepared for those projects. A new Welcome to Bethalto sign is being constructed along 111. The crosswalk at Roosevelt/Heatherland is on-hold due to damaged solar equipment in shipment but will be completed as soon as replacement parts are received. Cheatham provided the Board with our annual MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) stormwater update, which is required by our Illinois EPA permit, and noted we are compliant with all requirements. There were no questions.

The monthly Building & Zoning report was reviewed, with updates on commercial projects given and current property violations noted. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Bost turned the floor over to Jake Peal, coach of the 2025 CMHS Boys Cross Country Team, who introduced this year's team and their IHSA 2A State Champion Max Weber. Peal noted the team's achievements over the past few seasons and the Board congratulated them on an outstanding year. Weber will be honored with a street sign to commemorate his achievement.

Laura Kimbro was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be invited to return on a future date.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

None presented.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The December Treasurer's Report was presented by Mayor Bost. Revenue and expenses were reviewed, and our cash balance increased approximately \$335k over the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Sontag, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2025.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$155,779.83. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$343,713.45. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

AUDIT FUND

Motion by Keister, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$19,350.00. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$65,899.85. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The January committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2026, beginning at 6pm; the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting will be held on February 9, 2026, 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 7:13pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor