

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
March 9, 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: Acting Police Chief Ryan Dugger, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Fire Chief Jay Grant, and Village Attorney Rene Butler.

Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, 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 February. There were 178 calls for service during the month, a decrease from January but more of a typical month for the department. Warning sirens were all tested in February, with two amps shown to need repair. Star Comm work continues, with an anticipated go-live date sometime in April. The department will be conducting first aid training with the school district in March. There were no questions.

Acting Police Chief Ryan Dugger presented the department’s monthly activity, noting 531 calls for February. Dugger reviewed the investigation of a theft ring at Walgreens, which was hit three times over the past month. Some suspects have been identified and charged; others are still pending. One new squad car will be delivered this week, then sent to Datatronics for equipment; the other should arrive in the next couple of weeks. One of the current squad cars is at Winner’s Circle for repairs, as it had to be towed from QT earlier today. 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 12 main breaks during the month of February, but improving temperatures should help with the number of breaks. There were no questions.

The monthly Building & Zoning report was presented, with permits reviewed, updates on commercial projects given and current property violations noted. Mayor Bost added that there have been complaints about a rooster in Kutter-Aljets; we believe we have identified the source and a letter sent to the homeowner for follow-up. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests wishing to address the board.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-01 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Bid Regarding SCBA Air Packs was presented. This authorizes the sale of fifteen (15) surplus SCBA air packs from the fire department to the highest bidder, Sentinel, for \$30,000. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2026-01 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Bid Regarding SCBA Air Packs.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

There were no reports or announcements from the mayor.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The February Treasurer's Report was presented by Mayor Bost in Treasurer Randolph's absence. Summary revenue and expense reports were provided to the Board; our cash balance decreased slightly over the previous month and stands at \$17,243,406. There were no questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2026.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$411,727.64. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Keister, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$277,302.37. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ESDA FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$234.30. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$58,577.16. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$78,133.79. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The March committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026, beginning at 6pm; the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting will be held on April 13, 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 7:09pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor