

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
April 13, 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, Sontag and Wright. Also present: Acting Police Chief Ryan Dugger, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Fire Chief Jay Grant, Finance Administrator Aleisha Randolph, Village Attorney Amy Gabriel, several members of the Bethalto Police Department and their families.

A motion was made by Wright, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of March 9, 2026, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Jay Grant reviewed the statistical report for the month of March. There were 175 calls for service during the month. All Star Comm radios have been installed, and the system is expected to go live in May or June. The department has applied for three small grants and is waiting to hear if we will be recipients of those. Members of the department will participate in Community Night at CMHS and CM’s Career Day later this month. We have lost two part-time firefighters but added three volunteers. There were no questions.

Acting Police Chief Ryan Dugger presented the department’s monthly activity. The department responded to 595 calls in March. Two new squad cars are in service, and the remaining fleet has had maintenance completed and all cars are fully operational. Sgt. Wofford is the recipient of the Be Like Blake award through Mustache March and will be attending Police Week in Washington DC later this month. Sgt. Jordan Lind, Patrolman Alex

Dodge, and Detective Brad Henry were presented with plaques in recognition of their life saving measures taken on April 7th, when they, along with firefighter Patrick Kelly, resuscitated a gentleman suffering cardiac arrest and saved his life. Those in attendance and the Board of Trustees thanked the officers for their dedication to the community.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his reports and reviewed work completed throughout his department. There were 2 main breaks during the month. The bid packet for the Valley Drive water main replacement is complete and that project will go out for bid next week. Mill & overlay work has started and will continue until complete. The new tandem truck is expected to arrive April 21st. Prep work is being done in parks and work at the museum continues. Cheatham expressed concerns with the lights at Field of Dreams, which are starting to fail and will be a very costly repair/replacement project. Cheatham would like to discuss that in April committee meetings. There were no questions.

The monthly Building & Zoning report was presented, with permits reviewed, updates on commercial projects given and current property violations noted. There was one new construction permit issued during the month. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests wishing to address the board.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

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 March Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator Randolph. Our cash balance decreased slightly over the previous month but stands at \$17,103,290. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Dugger, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2026.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$279,716.48. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Wright, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$309,376.48. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$58,576.24. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND

Motion by Sontag, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$730.51. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bost announced the need to enter Executive Session per ILCS 5/120 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining. Entered Executive Session at 7:12pm.

Reconvened into regular session at 7:34pm with Mayor Bost, PW Director Cheatham, Finance Administrator Randolph, and all trustees present. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull, to approve Executive Session minutes from December 8, 2025.** Trustees voted aye viva voce and the minutes were approved.

The April committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026, beginning at 6pm; the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting will be held on May 11, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor