

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
June 8, 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, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright. Trustee Perkhiser was absent. Also present: Police Chief Ryan Dugger, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Fire Chief Jay Grant, Finance Administrator Aleisha Randolph, Village Attorney Amy Gabriel, and several residents.

A motion was made by Wright, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of May 11, 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 May, noting 165 calls for service. The department received word that the MABAS 35 unit will no longer be in service for assistance at fires, which means our trucks will need to carry more supplies. Lowe’s donated a new refrigerator and dishwasher to the department, and Harbor Freight donated \$100 for supplies as well. The department was selected as a recipient of an OSFM Grant for \$16,244 which will be used for thermal imaging equipment. There were no questions.

Police Chief Ryan Dugger presented the department’s monthly activity, noting 646 calls during the month. There has been a string of vehicle burglaries in town and Dugger encouraged residents to keep valuables out of sight and vehicles always locked. The department is accepting applications for new hires, with July 10th as the deadline for

applications. Officer Brad Henry was promoted to Sergeant and will continue to serve in the Investigations Department for the BPD. There were no questions on the monthly report.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his reports and reviewed work completed throughout his departments. There were 2 main breaks this month, and auto flushers are back in use now that weather has warmed up. Mill and overlay work is beginning on Homm Street, and the new accessible playground construction is continuing. 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 were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests wishing to address the board.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-02 A Resolution to Release Executive Session Minutes was presented. This resolution ascertains that continued confidentiality is necessary for the listed minutes and thus determines to keep them closed. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2026-02 A Resolution to Release Executive Session Minutes.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2026-03 A Resolution for IDOT Section 25-00033-03-BT, Job Number C-98-047-26 Shared Use Path along Plegge from Ashbrook to Rogers Lane was presented. This authorizes the funding agreement for the multi-use path project from Ashbrook to Rogers. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Sontag, to approve Resolution 2026-03.**

Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2026-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 Article II Liquor was presented. At last month's meeting the board increased the number of B licenses to allow the issuance of a license to Eagles Nest; however, Eagles Nest then determined that a Class A is what they'd prefer. This increases the number of Class A licenses from seven to eight and decreases the number of Class B licenses from seven to six, to allow for that change. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2026-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 Article II Liquor.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 Public Safety was presented. This updates the Village's public safety code related to qualifications for the position of Deputy Chief, by adding that the appointee can have five years' experience as an officer within the State of Illinois, not just the Village of Bethalto, as discussed in committee. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Sontag, to approve Ordinance 2026-05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 Public Safety.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The Planning & Zoning Board has submitted a recommendation to rezone Bethalto Hills Subdivision from RS8 to RS5, as discussed in their May meeting following a public hearing on the subject. This change allows homes destroyed by recent fires to rebuild on their same footprint, as under RS8 zoning those homes would not meet requirements. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board and rezone Bethalto Hills Subdivision from RS8 to RS5 Single Family**

Residential. Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-06 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 Zoning Map was presented. This reflects the change to the zoning map for the rezoning of Bethalto Hills Subdivision. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2026-06 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 Zoning Map.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-07 Appropriations Ordinance was presented with no questions. **Motion made by Wright, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2026-07 Appropriations Ordinance.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

As stated previously, Bethalto Family Eagles Nest Restaurant has updated their application for a Liquor License and wants a Class A license rather than a Class B license as approved at the last meeting. The ordinance passed earlier at this meeting updates the number of licenses available. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to revoke the Class B License issued to Bethalto Family Eagles Nest Restaurant.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Dugger, to grant a Class A Liquor License to Bethalto Family Eagles Nest Restaurant.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The May Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator Randolph. Our cash balance decreased slightly over the previous month but stands at \$16,941,977. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Wright, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2026.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Keister, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$476,604.31. Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$126,553.53. Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ESDA FUND

Motion by Keister, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$1,014.25. Trustees Dugger, Keister, 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 \$60,863.10. Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND

Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$28,044.08. Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The June committee meeting will be held on June 22, 2026, beginning at 6pm; the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting will be held on July 13, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wright, seconded by Keister.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor