

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
July 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, and Wright. Trustees Mull and Sontag were absent. Also present: Police Chief Ryan Dugger, Deputy Police Chief Michael Hogan, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Fire Chief Jay Grant, Finance Administrator Aleisha Randolph, Village Attorney Amy Gabriel, members of the CMHS Cross Country Team and several residents and family members.

A motion was made by Wright, seconded by Keister, to approve the village board meeting minutes of June 8, 2026, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Jay Grant reviewed the statistical report for the month of June, noting 140 calls for service. The Star Comm system is partially operational, but the Bethalto and Holiday Shores towers are not yet live and testing is ongoing. Unit 2211 passed its state inspection and is now fully in service. The department’s new thermal imaging cameras have arrived and training is in progress. There were no questions.

Police Chief Ryan Dugger presented the department’s monthly activity, noting 600 calls during the month. Two new squad cars are being outfitted now, with another to be completed in the next couple of weeks. Two “retired” police vehicles were purchased from the Missouri State Highway Patrol to be used as investigator vehicles. The department is getting new flooring this week and that project is nearly complete. Deputy Chief Michael

Hogan was presented and pinned by his wife; Hogan was sworn into service earlier this month and came to the Village after a long career in law enforcement. There were no questions on the monthly report.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his reports and reviewed work completed throughout his departments. The inclusive playground is now open, with fencing yet to be installed before the project is finished. Trustee Keister asked about the Moreland/140 project being completed by the County; Cheatham stated they are widening the road. There were no further 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 2026-04 A Resolution Authorizing New Contract Term for a School Resource Officer to the Board of Education of Bethalto Community Unit School District No. 8 was presented. This resolution authorizes a renewal of the SRO agreement with the School District for the upcoming school year, with no changes in terms except for an increase in pay as per the union contract. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Resolution 2026-04 A Resolution Authorizing New Contract Term for a School Resource Officer to the Board of Education of Bethalto Community Unit School District No. 8.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor introduced Civic Memorial High School Cross Country Coach Jake Peal, who in turn recognized his team and the accomplishments of Max Weber, the 2026 Illinois State 2A 3200m State Champion. The Village then presented Weber with a sign that will be posted on Bellwood Drive for the upcoming year.

The July Planning & Zoning meeting will be held on July 30th, with a public hearing beginning at 6pm regarding an application for rezoning of property in the 800 block of N. Prairie.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The June Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator Randolph. Our cash balance decreased slightly from the previous month but stands at \$16,840,418. There were no questions. **Motion made by Wright, seconded by Dugger, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2026.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Wright, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$362,186.20. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Keister, seconded by Wright, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$335,026.51. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Wright, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$60,845.16. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

The July committee meeting will be held on July 27, 2026, beginning at 6pm; the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting will be held on August 10, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Perkhiser, seconded by Wright.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor