

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**August 10, 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: Police Chief Ryan Dugger, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Fire Chief Jay Grant, Finance Administrator Aleisha Randolph, and Village Attorney Amy Gabriel.

**A motion was made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve the village board meeting minutes of July 13, 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 July; there were 146 calls for service. StarComm is expected to go live on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Homecoming prep is ongoing. There were no questions.

Police Chief Ryan Dugger presented the department’s monthly activity, noting 651 calls during July. The final new squad car will be completed this week and placed in service. Bethalto schools start this week, and the department will be doing extra patrols during the first week of school. There were no questions on the monthly report.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his reports and reviewed work completed throughout his departments. There were 5 main breaks during July, which is unusual. Mill and overlay was completed on Homm Street. 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:**

Bobby Stilwell, 135 Rou Des Chateaux, inquired about the mill & overlay work done on Homm Street and the layout of the project; PW Director Cheatham explained that funding determines what streets are completed during a season and that the remainder of that subdivision will be completed as funds are allocated.

Carmen Perez, President of Bethalto Area Senior Citizens, addressed the board asking for a donation to their program to assist in covering meal fees. They have approximately 29 members, of which 17-25 attend their monthly lunch meetings. They charge annual dues of \$10 per member. Mayor stated that no decision could be made at this meeting, but he would add this to the August committee agenda for discussion.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

### **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2026-08 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 Article II-Liquor** was presented. This decreases the number of Class B liquor licenses available within the Village from six to five, as Rosewood Café failed to renew their license for 2026 and is now under new ownership. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Wright, to approve Ordinance 2026-08 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 Article II-Liquor.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The Planning & Zoning Board has submitted a recommendation to change zoning for property located at 840 N. Prairie Street from RS8 Single Family Residential to AG Agriculture. Mayor Bost presented the recommendation to the board, noting the proposed plans for the property are appropriate for the area and that there has been no negative feedback received; **motion made by Keister, seconded by Wright, to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board and update zoning for 840 N. Prairie Street from RS8 to AG Agriculture.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance 2026-09 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code/Zoning Map** was presented. This updates the Village zoning map to reflect the change in zoning for 840 N. Prairie Street. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2026-09 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code/Zoning Map.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

The August Planning & Zoning meeting will be held on August 27th, with a public hearing beginning at 6pm regarding an application for a special use permit to allow a tattoo station at the Islands Salon & Spa on W. Central Street.

Rosewood Café has changed ownership, and the previous owner did not renew their liquor license for the year, thus their license was revoked and the number of Class B licenses available updated to five. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, to approve the revocation of a Class B Liquor License for Rosewood Café.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The July Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator Randolph. Our cash balance increased from the previous month and stands at \$17,274,416. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Wright, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2026.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **BILLS**

#### **GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$504,098.61.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **WATER & SEWER FUND**

**Motion by Sontag, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$440,656.48.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$60,845.16.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **BUSINESS DISTRICT**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$20,004.37.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, Mull, Sontag and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The August committee meeting will be held on August 24, 2026, beginning at 6pm; the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting will be held on September 14, 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 7:12pm.

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Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Gary Bost, Mayor