VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
September 14, 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, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Finance Administrator Aleisha Randolph, and Village Attorney Amy Gabriel. Fire Chief Jay Grant was absent.

A motion was made by Wright, seconded by Keister, to approve the village board meeting minutes of August 10, 2026, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Mayor Bost reviewed the fire department's statistical report for the month of August, noting 153 calls for service. The StarComm radio system is up and running. Truck 2250 has a blown pump and is awaiting service from Banner Fire. Homecoming went well; there were 7 heat-related incidents but otherwise all went smoothly. The department expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department for assistance in setting up, and the PD for their continued support as well. They noted great feedback on this year's event.

Police Chief Ryan Dugger presented the department's monthly activity, noting 659 calls during August. Dugger reviewed the continuing Sasa Spa investigation and noted that they have relinquished their business license. More information related to that investigation will be forthcoming. Chief echoed the sentiments of the Fire Department and commended Public Works and the Fire Department for a smooth Homecoming. Dugger thanked his officers for

their commitment to the weekend as well. There were a couple of fights and an incident at one of the beer tents where an officer was spit on; that perpetrator was charged and then charged again when he threatened another officer. Mustache March has donated $4k to the department for updated AED units and life vacs for the squad cars. The departmental hiring list has been finalized, and the top candidate offered a position; that candidate is in the background check process now. Finally, Dugger thanked the Woodlands Golf Course for the use of 3 carts, Winner's Circle for the use of a side by side, Utilitra for a mobile camera trailer, and Madison County EMA for use of the command post, all of which were loaned to us during the Homecoming. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his reports and reviewed work completed throughout his departments. The radial arm mower, which has been out of service for quite some time, is repaired and will be back in use tomorrow. The inclusive playground fence has been installed, so that project is complete. Seal coat work has been completed for the year. 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 or public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-05 MFT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code was presented. This is an IDOT requirement and authorizes proposed expenditures from the MFT Fund for the 2027 calendar year. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2026-05 MFT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois**

Highway Code. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2026-06 A Resolution in Support of an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant Application for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements along Erwin Plegge Boulevard was presented. This authorizes the application for grant funding for the continuation of multi-use trail work along Plegge Boulevard. This would be an 80/20 split for funding and would be the last leg of the project. Awards are expected to be announced in November. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Resolution 2026-06 A Resolution in Support of an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant Application for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements along Erwin Plegge Boulevard.** 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:

The Planning & Zoning board held a public hearing and meeting on August 27 to consider issuing a Special Use permit to allow for a tattoo station to be located within the existing Islands Salon at 125 W. Central Street. After consideration, that board has recommended approval of the permit. It was noted that this is a special use permit, not a variance or change in code, and is valid for that address only. **Motion made by Wright, seconded by Keister, to accept the Planning & Zoning Board's recommendation and issue a Special Use Permit for a tattoo station at 125 W. Central Street, Bethalto.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The August Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator Randolph. Our cash balance increased from the previous month and stands at $17,699,719. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2026.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of $493,146.13. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Wright, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of $188,952.55. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Keister, 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.

BUSINESS DISTRICT

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of $241,793.00. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Keister, and Wright voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

The September committee meeting will be held on September 28, 2026, beginning at 6pm; the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting will be held on October 12, 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 7:13pm.

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Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk Gary Bost, Mayor