

Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2026

Present: Chad Walden, Ray Wilson, Cheryl West, Nancy Black, Brent Beyer, Megan Lopez

Absent: Taryn Cross

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

The pledge of allegiance was said by all present.

All board members present reviewed the January 2026 meeting minutes and voted to approve the minutes with no changes.

Ray Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes; Nancy Black seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Nancy Black, Cheryl West, Brent Beyer

Nays: None

Public Comment

There were not any public comments.

Finance

Brent Beyer provided the board with all account balances in the CIBM and Illinois Funds accounts for the month of January 2026.

Chad discussed with the board the option of retiring the CIBM loan. The village has had this loan since remodeling the community center 16 years ago. Chad stated that while the utility tax that was put in place to cover the monthly loan payment, it would be a good time to retire the loan. The board discussed where funds could be taken from to move forward with this action.

Cheryl West made a motion to pay off the CIBM loan amount of \$23,884.26; Ray Wilson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ray Wilson, Nancy Black, Cheryl West, Brent Beyer

Nays: None

Property and Grounds

Nothing on the agenda to cover.

Water/Garbage and Recycling

Chad Walden provided the monthly revenue report for January 2026 for water and garbage collections.

Republic Garbage can refresh of village residents' trash or recycling cans: Over the next month Republic Services will be taking an inventory of broken cans or cans needing to be replaced throughout the community. They will be replacing damaged containers with new ones. Please share with the public that this will be occurring to ensure having as many broken receptacles replaced as possible. If a resident needs a can replaced after the refresh period they will need to contact Republic Services using the email address they can find on the village website.

Ordinance Processes and Enforcement

Solicitation ordinance update and letter review:

The current solicitation ordinance is from 1997 is out of date and needed to include language to cover today's environment.

Chad looked at other communities' solicitation ordinances and utilized language from the Village of Mackinaw. The board reviewed the new ordinance and discussed the need for the updates.

Ray Wilson made a motion to replace the current village ordinance pertaining to solicitation with ordinance number 100-26, Cheryl West seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cheryl West, Nancy Black, Brent Beyer, Ray Wilson

Nays: None

Streets/Alleys and Drainage:

Chad signed the grant agreement today with the IEPA to receive the funding to begin the engineering work for the planning phase for the sewer grant. This work is planned to take most of 2026 to prepare submission for the second phase of the grant.

Community Relations/Website Information:

Community Center rentals and information:

The Erthel Rose scholarship grant request information has been provided to the Ridgeview High School. Deadlines for submittal of those requests is April 1st, 2026.

There are currently rental reservations on the 17th of March for elections, May 16 and 23rd, July 29-31st, Aug 15th, November 7th (Veteran's breakfast) and 22nd and December 6th on the 2026 calendar.

Beautification Committee updates: The committee has interest from a person who would like to begin being a part of the committee in the spring. The committee is looking into obtaining trees again this year through the state tree program.

Chad provided a short overview of changes to the village website. He has worked with Taryn Lopshire to move some categories under new headings and changes have been made to the homepage tabs. These changes were done to accommodate a permits and applications tab to make them easier to locate by the public.

Board Calendar Items:

Nothing new to report.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.