

EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 1

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE I - GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

DIVISION I - TITLE

1-1-1 **TITLE.** Upon the adoption by the Village Board of Trustees, this Village Code is hereby declared to be and shall hereafter constitute the official "**Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Bethany**". The Revised Code of Ordinances shall be known and cited as the "**Village Code**", and it is hereby published by authority of the Village Board and shall be kept up-to-date as provided in **Section 1-1-3** under the direction of the Village Attorney, acting for said Village Board. Any reference to the number of any section contained herein shall be understood to refer to the position of the same number, its appropriate chapter and article heading and to the general penalty clause relating thereto as well as to the section itself when reference is made to this Village Code by title in any legal document. (**See 65 ILCS 5/1-2-3**)

1-1-2 **ACCEPTANCE.** The Village Code as hereby presented in printed form shall hereafter be received without further proof in all courts and in all administrative tribunals of this State as the ordinances of the Village of general and permanent effect, except the excluded ordinances enumerated in **Section 1-1-8**. (**See 65 ILCS 5/1-2-6**)

1-1-3 **AMENDMENTS.** Any ordinance amending this Village Code shall set forth the article, chapter, and section number of the section or sections to be amended, and this shall constitute a sufficient compliance with any statutory requirement pertaining to the amendment or revision by ordinance of any part of this Village Code. All such amendments or revisions by ordinance shall be immediately forwarded to the codifiers and the ordinance material shall be prepared for insertion in its proper place in each copy of this Village Code. Each such replacement page shall be properly identified and shall be inserted in each individual copy of the Village Code on an annual basis.

1-1-4 **CODE ALTERATION.** It shall be deemed unlawful for any person to alter, change, replace or deface in any way, any section or any page of this Code in such a manner that the meaning of any phrase or order may be changed or omitted. Replacement pages may be inserted according to the official instructions when so

authorized by the Village Board. The Clerk shall see that the replacement pages are properly inserted in the official copies maintained in the office of the Clerk.

Any person having in his custody an official copy of this Code shall make every effort to maintain said Code in an up-to-date and efficient manner. He shall see to the immediate insertion of new or replacement pages when such are delivered to him or made available to him through the office of the Village Clerk. Said Code books, while in actual possession of officials and other interested persons shall be and remain the property of the Village and shall be returned to the office of the Clerk upon termination of office or separation of duties.

1-1-5 JURISDICTION. Unless otherwise provided herein, this Code applies to acts performed within the corporate limits of the Village. Provisions of this Code also apply to acts performed outside the corporate limits and up to the limits prescribed by law, where the law confers power on the Village to regulate such particular acts outside the corporate limits.

1-1-6 - 1-1-7 RESERVED.

DIVISION II - SAVING CLAUSE

1-1-8 REPEAL OF GENERAL ORDINANCES. All general ordinances of the Village passed prior to the adoption of this Code are hereby repealed, except such as are referred to herein as being still in force or are, by necessary implication, herein reserved from repeal [**subject to the saving clauses contained in the following sections**], from which are excluded the following ordinances, which are not hereby repealed:

Tax Levy Ordinances; Appropriation Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Boundaries and Annexations; Franchise Ordinances and other Ordinances Granting Special Rights to Persons or Corporations; Contract Ordinances and Ordinances Authorizing the Execution of a Contract or the Issuance of Warrants; Salary Ordinances; Ordinances Establishing, Naming, or Vacating Streets, Alleys, or Other Public Places; Improvement Ordinances; Bond Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Elections; Ordinances Relating to the Transfer or Acceptance of Real Estate by or from the Village; and all Special Ordinances.

1-1-9 PUBLIC UTILITY ORDINANCES. No ordinance relating to railroads or railroad crossings with streets and other public ways or relating to the conduct, duties, service or rates of public utilities shall be repealed by virtue of the adoption of this Code or by virtue of the preceding section, excepting as this Code shall be considered as amending such ordinance or ordinances in respect to such provisions only.

1-1-10 COURT PROCEEDINGS. No new ordinance shall be construed or held to repeal a former ordinance, whether such former ordinance is expressly repealed or not, as to any offense committed against such former ordinance or as to any act done, any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred, or any right accrued or claim arising under the former ordinance, or in any way whatever to affect any claim arising under the former ordinance or in any way whatever to affect any such offense or act so committed or so done, or any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred or any right accrued or claim arising before the new ordinance takes effect, save only that the proceedings thereafter shall conform to the ordinance in force at the time of such proceeding, so far as practicable. If any penalty, forfeiture or punishment be mitigated by any provision of a new ordinance, such provision may be, by the consent of the party affected, applied to any judgment announced after the new ordinance takes effect.

This Section shall extend to all repeals, either by express words or implication, whether the repeal is in the ordinance making any new provisions upon the same subject or in any other ordinance.

Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of any general ordinance of the Village herein repealed and the provisions of all general ordinances contained in this Code shall be deemed to be continuing provisions and not a new enactment of the same provision; nor shall this Chapter be deemed as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accrued or to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, firm or corporation, or as waiving any right of the Village under any ordinance or provision thereof in force at the time of the adoption of this Code.

1-1-11 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Code is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Code, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

1-1-12 **VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.** The Village Clerk's Certificate shall be substantially in the following form:

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF MOULTRIE) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE
VILLAGE OF BETHANY)

I, **Jackie McLain**, Village Clerk of the **Village of Bethany, Illinois**, do hereby certify that the following **Revised Code of Ordinance of the Village of Bethany, Illinois of 2011**, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees were duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the **Village of Bethany, Illinois**, approved by the Mayor and published in book form according to law on this date, and that these ordinances are true and perfect copies of the ordinances, as passed, approved and now of record and on file in my office as provided by law.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the **Village of Bethany, Illinois**, this 9th day of June, 2011.

JACKIE MCLAIN
VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE OF BETHANY

(SEAL)

1-1-13 - 1-1-14 RESERVED.

DIVISION III - DEFINITIONS

1-1-15 CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS. Whenever any word in any section of this Code, importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used.

When any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this Code by words importing the singular number only, or the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and females as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any section of this Code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or content may be repugnant thereto.

1-1-16 DEFINITIONS. Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Code, they shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

"AGENT", as used in this Code shall mean a person acting on behalf of another.

"BOARD", unless otherwise indicated shall mean the **"Village Board of Trustees of Bethany"**.

"CODE" OR "THIS CODE" shall mean the **"Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Bethany"**.

"CORPORATE AUTHORITIES" shall mean the Village President [Mayor] and the Village Board of Trustees.

"COUNTY" shall mean the **County of Moultrie**.

"EMPLOYEES" shall mean the following: Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the Village"**.

"FEE" OR "FEES" as used in this Code shall mean a sum of money charged by the Village for carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

"FISCAL YEAR". The "fiscal year" for the Village shall begin on **June 1st** of each year and end on **May 31st** of the following year.

"KNOWINGLY" imports only a knowledge that the facts exist which bring the act or omission within the provisions of this Code. It does not require any knowledge of the unlawfulness of such act or omission.

"LAW" denotes applicable federal law, the Constitution and statutes of the State of Illinois, the ordinances of the Village and, when appropriate, any and all rules and regulations which may be promulgated thereunder.

"LEGAL HOLIDAY" shall mean the holidays as authorized and recognized by the Village Board in the employee agreement.

"LICENSE" as used in this Code shall mean the permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

"MAY". The word "may" is permissive.

"MAYOR" as used in this Code shall mean the Village President or President of the Village Board of Trustees. **(See 65 ILCS 5/1-1-2.1)**

"MISDEMEANOR" as used in this Code shall mean any offense deemed a violation of the provisions of this Code which is a lesser offense than a felony as defined by state law.

"NEGLECT", "NEGLIGENCE", "NEGLIGENT" AND "NEGLIGENTLY" import a want of such attention to the nature of probable consequences of the act of omission as a prudent man ordinarily bestows in acting in his own concern.

"NUISANCE" shall mean anything offensive or obnoxious to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village or any act or thing repugnant to or creating a hazard to or having a detrimental effect on the property of another person or to the community.

"OCCUPANT" as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

"OFFENSE" shall mean any act forbidden by any provision of this Code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this Code.

"OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES". Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village Officer or employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the Village"** and shall be taken to mean the officer or employee of this Village having the title mentioned or performing the duties indicated.

No provision of this Code designating the duties of any officer or employee shall be so construed as to make such officer or employee liable for any fine or penalty provided in this Code for a failure to perform such duty, unless the intention of the Village Board to impose such a fine or penalty on such officer or employee is specifically and clearly expressed in the section creating the duty.

"OFFICIAL TIME". Central Standard Time shall be the official time for the transaction of Village business, except during applicable Daylight Savings Time set by National or State standards when the official time shall be advanced **one (1) hour**. All clocks and other timepieces in or upon public buildings or other premises maintained by or at the expense of the Village shall be set and run at the official time prescribed by this paragraph.

"OPERATOR" as used in this Code shall mean the person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

"OWNER" as applied to a building or land shall include any part-owner, joint-owner, tenant-in-common, joint-tenant or lessee of the whole or of a part of such building or land.

"PERSON" shall mean any natural individual, firm, trust, partnership, association, or corporation in his or its own capacity as administrator, conservator, executor, trustee, receiver or other representative appointed by the Court. Whenever the word "person" is used in any section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine as applied to partnerships or any such word as applied to corporations, it shall include the officers, agents, or employees thereof who are responsible for any violation of said section.

"PERSONAL PROPERTY" shall include every description of money, goods, chattels, effects, evidence of rights in action and all written instruments by which any pecuniary obligation, right or title to property is created, acknowledged, transferred, increased, defeated, discharged or diminished and every right or interest therein.

"RETAILER" as used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in small quantities direct to the consumer.

"SHALL". The word "shall" is mandatory and not discretionary.

"STATE" OR "THIS STATE" unless otherwise indicated shall mean the "State of Illinois".

"STREET" shall include alleys, lanes, courts, boulevards, public squares, public places and sidewalks.

"TENANT" as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

"WHOLESALE" AND "WHOLESALE DEALER" as used in this Code unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods,

merchandise, articles, or things in quantity to persons who purchase for the purpose of resale.

“WILLFULLY” when applied to the intent with which an act is done or omitted implies simply a purpose or willingness to commit the act or make the omission referred to. It does not require any intent to violate law, or to injure another, or to acquire an advantage.

“WRITTEN” AND “IN WRITING” may include printing and any other mode of representing words and letters, but when the written signature of any person is required by law to any official or public writing or bond required by law, it shall be in the proper handwriting of such person, or in case he is unable to write, by his proper mark.

1-1-17 CATCHLINES. The catchlines of the several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections, nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.

1-1-18 - 1-1-19 RESERVED.

DIVISION IV - GENERAL PENALTY

1-1-20 PENALTY.

(A) Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for any **one (1) offense**.

(B) Any minor or person designated a juvenile by this State convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for any **one (1) offense**, but may not be confined except by provisions of the **Juvenile Court Act of the State of Illinois**.

(C) Whoever commits an offense against the Village or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission is punishable as a principal.

(D) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which, if directly performed by him or another would be an offense against the Village, is punishable as a principal.

(E) All municipal ordinance offenses may be satisfied without a court appearance by written plea of guilty and payment of the minimum fine, plus court costs, unless a court appearance is required by the ordinance violated. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-7)**

(F) Whenever in this Code or any Ordinance of the Village any act is prohibited or made or declared to be unlawful or a misdemeanor or a violation of such Code or whenever in such Code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared unlawful or a misdemeanor or a violation of such Code, in addition to the specific penalty provided therefor, all court costs, which shall include all costs incurred by the Village in prosecuting any said cause including the fees of the prosecuting attorney of the Village, shall be recovered from anyone convicted of a violation under this Code.

1-1-21 CAFETERIA COURT FOR MINOR VIOLATIONS. Any person accused of a violation of any of the designated articles and sections of the Municipal Code may settle and compromise the claim against him or her for such violation by paying to the Village at the Village Building, 201 W. Main Street, Bethany, Illinois, the minimum fine designated therein within **twenty (20) days** of the time the ticket was issued by a police officer for such alleged offense. A receipt shall be issued for all money received, and all such money shall be thereafter promptly turned over to the Village Treasurer to be used in the manner provided for the disposition of fines for such violations. The members of the Police Department are hereby authorized to issue ordinance violation tickets notifying the offender of such violation, and are hereby authorized to refrain from instituting a prosecution for the alleged offense involved. In addition to the members of the Village Police Department, the Village Animal Control Warden is authorized to issue ordinance violation tickets notifying the offender of a violation of **Chapter 3** of this Code. Such

officers may sign a complaint for the issuance of a warrant if the offender does not appear and pay such penalty to the Village within the designated period of time such fines may be paid. Unless a lesser minimum fine is established for any violation of the articles and sections of the Municipal Code governed by these provisions, a fine of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** shall be assessed for a first offense if paid under the terms and conditions of this Section. A fine of **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** shall be assessed for a second offense. A fine of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** shall be assessed for a third offense. A fourth and subsequent offense committed within **one (1) year** of the initial offense shall not be permitted to be disposed of under the terms and conditions of this Division. **(Ord. No. 621; 09-14-06)**

1-1-22 **APPLICABILITY.** The provisions of this Division shall apply to all chapters, articles and divisions of this Municipal Code as noted in those laws. **(Ord. No. 602)**

1-1-23 **PENALTIES; ADDITIONAL COSTS.** Whenever in this Code, or any ordinance of the Village, any act is prohibited or made or declared to be unlawful or a misdemeanor or a violation of such Code, or whenever in such Code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared unlawful or a misdemeanor or a violation of such Code, in addition to the specific penalty provided therefore, all court costs, which shall include all costs incurred by the Village in prosecuting any said cause, and shall also include the fees of the prosecuting attorney of the Village, shall be recoverable from anyone convicted of a violation under this Code. This Section shall be applicable to all ordinance violations. **(Ord. No. 602)**

ARTICLE II - VILLAGE OFFICIALS

DIVISION I - VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1-2-1 **COMPOSITION AND GENERAL POWERS.** The Village Board shall consist of **six (6) Trustees**, elected in conformity with this Code and State laws governing elections in villages and shall have such powers as are granted by **Chapter 65, Illinois Compiled Statutes, as amended.** The term of office shall be for **four (4) years** or until their successors are elected and have qualified. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-5 and 5/3.1-10-50(D))**

1-2-2 **REGULAR MEETINGS.** The regular stated meetings of the Village Board shall be held in the Village Hall Building on the **second (2nd) Thursday** of each month at **7:00 P.M.** When the meeting date falls upon a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day at the same hour and place, unless otherwise designated. Adjourned and reconvened meetings may be held at such times as may be determined by the Trustees. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS 120/1 se seq.)**

1-2-3 **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Village Board may be called by the Mayor or any **three (3) Trustees** by giving at least **forty-eight (48) hours** notice thereof by delivering to them personally written or printed notices of the time of such meeting at the residences of the Trustees. Such notices shall be served by mail, by the Chief of Police or his designated representative. Said notices shall specify the purpose of said special meeting and the business to be taken up at that time and place. Such notice shall be posted at the Village Hall and shall be provided to any local newspaper of general circulation or any local radio or television station that has filed an annual request for such notice. Said notice shall be provided to such news media in the same manner as said notice is given to the Mayor and members of the Village Board, provided such news media has given the Village an address within the Village at which such notice may be given. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS 120/2.02 and 120/2.03)**

1-2-4 **COMMITTEES.** The following standing committees of the Village Board are hereby established, to-wit:

- (A)
 - (1) Streets and Alleys
 - (2) Utilities
 - (3) Finance
 - (4) Police and Public Safety
- (B) The committees shall be appointed annually by the Mayor.

(C) The Mayor shall be ex-officio chairman of each and every standing committee.

(D) So far as practicable, reports of committees shall be in writing.

(E) As provided by law, any report of a committee of the Board shall be deferred for final action thereon to the next regular meeting of the same after the report is made, upon the request of any **two (2)** Trustees present. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-35)**

(F) Each standing committee of the Village Board shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the department of municipal government with which it is connected; shall ascertain the condition and needs of said department; shall, from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and Village Board so that a full understanding thereof may be had, and generally, shall do all acts necessary to promote the efficiency of the Department.

(G) All committee meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Act requirements and minutes shall be taken. **(See 5 ILCS Sec. 120/1 and 120/2.06)**

1-2-5 SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Special Committees may be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, as may be needed from time to time.

1-2-6 QUORUM. At all meetings of the Village Board, a majority of the corporate authorities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and if no such quorum attends such meeting of the Board, the Trustees may adjourn from day to day until a quorum is present; and shall have power to compel the attendance of absent members, except when such members are physically unable to attend such meetings. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-20)**

EDITOR'S NOTE: When the Board has a Mayor and six (6) Trustees, a quorum is four (4), which may consist of the Mayor and three (3) Trustees, or four (4) Trustees.

1-2-7 COMPELLING ATTENDANCE. It shall be the duty of each and every Trustee to attend all regular meetings of the Village Board and all special meetings when each has been duly notified of the date and place of such meeting. If a quorum is not present at any special meeting duly called, the Trustees in attendance may adjourn the same to some stated time. Any Trustee duly notified in writing by the Village Clerk of the time and place of such adjourned meeting and any Trustee who may have been present when such adjournment was made who fails to attend the same shall be fined **Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)** for each of such adjourned meetings as he failed to attend; provided that the foregoing shall not apply when any Trustee is absent from such meeting or meetings because of sickness or unavoidable accident. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-20)**

1-2-8 - 1-2-10 RESERVED.

DIVISION II - RULES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

1-2-11 **RULES OF THE BOARD.** The following rules of order and procedure shall govern the deliberations and meetings of the Village Board.

(A) **Order of Business.** The order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to order by presiding officer.
- (2) Roll Call.
- (3) The reading of the journal of the proceedings of the last preceding meeting or meetings, and correction and approval of the same, unless dispensed with by the Board of Trustees and correction of the journal of the proceedings of previous meetings.
- (4) Reports and communications from the Mayor and other Village Officers.
- (5) Visitors.
- (6) Reports of Standing Committees.
- (7) Reports of Special Committees.
- (8) Presentation of communications, petitions, resolutions, orders, and ordinances by the Board of Trustees.
- (9) Unfinished business.
- (10) Miscellaneous business.

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the Chair without debate, subject to appeal.

(B) **Duties of Presiding Officer.** The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum and may speak to points of order in preference to other Trustees, and shall decide all question of order, subject to appeal.

(C) **Duties of Members.** While the presiding officer is putting the question, no member shall walk across or out of the Board Chamber.

Every member, prior to his speaking, making a motion or seconding the same shall not proceed with his remarks until recognized and named by the Chair. He shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personalities and refraining from impugning the motives of any other Trustee's argument or vote.

(D) **Visitors.** No person other than a member of the Board of Trustees shall address that body on the same question unless such person has been recognized by the presiding officer.

(E) **Presentation of New Business.** When a Trustee wishes to present a communication, petition, order, resolution, ordinance or other original matter, he shall send it to the desk of the Clerk who shall read such matter when reached in its proper order.

(F) **Debate.** No Trustee shall speak more than once on the same question, except by consent of the presiding officer or unless **three-fourths (3/4)** of the corporate authorities agree that one's right to debate should be limited to speak only once and then not until every other Trustee desiring to speak shall have had an opportunity to

do so; provided, however, that the proponent of the matter under consideration, as the case may be, shall have the right to open and close debate.

The Village Board, by motion, may limit debate. The presiding officer shall have the right to participate in debate.

While a member is speaking, no Trustee shall hold any private discussion, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

(G) **Call of Trustees to Order.** A Trustee, when called to order by the Chair, shall thereupon discontinue speaking and take his seat and the order or ruling of the Chair shall be binding and conclusive, subject only to the right to appeal.

(H) **Appeals from Decision of the Chair.** Any Trustee may appeal to the Board from a ruling of the Chair, and if the appeal is seconded, the Trustee making the appeal may briefly state his reason for the same, and the Chair may briefly explain his ruling; but there shall be no debate on the appeal and no other person shall participate in the discussion. The presiding officer shall have the right to participate in debate.

The Chair shall then put the question, "**Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?**". If a majority of the Trustees present vote "No", the decision of the Chair shall be overruled; otherwise, it shall be sustained.

(I) **Question of Personal Privilege.** The right of a member to address the Board on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which his integrity, character, or motives are assailed, questioned or impugned.

(J) **Voting.** Every other member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair shall vote thereon, unless he is personally interested in the question, in which case, he shall take whatever steps are necessary to insure that his vote is not taken.

(K) **Special Order of Business.** Any matter before the Village Board may be set down as a special order of business at a time certain if **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Trustees present vote in the affirmative, but not otherwise.

(L) **Seconding of Motions Required; Written Motions.** No motion shall be put or debated in the meeting or in committee unless it be seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer before debate, and every motion in the Board, except motions of procedure, shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and the proposer of the motion shall be entitled to the floor.

(M) **Division of Questions.** If any question under consideration contains several distinct propositions, the Trustees, by a majority vote of the Trustees present may divide such question.

(N) **Record of Motions.** In all cases where a resolution or motion is entered in the journal, the name of the Trustee moving the same shall be entered also.

(O) **Announcement and Changes of Vote.** The result of all votes by yeas and nays shall not be announced by the Clerk, but shall be handed by him to the Chairman for announcement, and no vote shall be changed after the tally list has passed from the hands of the Clerk.

(P) **Precedence of Motions.** When a question is under debate, the following motions shall be in order and shall have precedence over each other in order, as listed:

- (1) To adjourn to a day certain.
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take a recess.
- (4) To lay on the table.
- (5) The previous question.
- (6) To refer.
- (7) To amend.
- (8) To defer or postpone to a time certain.
- (9) To defer or postpone (without reference to time.)
- (10) To defer or postpone indefinitely.

Numbers (2), (4), and (5) to be decided without debate.

(Q) **Motions to Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn the Village shall always be in order, except:

- (1) When a Trustee is in possession of the floor.
- (2) While the yeas and nays are being called.
- (3) When the members are voting.
- (4) When adjournment was the last preceding motion.
- (5) When it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

A motion simply to adjourn shall not be subject to amendment or debate, but a motion to adjourn to a time certain shall be.

The Village Board may, at any time, adjourn over **one (1)** or more regular meetings on a vote of a majority of all the Trustees authorized by law to be elected.

(R) **Previous Question.** When the previous question is moved on the main question and seconded, it shall be put on this form: "Shall the main question now be put?". If such motion be carried, all further amendments and all further motions and debate shall be excluded, and the question put without delay upon the pending amendment in proper order and then upon the main question.

(S) **Motions to Lay on the Table and to Take From the Table.** A motion simply to lay the question on the table shall not be debatable, but a motion to lay on the table and publish, or with any other condition shall be subject to amendment and debate.

A motion to take any motion or other proposition from the table may be proposed at the same meeting at which such motion or proposition was laid upon the table, provided **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Trustees vote therefor.

A motion to lay any particular motion or proposition on the table shall apply to that motion or proposition only. An amendment to the main question or other pending question may be laid on the table and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(T) **Indefinite Postponement; Motion to Defer or Postpone Without Any Reference to Time.** When consideration of a motion or other proposition is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be again taken up at the same meeting.

A motion to postpone indefinitely shall not open the main question to debate.

A motion to defer or postpone without any reference to time shall not be construed as a motion to postpone indefinitely, but shall be considered to be of the same general nature and to possess the same general attributes so far as applicable under these rules, as a motion to postpone indefinitely or to a time certain.

(U) **Motion to Refer.** A motion to refer to a standing committee shall take precedence over a similar motion to refer to a special committee.

(V) **Motion to Amend.** A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order; but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

On an amendment to "**Strike Out and Insert**", the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be stricken out, then those to be inserted, and finally, the paragraph as it will stand if so amended shall be read.

An amendment to the main question or other pending questions may be referred to a committee and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(W) **Filling of Blanks.** When a blank is to be filled and different sums or times proposed, the question shall be taken first on the least sum or the longest time.

(X) **Motion to Substitute.** A substitute for any original proposition under debate or for any pending amendment or such proposition may be entertained notwithstanding that at such time, further amendment is admissible; and if accepted by the Trustees by a vote shall entirely supersede such original proposition or amendment, as the case may be, and cut off all amendments appertaining thereto.

(Y) **Reconsideration.** A vote or question may be reconsidered at any time during the same meeting, or at the first regular meeting held thereafter. A motion for reconsideration having been once made and decided in the negative shall not be renewed, nor shall a motion to reconsider be reconsidered.

A motion to reconsider must be made and seconded by Trustees who voted on the prevailing side of the question to be reconsidered, unless otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that where a motion has received a majority vote in the affirmative, but is declared lost solely on the ground that a greater number of affirmative votes is required by statute for the passage or adoption of such motion, then in such case, a motion to reconsider may be made and seconded only by those who voted in the affirmative on such question to be reconsidered.

(Z) **Adoption of Robert's "Rules of Order Revised".** The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the latest published edition of **Robert's "Rules of Order Revised"** shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the special rules of the Board.

(AA) **Temporary Suspension of Rules - Amendment of Rules.** These rules may be temporarily suspended by a vote of **two-thirds (2/3)** of the corporate authorities entitled by law to be elected and shall not be repealed, altered or amended, unless by concurrence of **two-thirds (2/3)** of all the corporate authorities entitled by law to be elected.

(BB) **Censure of Trustees - Expulsion of Trustees.** Any Trustee acting or appearing in a lewd or disgraceful manner, or who uses opprobrious, obscene and insulting language to or about any member of the Board, or who does not obey the order of the Chair, shall be, on motion, censured by a majority vote of the members present, or expelled by a **two-thirds (2/3)** vote of all Trustees elected. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-15)**

1-2-12 AGENDA. An itemized agenda, along with all necessary supporting documentation shall be furnished to each member of the Village Board no later than the close of business on the day preceding the regular Village Board meeting. In the case of matters of emergency which could not have been reasonably foreseen in sufficient time to comply with this Section, a revised agenda shall be furnished to each member of the Village Board prior to the opening of the Board meeting. **(See 5 ILCS 120/2.02)**

1-2-13 RESERVED.

DIVISION III - ORDINANCES

1-2-14 ORDINANCES.

(A) **Attorney.** It shall be the duty of the Village Attorney to prepare such ordinances as may be required by the Village Board.

(B) **Introduced.** When a proposed ordinance is introduced, it shall be read one time by title only and referred to the proper committee unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct.

(C) **Vote Required - Yeas and Nays Record.** The passage of all ordinances for whatever purpose, and of any resolution or motion (1) to create any liability against a Village or (2) for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, shall require the concurrence of a majority of all members then holding office on the Village Board, including the Mayor, unless otherwise expressly provided by the Code or any other act governing the passage of any ordinance, resolution, or motion; provided that, where the board consists of an odd number of trustees, the vote of the majority of the trustees shall be sufficient to pass an ordinance. The yeas and nays shall be taken upon the question of the passage of the designated ordinances, resolutions, or motions and recorded in the journal of the Village Board. In addition, the corporate authorities at any meeting may by unanimous consent to take a single vote by yeas or nays on the several questions of the passage on any **two (2)** or more of the designated ordinances, orders, resolutions or motions placed together for voting purposes in a single group, which single vote shall entered separately in the journal under the designation "omnibus vote", and in such event the clerk may enter the words "omnibus vote" in the journal in each case in lieu of entering names of the members of Village Board voting "yea" and of those voting "nay" on the passage of each of the designated ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions included in such omnibus group. The taking of such single or omnibus vote and such entries of the words "omnibus vote" in the journal shall be a sufficient compliance with the requirements of this Section to all intents and purposes and with like effect as if the vote in each case had been separately by yeas and nays on the question of the passage of each ordinance, order, resolution and motion included in such omnibus group, and separately recorded in the journal. Likewise, the yeas and any other resolution or motion at the request of any trustee and shall be recorded in the journal. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-40)**

(D) **Ordinances – Approval - Veto.** All resolutions and motions (1) which create any liability against a Village, or (2) which provided for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, or (3) to sell any Village property, and all ordinances, passed by the Village Board shall be deposited with the Village Clerk. If the mayor approved of them, he shall sign them. Those of which he disapproved he shall return to the Village Board, with his written objections, at the next regular meeting of the Village Board occurring not less than **five (5) days** after their passage. The mayor may disapprove of any one or more sums appropriated in any ordinance, resolution, or motion making an appropriation, and, if so, the remainder shall be effective. However, the mayor may disapprove entirely of an ordinance, resolution, or motion making an appropriation. If the mayor fails to return any ordinance or any specified resolution or motion with his written objections, within the designated time, it shall become effective despite the absence of his signature. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-45)**

1-2-15 RECONSIDERATION--PASSING OVER VETO. Every resolution

and motion, specified in paragraph "C" and every ordinance, which is returned to the Village Board by the Mayor shall be reconsidered by the Village Board at the next regular meeting. If, after such reconsideration, **two-thirds (2/3)** of all the Trustees then holding office on the Village Board shall agree at such regular meeting to pass an ordinance, resolution, or motion, notwithstanding the Mayor's refusal to approve it, then it shall be effective. The vote on the question of passage over the Mayor's veto shall be by yeas and nays, and shall be recorded in the journal. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-50)**

1-2-16 **NO VOTE TO BE RECONSIDERED AT SPECIAL MEETING.** No vote of the Village Board shall be reconsidered or rescinded at any special meeting thereof unless at such special meeting there are present as large a number of Village Board members as were present when such vote was taken. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-55)**

1-2-17 **RESERVED.**

DIVISION IV - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-2-18 CORPORATE SEAL.

(A) The Corporate Seal of the Village shall be the same as that heretofore provided and used by the Village. It shall be circular in form with the words, "**Village of Bethany, State of Illinois**" in the exterior circle, and the words, "**Incorporated July 6, 1877**" and "**Seal**" and the letter "**R**" in the center. **(See 65 ILCS 5/2-2-12)**

(B) The Corporate Seal shall be used as such seal in all cases provided for by law or by the ordinances of the Village and in all other cases in which, by law and custom, it is usual and necessary for the corporation to use a seal. The seal shall be and remain with the Village Clerk who shall be the legal custodian. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-90)**

1-2-19 ELECTIONS.

(A) **Election Procedure.** The provisions of the **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 10** concerning municipal elections shall govern the conduct of the Village elections. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-10)**

(B) **Inauguration.** The inauguration of newly elected Village officials shall occur at the first regular or special meeting of the Village Board in the month of May following the consolidated election in April. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-15)**

1-2-20 APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. No Trustee of this Village, during the term of office for which he is elected, may accept or be appointed to or hold any office appointed by the Mayor except if such Trustee is granted a leave of absence from such office. However, such Trustee may serve as a volunteer fireman and receive compensation for such service. Any appointment in violation of this Section is void. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-15)**

NOTE: One (1) member may serve on the Library Board, if one exists.
(See 75 ILCS Sec. 5/4-1 and 50 ILCS Sec. 105/2)

1-2-21 MUNICIPAL OFFICERS - REGULATIONS.

(A) **Effect.** The provisions of this Division shall apply alike to all officers and employees of the Village regardless of the time of creation of the office or position or the time of the appointment of the officer or employee.

(B) **Qualifications; Appointive Office.**

(1) No person shall be eligible for any appointive municipal office unless that person is a qualified elector of the municipality or otherwise provided by law.

- (2) The residency requirements do not apply, however, to municipal engineers, health officers, attorneys, or other officers who require technical training or knowledge, to appointed village treasurers, or to appointed village collectors (unless the Village has designated by ordinance that the Village Clerk shall also hold the office of collector). **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-6)**

(C) **Bond.** Every officer and employee shall, if required by the Village Board upon entering upon the duties of his office, give a bond in such amount and with such sureties as may be determined by the Board, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office or position. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-30)**

(D) **Books Delivered to Successor.** Every officer shall, upon going out of office, deliver to his successor, all books, papers, furniture, and other things appertaining to such office, and which are the property of the Village. Within **five (5) days** after notification and request, any person who has been an officer of a municipality is required to deliver to his successor in office, all property, books and effects in his possession belonging to the municipality, or pertaining to the office he has held. Upon his refusal to do so, he shall be liable for all damages caused thereby, and shall, upon conviction, be penalized according to the provisions of **Section 1-1-20** of this Code. He shall not receive his final check until his Village Code Book and keys are turned over to the Village Clerk. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-35)**

(E) **Books Open to Inspection.** Every officer shall, at all times when required, submit the books and papers of his office to the inspection of the Mayor or any committee or member of the Board of Trustees.

(F) **Fees; Report of Fees.** No officer of the municipality shall be entitled to charge or receive any fees as against the Village. All officers of the Village entitled to receive fees shall keep a correct account thereof, and make a report thereof under oath to the Village Board prior to the regular meeting of each month. In the report, they shall specify from whom such fees were received, for what service, and when received. All fees received shall be paid over into the Village Treasury.

(G) **Other Rules and Regulations.** Every officer of the Village shall perform such other duties and be subject to such other rules and regulations as the Village Board may provide by law. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-40)**

(H) **Conservators of Peace.**

- (1) After receiving a certificate attesting to the successful completion of a training course administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, the Mayor, Trustees and policemen in municipalities shall be conservators of the peace. Those persons and others authorized by ordinance shall have power:

- (a) to arrest or cause to be arrested, with or without process, all persons who break the peace or are found violating any municipal ordinance or any criminal law of the State,

- (b) to commit arrested persons for examination,
 - (c) if necessary, to detain arrested persons in custody over night or Sunday in any safe place or until they can be brought before the proper court, and
 - (d) to exercise all other powers as conservators of the peace prescribed by the corporate authorities.**
- (2) All warrants for the violation of municipal ordinances or the State criminal law, directed to any person, may be served and executed within the limits of a municipality by any policeman of the municipality. For that purpose, policemen have all the common law and statutory powers of sheriffs. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-25)**
- (I) **Oath.** Before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, all municipal officers, whether elected or appointed shall take and subscribe to the following oath:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of _____, according to the best of my ability."

The Mayor and the Clerk shall have the power to administer this oath or affirmation upon all lawful occasions.

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-20)

(See "Administration of Oaths", Section 1-2-63)

1-2-22 RESIGNATION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS. Any officer of the Village may resign from office. If such officer resigns he shall continue in office until his successor has been chosen and has qualified. If there is a failure to appoint a Village officer, or the person appointed fails to qualify, the person filling the office shall continue in office until his successor has been chosen and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50)**

1-2-23 QUALIFICATIONS; ELECTIVE OFFICE.

(A) A person is not eligible for an elective municipal office unless that person is a qualified elector of the municipality and has resided in the municipality at least **one (1) year** next preceding the election or appointment except as provided by statute.

(B) A person is not eligible for an elective municipal office if that person is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony until completion of his or her sentence.

(C) If a person (i) is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to the active duty military service of that person or that person's spouse, (ii) resides anywhere outside of the municipality during that active duty military service, and (iii) immediately upon completion of that active duty military service is again a resident of the municipality, then the time during which the person resides outside the municipality during the active duty military service is deemed to be time during which the person is a resident of the municipality for purposes of determining the residency requirement under subsection (A).

1-2-24 BONDS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS.

(A) **Amount.** Bonds of Village officers required under **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 65, Section 5/3.1-10-30** shall be executed in the following penal sums:

(1)	Mayor	\$ 50,000.00
(2)	Village Treasurer	50,000.00
(3)	Village Clerk	50,000.00
(4)	All Other Officials	50,000.00

(B) **Premium Payment by Village.** The surety bonds required by law shall be paid by the Village. **(See 5 ILCS Sec. 270/1)**

(C) **Surety.** The Village Board shall not receive or approve any bond or security whereon the name of the Village Board, any one of the Board of Trustees or any elected or appointed officer of the Village appear as bondsman or security. If, by mistake, a bond containing the name of any such officer is approved by the Village Board or if any bondsman, after becoming such is elected or appointed to any Village office, this Section shall not act as a release of any such obligation incurred.

1-2-25 LIABILITY INSURANCE.

(A) **Purchase Of.** The Village Board shall have the power to purchase liability insurance covering and insuring all municipal officers, employees and elected officials; said insurance to cover incidents occurring while in the performance of their duties, which insurance may insure, cover and protect any liability which the municipal corporation, officer, employee or elected official may incur. When the insurance has been purchased, the Village shall be responsible for all premiums and deductible charges called for by any valid liability insurance policy covering the municipal corporation, officer, employee or elected official.

(B) **Indemnification.** If the Village Board elects not to purchase liability insurance covering and insuring municipal officers, elected officials and employees as provided in this Section, then the Village shall indemnify and cause to defend municipal officers, elected officials and employees from any claim filed by an individual, partnership or corporation when the claim is founded on any act or omission of the municipal officers, elected officials or employees while in the performance of their official duties, except the Village shall not indemnify, but shall defend any municipal officer, elected official or employee from any claim made by an individual, partnership or corporation wherein the

claim alleges that the municipal officer, elected official or employee acted intentionally, maliciously or wantonly and further, shall not indemnify or cause to defend the officials or employees where the claim is directly or indirectly related to the negligent care or use of a vehicle as defined by the **Illinois Compiled Statutes**, and the Village shall not indemnify any municipal officer, elected official or employee from any claim made by a municipal officer, elected official or employee.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, the Village shall not indemnify or cause to defend any municipal officers, elected officials or employees if the municipal officers, elected officials or employees have liability insurance insuring the municipal officers, elected officials or employees from the alleged claim; however, the Village shall indemnify the municipal officer, elected official or employee the personal deductible limits of his personal policy. **(See 745 ILCS Sec. 10/2-201 et seq.)**

1-2-26 BIDDING AND CONTRACT PROCEDURES.

(A) **Competitive Bidding Required.** Any work or other public improvement which is not to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment or special taxation, and all purchases of and contracts for supplies, materials, and services shall, except as specifically provided herein, be based whenever possible on competitive bids.

(B) **Formal Contract Procedure.** All work or other public improvement which is not to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment or special taxation, and all purchases, orders or contracts for supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services except as otherwise provided herein, when the estimated cost thereof shall exceed **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)**, shall be purchased from the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice inviting bids, unless competitive bidding is waived by a vote of **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Trustees then holding office.

(C) **Notice Inviting Bids.** Notice inviting bids shall be published at least once in a newspaper with general circulation within the Village. The Village shall also advertise all pending work or purchases by posting a notice on the public bulletin board in the Village Hall.

(D) **Scope of Notice.** The newspaper notice required herein shall include a general description of the work to be performed or the articles to be purchased, shall state where specifications may be secured, and the time and place for opening bids.

(E) **Bid Deposits.** When deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees, bid deposits shall be prescribed in the public notices inviting bids. Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to the return of their bid deposits upon the award of the contract by the Board of Trustees. A successful bidder shall forfeit any bid deposit required by the Board of Trustees upon failure on his part to enter into a contract within **ten (10) days** after the award.

(F) **Bid Opening Procedure.**

(1) **Sealed.** Bids shall be submitted sealed to the Village and shall be identified as bids on the envelope.

- (2) **Opening.** Bids shall be opened in public at the time and place stated in the public notice.
 - (3) **Tabulation.** A tabulation of all bids received shall be made by the Board of Trustees or by a Village employee, in which event, a tabulation of the bids shall be furnished to the Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting.
- (G) **Rejection of Bids.** The Village shall have the authority to reject all bids or parts of all bids when the public interest will be served thereby.
- (H) **Bidders in Default to Village.** The Village shall not accept the bid of a contractor who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses or other monies due the Village.
- (I) **Award of Contract.**
- (1) **Authority in Village.** The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to award contracts within the purview of this Section.
 - (2) **Lowest Responsible Bidder.** Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of the bid that is in the best interest of the Village to accept. In awarding the contract, in addition to price, the Board of Trustees shall consider:
 - (a) The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the contract to provide the service required;
 - (b) Whether the bidder can perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference;
 - (c) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder;
 - (d) The quality of the performance of previous contracts or services;
 - (e) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract or service;
 - (f) The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service;
 - (g) The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required;
 - (h) The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject of the contract;
 - (i) The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.
 - (j) Whether the bidder has furnished a Certificate of Insurance indicating Worker's Compensation and

Employers' Liability coverage and the policy limits for such coverage.

- (3) **Performance Bonds.** The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to require a performance bond, before entering into a contract, in such amounts as it shall find reasonably necessary to protect the best interests of the Village.

(J) **Open Market Procedure.** All work and purchases of supplies, materials and services of less than the estimated value of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** shall be made in the open market, without newspaper advertisement and without observing the procedure prescribed by this Section for the award of formal contracts.

(K) **Professional Services Exempt From Bidding Requirements.** All contracts for professional services, including, but not limited to, attorneys, engineers, real estate appraisers and architects and any other profession whose ethical code involved prohibits or discourages involvement in normal bidding procedures, may be entered into by the Village without observing the bidding procedures prescribed by this Section for the award of formal contracts.

(L) **Emergency Purchases.** In case of an apparent emergency which requires immediate work or purchase of supplies, materials or services, the Board of Trustees shall be empowered to secure by open market procedure as herein set forth, at the lowest obtainable price, any work, supplies, materials or services regardless of the amount of the expenditure.

(M) **Cooperative Purchasing.** The Village shall have the authority to join with other units of government in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interests of the Village would be served thereby. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/8-9-1 and 8-9-2)**

1-2-27 SALARIES REGULATION.

(A) **Elected.** No salary or compensation of any elected municipal officer who is elected for a definite term of office shall be increased or diminished during such term.

(B) **Appointed.** No salary or compensation of any appointed official who is appointed for a definite term of office shall be decreased during such term, but may be increased.

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5 and 5/3.1-50-10)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The salary of appointed officials and employees may be established in the appropriation ordinance or annual budget. The salary of elected officials must be established in an ordinance other than the appropriation ordinance at least **one hundred eighty (180) days** before the beginning of the terms of the officers whose compensation is to be filed.

1-2-28 CLAIMS.

(A) **Presentation.** All claims against the Village for goods purchased, damaged, or originating in any other way, except for claims for salaries and other allowances that are fixed by ordinance shall be presented on or before the Monday preceding the monthly meeting of each month to the Village Clerk. All such claims must be in writing and items shall be specified.

(B) **Exception.** This does not prohibit the Village Board from passing on any claims not previously presented to the Village Clerk if, in the opinion of the Board, justice to the claimant requires it.

1-2-29 MUNICIPAL YEAR. The municipal year shall commence on **May 1st** and shall end on the following **April 30th**. No appointments shall be made during the last month of the municipal year in the year of a mayoral election.

1-2-30 EXPENSES - REIMBURSEMENT.

(A) **Definitions.**

"Entertainment" includes, but is not limited to, shows, amusements, theaters, circuses, sporting events, or any other place of public or private entertainment or amusement, unless ancillary to the purpose of the program or event.

"Public Business" means expenses incurred in the performance of a public purpose which is required or useful for the benefit of the Village to carry out the responsibilities of Village business.

"Travel" means any expenditure directly incident to official travel by employees and officers of the Village or by wards or charges of the Village involving reimbursement to travelers or direct payment to private agencies providing transportation or related services.

(B) The Village shall only reimburse the following types of travel, meal, and lodging expenses incurred by its employees and officers up to the following maximum allowable amounts:

- (1) When travel is required away from the Village for any work related business or training, the Village will reimburse the employee up to **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** per day for meals, providing the employee returns with receipts for their purchases. In unforeseen circumstances and the employee goes over the **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** per day for meals, it must be approved by either the Utility Manager or Village Board for reimbursement.
- (2) When travel is required away from the Village and lodging is needed, the Village will reimburse the employee up to **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)** per night for their lodging. The Village will try to make all reservations for employees if possible when needed for travel. The Utility Manager or Village Board must be notified when lodging is needed and exceeds the **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)** per night for approval and reimbursement if needed.
- (3) Alcohol is specifically excluded from reimbursement.

(C) No reimbursement of travel, meal or lodging expenses incurred by a Village employee or officer shall be authorized unless the "Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expense Reimbursement Request Form", attached hereto and made a part hereof, has been submitted and approved. All documents and information submitted with the form shall be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (**5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.**).

(D) Expenses for travel, meals, and lodging of: (1) any officer or employee that exceeds the maximum reimbursement allowed under the regulations adopted under paragraph (B) or (2) any member of the corporate authorities of the Village may only be approved by roll call vote at an open meeting of the corporate authorities of the Village. However, in the event of an emergency or

other extraordinary circumstances, the corporate authorities may approve more than the maximum allowable expenses set forth above.

(E) The Village shall not reimburse any elected official, employee, or officer for any activities which would be considered entertainment. Activities which would otherwise be considered entertainment, but which are excluded from the prohibition on reimbursement due to being ancillary to the purpose of the program or event, may be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(F) Any policy, resolution, or ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this Section shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

(Ord. No. 735; 02-09-17)

1-2-31 **OFFICIAL RECORDS.** All official records, including the Corporate Seal, shall be kept in the Village Hall.

1-2-32 **FEDERAL OLD AGE AND SURVIVOR'S INSURANCE SYSTEM.**

(A) **Eligible employees** shall mean all employees of the Village, eligible under the Federal Act, except persons elected to office by popular election and also the Village Treasurer and Village Attorney.

(B) **Withholdings** from salaries or wages of employees for the purpose provided in sections hereof are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State or Federal laws or regulations, and shall be paid quarterly. **(40 ILCS 5/21-101 et seq.)**

1-2-33 **ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND.**

(A) The Village does hereby elect to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

(B) **Special Tax.** The Village includes in its levy and appropriation ordinance provision for the levying of a special tax to pay the Village's cost of participating in the Retirement Fund and appropriate therefrom funds to pay the cost of participation.

(C) **Coverage.** To be eligible to be included in the IMRF a person shall have to work a minimum of **one thousand (1,000) hours** per year.

(Ord. No. 379; 12-22-69)

1-2-34 **CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE.** All contractors and sub-contractors doing work for the Village shall first provide a Certificate of Insurance indicating Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability coverage and the policy limits for such coverage.

1-2-35 **WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS.** Persons due funds from the Village shall be withheld and not paid to said persons if said persons owe money to the Village for nonpayment of a fine, materials, or equipment furnished by the Village or for nonpayment of utilities furnished to said persons by the Village. **(Ord. No. 694; 09-12-13)**

1-2-36 **RESERVED.**

DIVISION V - VACANCIES

1-2-37 **VACANCY BY RESIGNATION.** A resignation is not effective unless it is in writing, signed by the person holding the elective office, and notarized.

(A) **Unconditional Resignation.** An unconditional resignation by a person holding the elective office may specify a future date, not later than **sixty (60) days** after the date the resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy, at which time it becomes operative, but the resignation may not be withdrawn after it is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy. The effective date of a resignation that does not specify a future date at which it becomes operative is the date the resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy. The effective date of a resignation that has a specified future effective date is that specified future date or the date the resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date occurs later.

(B) **Conditional Resignation.** A resignation that does not become effective unless a specified event occurs can be withdrawn at any time prior to the occurrence of the specified event, but if not withdrawn, the effective date of the resignation is the date of the occurrence of the specified event or the date the resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date occurs later.

(C) **Vacancy Upon the Effective Date.** For the purpose of determining the time period that would require an election to fill the vacancy by resignation or the commencement of the **sixty (60) day** time period referred to in **Section 1-2-41**, the resignation of an elected officer is deemed to have created a vacancy as of the effective date of the resignation.

(D) **Duty of the Clerk.** If a resignation is delivered to the Clerk of the Municipality, the Clerk shall forward a certified copy of the written resignation to the official who is authorized to fill the vacancy within **seven (7) business days** after receipt of the resignation.

1-2-38 **VACANCY BY DEATH OR DISABILITY.** A vacancy occurs in an office by reason of the death of the incumbent. The date of the death may be established by the date shown on the death certificate. A vacancy occurs in an office by permanent physical or mental disability rendering the person incapable of performing the duties of the office. The corporate authorities have the authority to make the determination whether an officer is incapable of performing the duties of the office because of a permanent physical or mental disability. A finding of mental disability shall not be made prior to the appointment by a court of a guardian ad litem for the officer or until a duly licensed doctor certifies, in writing, that the officer is mentally impaired to the extent that the officer is unable to effectively perform the duties of the office. If the corporate authorities find that an officer is incapable of performing the duties of the office due to permanent physical or mental disability, that person is removed from the office and the vacancy of the office occurs on the date of the determination.

1-2-39 VACANCY BY OTHER CAUSES.

(A) **Abandonment and Other Causes.** A vacancy occurs in an office by reason of abandonment of office; removal from office; or failure to qualify; or more than temporary removal of residence from the Municipality, as the case may be. The corporate authorities have the authority to determine whether a vacancy under this Section has occurred. If the corporate authorities determine that a vacancy exists, the office is deemed vacant as of the date of that determination for all purposes including the calculation under **Sections 1-2-41 or 1-2-42.**

(B) **Guilty of a Criminal Offense.** An admission of guilt of a criminal offense that upon conviction would disqualify the municipal officer from holding the office, in the form of a written agreement with State or federal prosecutors to plead guilty to a felony, bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime under State or federal law, constitutes a resignation from that office, effective on the date the plea agreement is made. For purposes of this Section, a conviction for an offense that disqualifies a municipal officer from holding that office occurs on the date of the return of a guilty verdict or, in the case of a trial by the court, on the entry of a finding of guilt.

(C) **Election Declared Void.** A vacancy occurs on the date of the decision of a competent tribunal declaring the election of the officer void.

1-2-40 ELECTION OF AN ACTING MAYOR. The election of an acting Mayor pursuant to **Section 1-2-42 or 1-2-43** does not create a vacancy in the original office of the person on the Village Board, unless the person resigns from the original office following election as acting Mayor. If the person resigns from the original office following election as acting Mayor, then the original office must be filled pursuant to the terms of this Section and the acting Mayor shall exercise the powers of the Mayor and shall vote and have veto power in the manner provided by law for a Mayor. If the person does not resign from the original office following election as acting Mayor, then the acting Mayor shall exercise the powers of the Mayor but shall be entitled to vote only in the manner provided for as the holder of the original office and shall not have the power to veto. If the person does not resign from the original office following election as acting Mayor, and if that person's original term of office has not expired when a Mayor is elected and has qualified for office, the acting Mayor shall return to the original office for the remainder of the term thereof.

1-2-41 APPOINTMENT TO FILL TRUSTEE VACANCY. An appointment by the Mayor or acting Mayor, as the case may be, of a qualified person as described in **Section 1-2-23** of this Code to fill a vacancy in the office of Trustee must be made within **sixty (60) days** after the vacancy occurs. Once the appointment of the qualified person has been forwarded to the corporate authorities, the corporate authorities shall act upon the appointment within **thirty (30) days**. If the appointment fails to receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities within **thirty (30) days**, the Mayor or acting Mayor shall appoint and forward to the corporate authorities a second qualified person as

described in **Section 1-2-23**. Once the appointment of the second qualified person has been forwarded to the corporate authorities, the corporate authorities shall act upon the appointment within **thirty (30) days**. If the appointment of the second qualified person also fails to receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities, then the Mayor or acting Mayor, without the advice and consent of the corporate authorities, may make a temporary appointment from those persons who were appointed but whose appointments failed to receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities. The person receiving the temporary appointment shall serve until an appointment has received the advice and consent and the appointee has qualified or until a person has been elected and has qualified, whichever first occurs.

1-2-42 ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES IN MUNICIPAL OFFICES WITH FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS. If a vacancy occurs in an elective municipal office with a **four (4) year term** and there remains an unexpired portion of the term of at least **twenty-eight (28) months**, and the vacancy occurs at least **one hundred thirty (130) days** before the general municipal election next scheduled under the general election law, then the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal election. Whenever an election is held for this purpose, the Village Clerk shall certify the office to be filled and the candidates for the office to the proper election authorities as provided in the general election law. If a vacancy occurs with less than **twenty-eight (28) months** remaining in the unexpired portion of the term or less than **one hundred thirty (130) days** before the general municipal election, then:

(A) **Mayor.** If the vacancy is in the office of Mayor, the vacancy must be filled by the corporate authorities electing one of their members as acting Mayor. Except as set forth in **Section 1-2-40**, the acting Mayor shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor until a Mayor is elected at the next general municipal election and has qualified. However, in villages with a population of less than **five thousand (5,000)**, if each of the trustees either declines the election as acting Mayor or is not elected by a majority vote of the trustees presently holding office, then the trustees may elect, as acting Mayor, any other Village resident who is qualified to hold municipal office, and the acting Mayor shall exercise the powers of the Mayor and shall vote and have veto power in the manner provided by law for a Mayor.

(B) **Trustee.** If the vacancy is in the office of Trustee, the vacancy must be filled by the Mayor or acting Mayor, as the case may be, in accordance with **Section 1-2-41**.

(C) **Other Elective Office.** If the vacancy is in any elective municipal office other than Mayor or Trustee, the Mayor or acting Mayor, as the case may be, must appoint a qualified person to hold the office until the office is filled by election, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, as the case may be.

1-2-43 **VACANCIES DUE TO ELECTION BEING DECLARED VOID.** In cases of vacancies arising by reason of an election being declared void pursuant to **Section 1-2-39(C)**, persons holding elective office prior thereto shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified or appointed and confirmed by advice and consent, as the case may be.

(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50)

1-2-44 - 1-2-49 RESERVED.

DIVISION VI - MAYOR

1-2-50 **ELECTION.** The Mayor shall be elected for a **four (4) year** term and shall serve until a successor is elected and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-5 and 5/3.1-25-15)**

1-2-51 **MAYOR PRO-TEM; TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.**

(A) If the Mayor is temporarily absent because of an incapacity to perform official duties, but the incapacity does not create a vacancy in the office, the corporate authorities shall elect one of their members to act as Mayor pro tem. The Mayor pro tem, during this absence or disability, shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor but shall not be entitled to vote both as Mayor pro tem and as a trustee.

(B) In the absence of the Mayor, or Mayor pro tem, the corporate authorities may elect one of their members to act as a temporary Chairman. The temporary Chairman shall have only the powers of a presiding officer and a right to vote only in the capacity as trustee on any ordinance, resolution, or motion. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-35)**

1-2-52 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.** The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the Village and shall see to the enforcement of all laws and ordinances. The Mayor shall preside over the meetings of the Board of Trustees and perform such duties as may be required of him by statute or law. The Mayor shall have supervision over all of the executive officers and Village employees; provided, however, his or her control is subject to the power of the Village Board to prescribe the duties of various officers and employees. The Mayor shall have the power and authority at any reasonable time to inspect all books, papers and records pertaining to Village affairs and kept by any officer of the Village. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-10 and 3.1-35-20)**

1-2-53 **MAYOR'S SIGNATURE.** The Mayor shall sign all Village warrants, commissions, permits and licenses granted by authority of the Village Board, except as otherwise provided, and such other acts and deeds as law or ordinance may require his or her official signature.

The Mayor may designate another to affix his or her signature to any written instrument that requires the Mayor's signature. The Mayor must send written notice of this designation to the Village Board stating: (1) the name of the person whom he or she has selected, and (2) what instrument the person will have authority to sign.

A written signature of the Mayor executed by the person so designated with the signature underneath the signature of the person so designated shall be attached to the notice. The notice with the signature attached shall be recorded in the journal of the

Village Board and then filed with the Village Clerk. When the signature of the Mayor is placed on a written instrument at the direction of the Mayor in the specified manner, the instrument, in all respects, shall be as binding on the Village as if signed by the Mayor in person. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-30)**

1-2-54 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

(A) **Appointed.** At the first annual meeting in May, the Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Village Board, all officers of the Village whose election or appointment is not otherwise provided for, and said officers shall hold their offices for the ensuing month or year, and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in an appointive office shall be filled in the same manner. The Mayor shall issue a commission or certificate of appointment to all persons appointed to office in the municipality. **(See 65 ILCS Secs. 5/3.1-30-5)**

(B) **Filling Vacancies.** The Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Village Board, all officers of the Village whose appointment will not otherwise be provided for by law; and whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office, which by law or ordinance the Mayor is empowered and required to fill, the Mayor shall, at the next regular meeting of the Village Board, communicate to it the name of the appointee to such office and pending the concurrence of the Village Board in such appointment, the Mayor may designate some suitable person to discharge the functions of such office. **(See 50 ILCS Sec. 105/2)**

1-2-55 SUPERVISE CONDUCT OF OFFICERS; REMOVAL OF OFFICERS. The Mayor shall supervise the conduct of all officers of the Village and see that they faithfully and efficiently discharge the duties of their respective offices. Except where otherwise provided by statute, the Mayor may remove any officer appointed by the Mayor under this Code, on any written charge, whenever the Mayor is of the opinion that the interests of the municipality demand removal. The Mayor shall report the reasons for the removal to the corporate authorities at a meeting to be held not less than **five (5) days** nor more than **ten (10) days** after the removal. If the Mayor fails or refuses to report to the corporate authorities the reasons for the removal, or if the corporate authorities by a **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of all members authorized by law to be elected disapprove of the removal, the officer thereupon shall be restored to the office from which the officer was removed. The vote shall be by yeas and nays, which shall be entered upon the journal of the corporate authorities. Upon restoration, the officer shall give a new bond and take a new oath of office. No officer shall be removed a second time for the same offense. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-10)**

1-2-56 DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS' DUTIES. Whenever there is a dispute as to the respective duties or powers of any appointed officer of the Village, this dispute shall be settled by the Mayor, after consultation with the Village Attorney; and

the Mayor shall have the power to delegate to any appointive officer, any duty which is to be performed when no specific officer has been directed to perform that duty.

1-2-57 FORMAL OCCASIONS. The Mayor shall act for and on behalf of the Village on formal occasions and receptions, but in the absence or inability to attend any such function, the Mayor may select any other Village officer to so act.

1-2-58 GENERAL DUTIES. The Mayor shall perform all the duties which are prescribed by law and shall take care that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed.

The Mayor from time to time, may and annually shall give the Village Board information relative to the affairs of the Village, and may recommend for their consideration such measures as he or she believes expedient. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-5)**

1-2-59 BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSIONER. The Mayor is hereby designated as License Commissioner to issue and revoke any and all business licenses as prescribed by law, with the advice and consent of the Village Board.

1-2-60 LOCAL LIQUOR COMMISSIONER. The Mayor is hereby designated as Local Liquor Commissioner with all the powers to license and/or revoke any Village liquor license according to State and Village laws. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-2)**

1-2-61 HEALTH COMMISSIONER. The Mayor is hereby declared to be Health Commissioner with all powers to abate and remove all nuisances or health hazards within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Village authority as prescribed by law.

1-2-62 DECIDING VOTE - MAYOR. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Village Board. The Mayor shall not vote on any ordinance, resolution or motion, except:

- (A) Where the vote of the Trustees has resulted in a tie; or
- (B) Where **one-half (1/2)** of the Trustees elected have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution or motion, even though there is no tie; or
- (C) Where a vote greater than a majority of the corporate authorities is required by the **Illinois Compiled Statutes** to adopt an ordinance, resolution or motion.

In each instance specified, the Mayor shall vote. Nothing in this Section shall deprive an Acting Mayor or Mayor Pro-tem from voting in his or her capacity as Trustee, but he or she shall not be entitled to another vote in his or her capacity as Acting Mayor or Mayor Pro-tem. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-45-5)**

1-2-63 - 1-2-65 RESERVED.

DIVISION VII - VILLAGE CLERK

1-2-66 **APPOINTED.** The Village Clerk shall be elected at the same election as the Mayor for a **four (4) year term** and shall serve until a successor is elected and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-15-5 and 5/3.1-25-90)**

1-2-67 **VACANCY.** Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of Village Clerk, the office shall be filled by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Village Board for the remainder of the term. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-25-90) (See Division V of this Chapter)**

1-2-68 **PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES; BOARD MINUTES; RECORDS.**

(A) **Ordinances.** The Village Clerk shall cause all ordinances passed by the Village Board and approved by the Mayor, imposing any fine, penalty, imprisonment or forfeiture, or making any appropriation to be published or printed in book or pamphlet form, published by authority of the corporate authorities, or be published at least once within **thirty (30) days** after passage, in **one (1)** or more newspapers published in the Village. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-5)**

(B) **Minutes; Records.**

(1) **Open Meetings.** The Village Clerk shall attend all meetings of the Village Board and shall keep in a suitable book to be styled "**The Journal of the Village Board**", a full and faithful record of its proceedings. The Village Clerk shall record and properly index in a book kept for that purpose, all ordinances passed by the Village Board, and at the foot of the record of each ordinance so recorded, the Clerk shall make a memorandum of the date of the passage, when published, and a memorandum of the publication of such ordinance. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)**

(2) **Closed Meetings.** The Clerk shall prepare and preserve the minutes of closed meetings according to the provisions of the Closed Meetings Act. At least twice a year, corporate authorities shall meet to review minutes of all closed sessions and make a public statement as to whether there is still a need to maintain such matters in confidence or whether minutes or portions of minutes from closed meetings no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. **(See 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c))**

(C) **Bonds.** The Clerk shall also record in proper books for the purpose, all official bonds and note upon each bond so recorded when the same was entered of record and the book and pages where recorded. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-110)**

(D) **Issue Notices.** The Clerk shall issue and cause to be served upon all Trustees, notices of all special meetings of the Village Board; also notices to the members of the different committees of that body and all persons whose attendance may be required before any such committee, when so directed by the Chairman thereof. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-4, 5/1-2-5 and 5/3.1-35-90)**

1-2-69 DELIVERY OF PAPERS TO OFFICERS. The Clerk shall deliver to the several committees of the Village Board and to the officers of this Village, all petitions, communications, reports and resolutions, orders, claims and other papers referred to those committees or officers by the Board on demand therefor. The Clerk shall also, without delay, deliver to the Mayor, all ordinances or resolutions, orders and claims in his or her charge which may require to be approved or otherwise acted upon by the Mayor. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)**

1-2-70 PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND LICENSES. The Clerk shall prepare all commissions, licenses, permits and other official documents required to be issued by him or her under this Code and shall attest the same with the corporate seal, and the Clerk shall, in like manner, attest all deeds for the sale of real estate owned and conveyed by this Village.

1-2-71 REPORT OF LICENSES. The Clerk shall report to the Village Board at its regular meeting each month and more often if the Board so requires the data contained in the license register with respect to licenses issued during the previous month.

1-2-72 DELIVERY OF LICENSES. In all cases where the Village requires a license to be obtained for the purpose of engaging in or carrying on any business or occupation, and the licensee is required to obtain plates, tags or stickers from the Clerk, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to deliver such plates, tags, or stickers to the person paying the license fee.

1-2-73 ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS. The Clerk shall have the power to administer oaths or affirmations for all lawful purposes. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-20)**

1-2-74 **OUTSTANDING BONDS.** The Clerk shall keep in his office in a book or books kept expressly for that purpose a correct list of all the outstanding bonds of the Village, showing the number and amount of each, for and to whom the bonds are issued; and when the Village bonds are issued, or purchased, or paid, or cancelled, the book or books shall show that fact; [and in the annual report, the Clerk shall describe particularly the bonds sold during the year and the terms of sale with each and every item of expense thereof]. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-110)**

1-2-75 **REPORTS.** The Clerk shall, on or before the regular meeting in each month, make out and submit to the Village Board a statement or report in writing of all the monies received and warrants drawn during the preceding month, showing therein from or what sources and on what account monies were received, and for what purposes and on what account the warrants were drawn or paid.

1-2-76 **SUCCESSOR.** The Village Clerk shall carefully preserve all books, records, papers, maps and effects of every detail and description belonging to the Village or pertaining to the office, and not in actual use and possession of other Village officers; and upon the expiration of his or her official term, the Clerk shall deliver all such books, records, papers and effects to the successor in office. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 3.1-10-35)**

1-2-77 **PAYMENTS.** The Clerk shall prepare monthly an itemized list of all monies received and shall deliver a copy of the same to the Village Treasurer and shall also pay over to the Treasurer all monies received in the office and take a receipt therefor.

1-2-78 **NOTIFICATION TO PERSONS APPOINTED TO OFFICE.** Within **five (5) days** after an appointment is made, the Clerk shall notify all persons appointed to office of their appointment. The office becomes vacant unless the person appointed qualifies within **ten (10) days** after such notice.

1-2-79 **OTHER DUTIES.** In addition to the foregoing duties, the Clerk shall perform all such other duties pertaining to the office as are or may be imposed upon the office by law or resolution or ordinance of the Village Board. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-40)**

1-2-80 **DEPUTY CLERK.** The Village Clerk, when authorized by the Village Board, may appoint the Deputy Clerk who shall have the power and duty to execute all documents required by any law to be executed by the Clerk and affix the seal of the Village thereto whenever required. In signing any documents, the Deputy Clerk shall sign the name of the Village Clerk followed with the word, "**By**" and the Deputy Clerk's name and the words, "**Deputy Clerk**".

The powers and duties herein described shall be executed by such Deputy Clerk only in the absence of the Village Clerk from the Village Clerk's office in the Village Hall, and only when either written direction has been given by the Village Clerk to such Deputy Clerk to exercise such power or the Village Board has determined by resolution that the Village Clerk is temporarily or permanently incapacitated to perform such functions. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-10 and 5/3.1-10-45 and 5/3.1-35-95)**

1-2-81 **RESERVED.**

DIVISION VIII - VILLAGE TREASURER

1-2-82 **COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.** There is hereby established a department of the municipal government of the Village which shall be known as the "Finance Committee". It shall embrace the Village Board Committee on Finance, the Village Treasurer and the Budget Officer.

1-2-83 **FINANCE COMMITTEE.** The standing committee on Finance shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Finance Department. It shall ascertain the condition and needs thereof; shall, from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and Village Board so that a full understanding thereof shall be had and generally, shall do all the acts necessary to promote the efficiency of the Department.

1-2-84 **TREASURER APPOINTED; VACANCY.** The Treasurer shall be appointed for a **four (4) year term** by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Village Board and he shall serve until his successor is appointed and has qualified. All vacancies shall be filled in the manner prescribed in **Division V** of this Chapter. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5)**

1-2-85 **MONEY; WARRANTS; ACCOUNTS; PAYMENTS.** The Village Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to this Village and shall pay all warrants signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Village Clerk and not otherwise; and shall keep a separate account of each fund or appropriation and the debits and credits belonging thereto. The Treasurer shall give to every person paying money into the Village Treasury a receipt therefor, specifying the date of payment, and upon what account paid, and shall file copies of such receipts with the Clerk with the monthly reports. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40)**

1-2-86 **WARRANT REGISTER.** The Treasurer shall keep a register of all warrants redeemed and paid, showing the number, date, and amount of each, the fund from which paid, and the name of the person to whom and when paid; and the Treasurer shall cancel all warrants as soon as they are redeemed. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40 and 5/3.1-35-45)**

1-2-87 **PERSONAL USE OF FUNDS.** The Village Treasurer shall keep all money belonging to the Municipality and in the Treasurer's custody separate and distinct from the Treasurer's own money and shall not use, either directly or indirectly, the Municipality's monies or warrants for the personal use and benefit of the Treasurer

or of any other person. Any violation of this provision shall subject the Treasurer to immediate removal from office by the corporate authorities, who may declare the Treasurer's office vacant. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-55)**

1-2-88 **BOND.** The Treasurer shall give bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties and to indemnify the Village for any loss due to neglect of duty or wrongful act on his part; and the amount of such bond shall not be less than **ten percent (10%)** of the highest amount of taxes and special assessments received by the Treasurer during any fiscal year in the preceding **five (5) fiscal years**, nor less than one and one-half times the largest amount which the Board estimates will be in his custody at any one time, nor less than **three (3) times** the number of residents of the Village, as determined by the last Federal Census. Such bond shall be filed with the Clerk as required by statute. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-45)**

1-2-89 **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** The Treasurer shall collect all payments on special assessments and shall see to it that the same are properly recorded and credited to the particular account entitled thereto. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-85)**

1-2-90 **BOOKKEEPING.** The Treasurer shall keep the books and accounts in such a manner as to show with accuracy, all monies received and disbursed for the Village, stating from whom and on what account received, and to whom and on what account paid out, and in such a way that the books and accounts may be readily investigated and understood, and the books and accounts and all files and papers of the office shall be, at all times, open to examination by the Mayor or the Finance Committee of the Board. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40)**

1-2-91 **STATEMENTS.** The Treasurer shall report to the corporate authorities at the regular monthly meeting, a full and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures of the municipality as shown by his books up to the time of the report. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-45)**

1-2-92 **REPORT DELINQUENT OFFICERS.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report to the Village Clerk any officer of the Village authorized to receive money for the use of the Village who may fail to make a return of the monies received by the Treasurer at the time required by law or by ordinances of the Village.

1-2-93 YEAR-END REPORT. Within **six (6) months** after the end of each fiscal year, the Treasurer shall prepare and file annually with the Village Clerk an account of monies received and expenditures incurred during the preceding fiscal year as specified in this Section. The Treasurer shall show the following in such account:

(A) All monies received by the Village, indicating the total amounts in the aggregate received in each account of the Village, with a general statement concerning the source of such receipts; provided, however, for the purposes of this paragraph, the term "**account**" shall not be construed to mean each individual taxpayer, householder, licensee, utility user, or such other persons whose payments to the Village are credited to the general account; and

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (C) of this Section all monies paid out by the Village where the total amount paid during the fiscal year exceeds **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)**, giving the name of each person to whom paid, on what account paid, and the total amount in the aggregate paid to each person from each account; and

(C) All monies paid out by the Village as compensation for personal services, giving the name of each person to whom paid, on what account paid, and the total amount in the aggregate paid to each person from each account; and

(D) A summary statement of operations for all funds and account groups of the Village as excerpted from the annual financial report, as filed with the appropriate state agency of the State of Illinois.

Upon receipt of such account from the Village Treasurer, the Village Clerk shall publish the account at least once in one or more newspapers published in the Village. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-65)**

[NOTE: The Treasurer shall file a copy of the report with the County Treasurer as provided in Sec. 5/3.1-35-70 of Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.]

1-2-94 SUBMIT APPROPRIATION TO VILLAGE BOARD. The Treasurer shall on or before the **fifteenth (15th) day of May in each year**, and before the annual appropriations to be made by the Village Board, submit to the Village Board a report of the estimates as nearly as may be of monies necessary to defray the expenses of the corporation during the current fiscal year. The Treasurer shall, in said report, classify the different objects and branches of expenditures, giving as nearly as may be the amount required for each; and for the purpose of making such a report, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to require of all officers their statement of the condition and expenses of their respective offices or departments with any proposed improvements, and the probable expense thereof, all contracts made and unfinished and the amount of any and all unexpended appropriations of the preceding year.

The Treasurer shall, in such report, show the aggregate income of the preceding fiscal year, from all sources, the amount of liabilities outstanding upon which interest is to be paid, the bonds and debts payable during the year, when due and when payable; and in such report, shall give such other information to the Village Board as he or she

may deem necessary to the end that the Village Board may fully understand the money exigencies and demands upon the corporation for the current year. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-115)**

1-2-95 DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.

(A) **Designation by Board.** The Treasurer is hereby required to keep all funds and monies in his or her custody belonging to the Village in such places of deposit as have been designated by **Section 1-2-85(F)**. When requested by the Treasurer, the corporate authorities shall designate a bank or banks in which may be kept the funds and monies of the Village in the custody of the Treasurer. When a bank or savings and loan association has been designated as a depository, it shall continue as such depository until **ten (10) days** have elapsed after a new depository is designated and has qualified by furnishing the statements of resources and liabilities as required by this Section. When a new depository is designated, the corporate authorities shall notify the sureties of the Village Treasurer of that fact in writing at least **five (5) days** before the transfer of funds. The Treasurer shall be discharged from responsibility for all funds or money that the Treasurer deposits in a designated bank or savings and loan association while the funds and money are so deposited.

(B) The Village Treasurer may require any bank or savings and loan association to deposit with the Treasurer securities or mortgages that have a market value at least equal to the amount of the funds or monies of the municipality deposited with the bank or savings and loan association that exceeds the insurance limitation provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(C) The Village Treasurer may enter into agreements of any definite or indefinite term regarding the deposit, redeposit, investment, reinvestment, or withdrawal of municipal funds.

(D) Each Village Treasurer may:

- (1) combine monies from more than one fund of a single municipality for the purpose of investing those funds and;
- (2) join with other municipal treasurers or municipalities for the purpose of investing the municipal funds of which the Treasurer has custody.

Joint investments shall be made only in investments authorized by law for the investment of municipal funds. When monies of more than one fund of a single municipality or monies of more than one municipality are combined for investment purposes, the monies combined for that purpose shall be accounted for separately in all respects and the earnings from investments shall be separately and individually computed, recorded, and credited to the fund or municipality, as the case may be, for which the investment was acquired.

(E) No bank or savings and loan association shall receive public funds as permitted by this Section unless it has complied with the requirements established by Section 6 of the Public Funds Investment Act. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-50 and 30 ILCS Sec. 235/6)**

(F) The following bank(s) are herewith designated as places of deposit where the Treasurer of the Village is required to keep all funds and monies in his custody belonging to this municipality:

- (1) Scott State Bank, Bethany, Illinois
- (2) Wayne Hummert Investments

1-2-96 - 1-2-97 RESERVED.

DIVISION IX - VILLAGE ATTORNEY

1-2-98 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY.** The Attorney shall be appointed by the Mayor, by and with the advise and consent of the Village Board for the term of **one (1) year**, unless sooner removed for cause, and until a successor shall have been appointed and qualified. The Attorney shall have full charge of the law affairs of the Village and shall be known as the Village Attorney, and shall receive reasonable fees for services rendered when, in his or her judgment, or in the judgment of the Mayor or Village Board, the same are necessary or are for the best interests of the Village. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5)**

1-2-99 **DUTIES.**

(A) **Prosecute for Village.** The Village Attorney shall prosecute or defend on behalf of the Village in all cases in which the interests of the corporation or any officer thereof are involved; and the Village Clerk shall furnish him or her with certified copies of any ordinance, bond or paper in keeping necessary to be filed or used in any suit or proceedings.

(B) **Preparation of Ordinances.** The Attorney shall, when required, advise the Village Board or any officer in all matters of law in which the interests of the corporation are involved, and shall draw such ordinances, bonds, forms and contracts, or examine and pass upon the same, as may be required by the Mayor, the Village Board, or any committee thereof.

(C) **Judgments.** The Attorney shall direct executions to be issued upon all judgments recovered in favor of the Village, and shall direct their prompt service. The Attorney shall examine all the bills of the officers of courts, and of other officers of the law, and shall certify to their correctness and the liability of the Village therefore.

(D) **Violations of Ordinances.** The Attorney shall institute and prosecute an action in every case of violation of a Village ordinance when instructed to do so by the Mayor or the Village Board.

(E) **Prosecution of Suits.** The Attorney shall not be required to prosecute any suit or action arising under the ordinances of the Village when, upon investigation of the same, the Attorney shall become satisfied that the complaint was instituted maliciously, vexatiously, or without just cause; and shall dismiss or discontinue any such suit or proceeding upon such terms as he or she may deem just or equitable.

(F) **Collection of Taxes.** The Attorney is hereby authorized and instructed to enforce the collection of any and all taxes and special assessments in the collection of which the Village is interested and to attend all sales of real or personal property made to enforce the collection of such taxes or special assessments and to bid thereat on behalf of the Village.

(G) **Commissions.** The Village Attorney shall act as the legal advisory for the Utilities Systems, for the Plan Commission, for the Zoning Board of Appeals and for all other boards and commissions hereafter established by the Village Board. The Attorney shall perform all legal services as may be required for those boards and commissions.

1-2-100 - 1-2-102 RESERVED.

DIVISION X - MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

1-2-103 CREATION OF OFFICE - APPOINTMENT. There is hereby created the office of Manager of Public Utilities, as an administrative office of the Village. The Manager of Public Utilities shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, and may be removed by vote of **two-thirds (2/3)** of the members of the Board of Trustees, upon **sixty (60) days** written notice specifying the reason for such removal. During the absence or disability of the Manager of Public Utilities, the Village Board may designate some qualified person to perform the duties of said office.

He shall hereinafter be known as the "**Manager**".

1-2-104 BOND. The Manager shall be covered by the blanket bond for all employees of the Village.

1-2-105 TERM OF OFFICE. The Manager shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and the Village Board.

1-2-106 POWERS AND DUTIES OF MANAGER.

(A) **General Supervision.** The Manager shall have general supervision and charge of the municipal wells, waterworks, pumping station and distribution system; the municipal electric light and power distribution system, the municipal natural gas distribution system, the sanitary sewer collection and treatment system and the street system. He shall be responsible directly to the Village Board for the efficient management, maintenance and operation of these public utilities.

He shall carry out the resolutions, orders and directions of the Village Board and cooperate with the Board in the efficient handling and management of the municipal public utilities and enforcement of any and all codes, ordinances and resolutions of the Village Board pertaining thereto.

(B) **Employees.** The Manager shall have authority to employ the necessary employees of the municipal public utilities, and of assigning such employees to their duties in either of the utilities, with approval of a majority of the Village Board, and he shall have authority to remove any such employees for misconduct or incompetence or other reasonable cause upon **thirty (30) days** notice, which notice, stating the reasons for such removal shall be given to the employee and to the Mayor and Village Board.

The compensation of the employees of the Village in any Department of the Public Utilities shall be fixed by the Village Board upon the recommendation of the Manager.

(C) **Purchases.** The Manager shall purchase all necessary materials, supplies and equipment for the ordinary maintenance and operation of said public utilities, within the limits of the budget and appropriation ordinance of the Village, and subject only to approval by the Mayor and Village Board of any and all purchases or contracts in excess of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)**, which shall be obtained prior to the purchase or contracting for the same. **(See Section 1-2-27)**

(D) **Fiscal Accountability.** He shall have general charge of the bookkeeping, accounting system, billings and collection of fees and charges imposed by this Code or ordinance for the operation of any and all public utilities.

(E) **Utility Applications.** The Manager shall first approve the applications for and the issuance of permits for service or connections with any of the municipal public utilities, and may order the disconnection thereof from any service customer for non-payment of fees and charges for such service, for the utility for which payment is in default. He shall approve any permit for renewal, or extension of any permit for service after previous disconnection has been made to any residence, place of business or customer of such municipal utility, after default in payment, or disconnection.

1-2-107 COMPENSATION. The salary of the Manager shall be fixed by a majority of the Village Board annually. The salary to be paid semi-monthly, for the term for which said Manager is appointed until changed by proper action of the President and Board of Trustees.

1-2-108 APPROPRIATION AND REPORTS. Monthly reports shall be prepared by the Manager, and presented to the Village Board, covering the work of each municipal public utility, and such special reports as may be required by the Village Board. Such report shall cover the period for the month ending not more than **thirty (30) days** prior to the meeting of the Board in which the same is presented.

The Manager shall prepare and present to the Village Board an annual report and summary of the work of each utility, including statements of financial conditions, accounts receivable, accounts payable and recommendations for the ensuing year, together with recommended appropriation for each public utility. The annual report shall cover the preceding fiscal year for such utility, and shall show the true financial condition, and a summarized statement of income and expenditures and the assets and liabilities of each municipal public utility.

The annual report shall contain an appropriation and recommendations of the Manager, for the ensuing year, and shall be presented on or before **June 1st** of each year. Where the salary of any employee or the expense of supplies or equipment may properly be chargeable to more than one public utility, the Manager shall show by such report the proper apportionment of such joint expense, chargeable to each public utility, for accounting purposes and for action by the Village Board in the proper transfer of funds as between the respective funds of the Village and the municipal public utilities.

ARTICLE III - SALARIES

1-3-1 SALARIES OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

(A) **Mayor.** The Mayor shall receive **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)** per year as his salary.

(B) **Trustees.** The Village Trustees shall receive **Sixty Dollars (\$60.00)** per regular or special meeting.

(C) **Village Clerk.** The Village Clerk shall be paid a salary of **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)** per year.

(Ord. No. 661; 08-12-10)

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5; 5/3.1-50-10; 5/3.1-50-15)

[ED. NOTE: The salaries of elected officials who hold elective office for a definite term shall neither be increased nor diminished during that term and shall be fixed at least one hundred eighty (180) days before the beginning of the terms of the officers whose compensation is to be filed.

The ordinance fixing compensation for members of the corporate authorities shall specify whether those members are to be compensated (i) at an annual rate or, (ii) for each meeting of the corporate authorities actually attended if public notice of the meeting was given.]

ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

1-4-1 **PARTICIPATION.** The Village Board of Trustees does hereby authorize and approve membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and directs the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for membership for a period of **one (1) year** beginning the date the Association commences providing risk coverage to its members and each year thereafter unless this ordinance is repealed.

1-4-2 **CONTRIBUTION.** Each member hereby agrees to contribute to the Association a sum of money to be determined by the Association at the time of application based on the needs of the Association and the loss experience of the Member, which sum shall constitute the cost of the Member's first year contribution for membership in the Association. Membership contributions for second and subsequent years shall be calculated in accordance with the loss experience of the Village, and the needs of the Association including total losses and expenditures of the Self-Insured Retention Fund of the Association.

(Ord. No. 656; 12-10-09)

ARTICLE V – MEETING PROCEDURES

DIVISION I – RECORDING CLOSED MEETINGS

1-5-1 RECORDING CLOSED SESSIONS. The Village shall keep a verbatim record of all closed or executive session meetings of the corporate authorities of the Village or any subsidiary “public body” as defined by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, **5 ILCS 120/1**. The verbatim record shall be in the form of an audio or video recording as determined by the corporate authorities. **(See 5 ILCS 120/2)**

1-5-2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECORDING CLOSED SESSIONS AND MAINTAINING RECORDINGS. The Village Clerk or his or her designee shall be responsible for arranging for the recording of such closed or executive sessions. In the absence of the Village Clerk or his or her designee, the meeting Chair will arrange for the audio or video recording of the closed or executive session of the Village Board. Each subsidiary public body of the Village shall designate an individual who will be responsible for the recording of any and all closed or executive sessions of the subsidiary body and for providing the Village Clerk with a copy of such recording. The Village Clerk, or his or her designee, shall securely maintain the verbatim recordings of all closed sessions of the corporate authorities of the Village and all subsidiary public bodies of the Village.

1-5-3 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES. In addition to the recordings of the closed and executive session as addressed in this Division, the Village will keep minutes of all closed meetings in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, **5 ILCS 120/2.06**.

1-5-4 PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING. At the beginning of each closed session, those present shall identify themselves by voice for the audio recording. If the meeting is videotaped, those present shall individually appear on camera and identify themselves by voice at the beginning of the closed session. The meeting Chair shall also announce the times the closed session commences and ends at the appropriate points on the recording.

1-5-5 BACK-UP EQUIPMENT/PROCEDURE FOR EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION. The Village shall maintain sufficient tapes, batteries and equipment for the Village to comply with this Division. The Village Clerk or his/her designee shall periodically check the equipment to confirm that it is functioning. In the event that anyone present at a closed session determines that the equipment is not functioning properly, the closed session will be temporarily suspended to attempt to correct any malfunction. In the

event that an equipment malfunction cannot be corrected immediately, the closed session will terminate until such time as the closed session may proceed with a functioning recording device.

1-5-6 PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND RECORDINGS. At one meeting at least every **six (6) months**, the agenda shall include the item: "Review of the minutes and recordings of all closed sessions that have not yet been released for public review, and determination of which minutes, if any, may be released." Minutes shall be reviewed in closed session and shall not be released unless the corporate authorities of the Village find that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential. As to any minutes not released, the corporate authorities shall find that the "need for confidentiality still exists" as to those minutes. Minutes of closed sessions shall be kept indefinitely.

1-5-7 MAINTENANCE AND PUBLIC RELEASE OF RECORDINGS AND ACCESS TO TAPES. The audio or video tape recordings of closed sessions shall be maintained for **eighteen (18) months** after the closed session and shall not be released to the public unless such release is required by a court order or specifically authorized for release by a vote of the Village Board. Members of the corporate authorities may listen to the closed session recordings in the presence of the Village clerk or his or her designee. Copies of such tapes will not be made or provided to anyone unless specifically authorized by vote of the Village Board.

1-5-8 PROCEDURE FOR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDINGS. The Village Clerk or his or her designee is hereby authorized to destroy the audio and video recordings of those closed sessions for which:

- (A) The corporate authorities of the Village have approved the minutes of the closed sessions as to accurate content, regardless of whether the minutes have been released for public review;
 - (B) More than **eighteen (18) months** have elapsed since the date of the closed session;
 - (C) There is no court order requiring the preservation of such recording;
- and
- (D) The corporate authorities of the Village have not passed a motion requiring the preservation of the verbatim recording of that meeting.

1-5-9 - 1-5-10 RESERVED.

DIVISION II – REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION

1-5-11 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR PARTICIPATION.** Pursuant to Public Act 94-1058 which amends the Open Meetings Act in **5 ILCS 120/7**, this municipality does hereby establish a policy that permits members of the corporate body to attend meetings by means other than physical presence.

1-5-12 **DEFINITION OF MEETING.** The term “meeting” shall mean “any gathering, whether in person or by video or audio conference, telephone calls, electronic means (such as, without limitation, electronic mail, electronic chat and instant messaging), or other means of contemporary interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business” or such other definition as shall be contained within the state statutes.

1-5-13 **AMENDMENT OF PREVIOUS TERMS.** The definition of “meeting” set forth in **Section 1-5-12** shall supersede and replace any other definition used in any previous or existing ordinance.

1-5-14 **REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY.** The Village hereby adopts the Remote Participation Policy, as outlined in Addendum “A”, that permits a member of the public body to attend and participate in any meeting of a public body as defined in the Open Meetings Act from a remote location via telephone, video, or internet connection provided that such attendance and participation is in compliance with the policy and any applicable laws.

ADDENDUM "A"

**GOVERNMENTAL UNIT
REMOTE ATTENDANCE POLICY**

(See also Section 1-2-9)

(A) **Policy Statement.** It is the policy of the Village that a member of any group associated with this unit of government which is subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act may attend and participate in any open or closed meeting of that Covered Group from a remote location via telephone, video or internet connection, provided that such attendance and participation is in compliance with this policy and any other applicable laws.

(B) **Prerequisites.** A member of the Covered Group of the Village shall be provided the opportunity to attend an open and closed meeting or only one of such meetings from a remote location if the member meets that following conditions and a majority of a quorum of the Covered Body votes to approve the remote attendance;

(1) the member must notify the recording secretary or clerk of the Covered Body at least **twenty-four (24) hours** before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical;

(2) the member must meet one of three reasons described herein why he or she is unable to physically attend the meeting, including either: (a) that the member cannot attend because of personal illness or disability; (2) the member cannot attend because of employment purposes or the business of the Village; or (3) the member cannot attend because of a family or other emergency; and

(3) a quorum of the Covered Body must be physically present.

(C) **Voting Procedure.** After roll call, a vote of the Covered Body shall be taken, considering the prerequisites set forth in paragraph (B), on whether to allow an off-site board member to participate remotely. All of the members physically present are permitted to vote on whether remote participation will be allowed. A vote may be taken to permit remote participation for a stated series of meetings if the same reason applies in each case. Otherwise, a vote must be taken to allow each remote participation.

(D) **Quorum and Vote Required.** A quorum must be established by members physically present at any meeting before it can be considered whether to allow a member to participate in the meeting remotely. A vote of a majority of a quorum shall be necessary to decide the issue. For the meeting to continue there shall always need to be a quorum physically present.

(E) **Minutes.** The member participating remotely shall be considered an off-site participant and counted as present by means of video or audio conference, for that meeting of the members is allowed to participate. The meeting minutes of the Village shall also reflect and state specifically whether each member is physically present, present by video, or present by audio means.