

VILLAGE OF BETHANY  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
August 14, 2025

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Village President Brian Gill. The following Trustees were present; Dave Doty, Jeannie Ruppert, Greg McLain, Karen Jeffers, and Gene Mueller. Trustee Zakary England was absent.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the "Statement of Income and Expenses", seconded by Trustee Mueller. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller to approve the "Banks and Checks Journal", seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Public – None**

**Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Updates** - Mr. Gustafson was not able to attend. Village Manager Shannon Risley filled in. Well #4 at the park has been abandoned. We have received the permit to build the chlorine room at the water treatment plant. Mr. Gustafson is still working on the water line issue at the Elementary School. SNC has completed their work. They will be back to pick up materials.

**Approval of Event Application by The Publisher** - Mike Sweeney approached the Board last month. It just needs to be approved. A motion was made by Trustee Jeffers to approve the Special Event Application by The Publisher, seconded by Trustee Mueller. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Amending Gaming Ordinance in Regards to Visible Signage** - Village Attorney Patrick Sullivan did some research on this topic. Essentially what we have here is "commercial speech". Mr. Sullivan explained what this entails and what the court has decided on this topic. He prepared an Ordinance removing this prohibition. He stated that a good first step would be to look at some other prohibitions from other communities to what would work for the Village. Mr. Sullivan will have something ready for approval next month.

**Purchase of a New Mower for the Village** - Manager Shannon Risley had another quote for a village tractor/mower. Trustee Mueller made a motion to suspend the bidding process, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes motion carried. Trustee Mueller made a motion to purchase a John Deere 2025R with requested attachments minus the tiller for the amount not to exceed \$ 30,000 seconded by Trustee Jeffers. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Modification of Code Bidding Provisions** - Village Attorney, Patrick Sullivan presented a new ordinance for the Board to look at concerning the Bidding process. Any wording or changes he made to the current Code was discussed and explained by Mr. Sullivan. After discussions, a motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the newest generation Ordinance #25-856, changing the bidding process, seconded by Trustee Mueller. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Amending the Ordinance Violation Penalties** - This was discussed last month. Officer Nichols wanted to discuss this to make more of a blanket ordinance for fines. Mr. Sullivan and Officer Nichols will begin working on this matter.

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes** - This will be discussed in Executive Session

**Part-Time Salary & Academy Reimbursement for Cody Redman** - Officer Nichols stated that Mr. Redman did not show for his physical fitness test. Officer Nichols called Mr. Redman and assumed that he forfeited his position. Officer Nichols has not heard anything back.

**Appropriations for the 2025-2026 Village Fiscal Year** - Finance Chair Trustee Doty reviewed the minutes from the Finance meeting in regards to the presented Appropriations Ordinance. Trustee Doty went over all of the changes in the appropriations from last year. Trustee Mueller made a motion to approve Appropriations for the 25-26 Fiscal Year Ordinance #25-857, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Jeffers mentioned how nice it would be for the Village to pay for Veteran signs/banners along Main Street or even down St. John St. She has all the information from when BASO purchased them and will bring it next month.

**Reports** - Village Manager Shannon Risley, Finance Committee, Chief Nichols

**Correspondence** – None

**Committee Meeting Dates** – None

A motion was made by Trustee Jeffers to leave Open Session to enter into an Executive Session to discuss closed session minutes & recordings, seconded by Trustee Doty. Trustee Ruppert made a motion to enter back into Open Session, Seconded by Trustee Mueller. Trustee Ruppert made a motion that a need for confidentiality still exists in regard to all closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Mueller. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. With no other business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee McLain and seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie McLain, Clerk

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Brian Gill, President