

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

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

Public – None

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Updates - SNC Contractors have a minor punch list of items to complete from July. They still have stored materials on site and need to credit the Village for these items. They did not respond to Mr. Gustafson's email. There is one hydrant that is nonfunctional, and a number of the valves for the water main that were put in were partially or mostly closed. Benny Durbin checked these, and they are functional. Commercial Electric has one item on their punch list still remaining. They have sent in pay request #6, and Mr. Gustafson asks the Village to hold the payment until training is complete. The pay request is \$12,375.60. The detention tank replacement with A&R Services. The building behind the Water Treatment Plant is gone, rock has been placed, and it looks really good. They have pay request #5 for \$33,787.27. He states that they have been a pleasure to work with. Mr. Gustafson has plans for the water main work needed in front of the Elementary School. The new chlorine room letter was submitted to the EPA. We received a reply with the changes stated. Then submitted a reply and have not heard anything back. In the last two weeks, Benny Durbin was flushing and flow testing the hydrants. The tables were updated after this testing. This was last done in 2021. A motion was made by Trustee Mueller to approve pay request #5 from A&R Services in the amount of \$33,787.27, seconded by Trustee Jeffers. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve pay request #6 from Commercial Electric in the amount of \$12,375.60, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes motion carried.

Trustee England arrived at 7:07 pm

Amending Gaming Ordinance in Regards to Visible Signage - Attorney Patrick Sullivan discussed this with the Board. He has done research and asked for more clarification from the Board on how they would like him to proceed. After the discussion, Mr. Sullivan will amend the signage and gaming ordinances and bring them back next month.

Amending the Ordinance Violation Penalties - Mr. Sullivan identified approximately 25 sections in the ordinances that have a different fee structure from the ones that were just updated. Chief Nichols and Mr. Sullivan are working on updating these sections. He will have something for approval next month.

The Board welcomed Officer Ashley Warner, and she was sworn in as a new Village of Bethany Police Officer.

Trick or Treat Times - BASO will have safe trick or treating on October 25th. Halloween is on a Friday this year. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to have Trick or Treat hours be on 10/31 from 6 to 9pm, seconded by Trustee England. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Hire of New Full-Time Utility Employee - this will be tabled until next month.

Purchase of New Windows for the Village Hall - Treasurer Jessica Henderson presented bids to the Board for new windows for the Village Hall. She has two and is waiting on a third. This will be tabled until the third bid comes in. There will be a special meeting on Monday, September 15th.

Storm Water Drainage Structure on N. Church St. - Greg Gustafson had information for the Board to review. He presented preliminary plans and drawings regarding a new retaining wall as a solution. The estimated cost would be \$66,239.86 with A&R Services. There are concerns about this being on private property. Mr. Gustafson will add property lines to the preliminary plans.

Trustee Jeffers brought information concerning the banners for Veterans. 14 double sided banners would cost \$1446.65, approx. \$103 each. 14 brackets would cost \$1762, approx. \$126 each. The banners are 18X36.

Reports - Chief Nichols

Correspondence – 1) received a booklet from Central A&M JFL with an ad from the Village.
2) The railroad asked the Village to have a Proclamation for Think Train Week.

Committee Meeting Dates – None at this time.

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

Brian Gill, President