

**VILLAGE OF WOODHULL**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 11, 2025**  
**Committees**

**President – D. Holmes**

Building – M. Bethell, J. McCready, & D. Holmes

Finance/Insurance/Audit – H. Garrett & D. Holmes

Personnel – D. Holmes, C. Brinson, & S. Francis

Public Works – J. McCready & S. Francis

**Pro-Tem Pres – J. McCready**

Economic Development – S. Francis & D. Holmes

Parks & Recreation – C. Brinson & H. Garrett

Police/Civ. Def./Zon. – M. Bethell & D. Holmes

Mayor Dave Holmes called the meeting to order on August 11, 2025 @ 7:00 pm.

Followed by Roll Call: Trustee Mark Bethell, Trustee Conner Brinson, Trustee Scott Francis, Trustee Hannah Garrett, and Trustee Jeff McCready were present. Also present: Mayor Dave Holmes, Police Chief Jesse Bewley, Public Works Director Dusty McKeag, Treasurer Kelli Hand and Village Clerk Debra Krueger

Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Trustee Jeff McCready moved to accept July 14, 2025, Regular Board Minutes as presented. Trustee Connor Brinson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Jeff McCready moved to accept July 14, 2025, Closed Session Minutes as presented. Trustee Mark Bethell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**PRIOR TO THE TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mayor Dave Holmes thanked everyone who is working on the transition of working with Accounting Systems, Inc. and everyone who worked on switching offices. Mayor Holmes explained they have found many issues that need to be cleared up and he and Treasurer Kelli Hand are working on them one by one.

Treasurer Kelli Hand received a check from a person who donated One Hundred Dollars for a person who had recently passed. The check was made out to the Village of Woodhull. The donation was meant to go to the Woodhull Cemetery Association. Kelli deposited the check into General Fund and then wrote a check to the Woodhull Cemetery Association.

Treasurer Kelli Hand explained on page 18 of the Treasurer's Report she had to write a check to Police Chief Jesse Bewley to reimburse him for items he purchased. Chief Bewley tried to use Kelli's credit card, but it was maxed out. Kelli Hand wrote a check to Chief Bewley to reimburse him for the items he paid for. Treasurer Kelli looked up her account and found the reason it was maxed out was because of a charge from Micro Soft in the amount of \$2,101.13. Kelli contacted Trustee Scott Francis to contact Office Machine Consultants to make sure it was a legitimate charge and make sure Office

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Machine Consultants also didn't charge the Village of Woodhull for the same item. Kelli explained she also wrote a check to the Sons of the American Legion to reimburse them for the 50/50 raffle drawing license that was purchased by them.

Kelli also explained that Accounting Systems Inc. had to void checks # 11438 through check # 11446 due to printing issues.

Kelli stated she is trying to get Chief Bewley and Village Clerk Debra Krueger set up on IMRF. Mayor Holmes asked, "are we all caught up with IMRF?" Kelli answered yes and mentioned that Tanya Howard, from Accounting Systems Inc., had caught up with the wage reports. Kelli explained that Tanya has found a few mistakes and is correcting them.

Kelli was told by Tanya that the schedule Kelli is doing by depositing any monies collected every two weeks is working well.

Kelli keeps track of all the incoming invoices, and she scans them onto her computer and then takes the originals to Accounting Systems Inc. Kelli keeps a spreadsheet on her computer for herself and for Accounting Systems Inc. of all the deposits made. Kelli explained she sent an email to all employees that she also needs a hard copy of their time sheets when they submit them to Teresa Irons at Accounting Systems Inc.

Mayor Holmes explained Tanya had sent a memo recommending the Village Board makes a motion to move the Square credit card account from the account it is going into now and instead deposit the funds into the Water/Sewer account. Trustee McCready made a motion to take the recommendation from Tanya to move the Square account from the General Fund and put the funds into the Water/Sewer account. Trustee Hannah Garrett seconded the motion. All in favor say aye. 5 members responded. All opposed 0 Motion carried 5 – 0

Mayor Holmes explained that the memo from Tanya also asked if the Board would consider converting the Quick Books program currently being used to convert it to Quick Books online. Trustee Garrett explained that Accounting Systems Inc. was asked to get a quote for the September 8, 2025, Board meeting.

Kelli explained that Farmers State Bank would like to close past Treasurer Garrett Adamson's credit card. Kelli further explained that the Quick Books billing is attached to past Treasurer Adamson's card and that she is making sure no other automatic charges are on his card before closing the credit card. Kelli said they could put the Quick Book automatic charges billed to her credit card, but she did not know if her card could be charged for Micro Soft and Quick Books and have enough of a credit line to cover both expenses. Kelli also asked the Board if Debra Krueger would be getting a credit card. The Village Board did not respond.

Mayor Holmes explained that Accounting Systems Inc. found that five hours a week as quoted by past Treasurer Adamson did not give a true estimate of the number of hours required to correct issues. Trustee Garrett recommended paying Accounting Systems Inc. for the true hours they have worked. Mayor Holmes said that it was going to take more time to get everything cleaned up. Trustee McCready mentioned that it needs to be done. Tanya hoped eventually they would lower the hours down to five a week, if possible, if not Accounting Systems Inc. would re-quote us. Trustee Francis made a motion to pay the balance of what is owed to Accounting Systems Inc. per the invoice that was

presented. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Scott Francis Yes, Hannah Garrett Yes, Jeff McCready Yes, Mark Bethell Yes, Conner Brinson Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Holmes announced that the 2023 AFR has been uploaded to the State Comptroller.

**TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2025:**

General Fund	\$ 850,606.50
General Fund Payroll	\$ 15,721.14
Video Gaming FSB Savings	\$ 148,654.79
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$ 1,422.90
Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 3,464.83
Playground Fund	\$ 1,012.59
WINN Checking FSB	\$ 1,137.32
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 10,285.37
Depreciation Checking	\$ 6,432.17
Debt Service #2033	\$ 61,517.03
Debt Service Savings	\$ 8,903.64
MFT Fund	\$ 41,634.30

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**General Fund July accounts payable were presented as follows:**

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**Water Fund July accounts payable were presented as follows:**

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Trustee Garrett moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**POLICE/CIVIL DEFENSE/PERMITS:**

Chief Bewley presented the July 2025 Police Report to the Village Board. Chief Bewley requested all matters concerning legal action should be mailed by Certified Mail. It may involve spending a little more money on postage, but if the action required involves further action it is worth it. Chief Bewley explained that he has been working on the budget, and he would like to keep track of it himself. Chief Bewley wants to work with Kelli so he can see what was previously used to help him schedule part-time help and how to plan the budget, knowing the hours of the Henry County Sheriff's Department. Chief Bewley has been working with Officer Alex Wagner regarding when he is available to work for the Village of Woodhull. Chief Bewley stated that on Friday night someone had parked in the driveway of the police station, so he had to park in the next lot. The owners of Maulden's walked over later that night and explained they had a customer complain that they felt that the police were sitting on the bar to catch people with DUI's. Chief Bewley explained why he had been walking around due to him having to park his vehicle in a different lot. The owners decided to let Chief Bewley do a walk through some night. Chief Bewley explained that he does not want to come into the bar at 2:00 a.m. and start telling people to leave. He told them that was their responsibility. Chief Bewley was confident that the owners understood he was not watching their bar.

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Mayor Holmes said he checked with our attorney, Jordan Newell and based on what he has said the sixty-day agreement that the Village had with Henry County Sheriff's Department ends on August 18, 2025, and that was agreeable to the Sheriff. Mayor Holmes then asked Chief Bewley, had Henry County still been coming over? Chief Bewley stated when he first started, he did see some here, but then he spoke to some of the officers, and they told him they had been told they were done. Mayor Holmes said in that case we did not need our attorney to do anything. Chief Bewley responded he did not believe so.

Trustee Bethell told the Board that Chief Bewley and himself would like to hire a part-time officer and Chief Bewley has a few candidates in mind. Trustee Bethell said they would need to decide on hourly pay; also, would the Personnel Committee want to meet with the candidate? Trustee Bethell stated the person would need a psychological evaluation. Trustee Bethell said that Officer Wagner had only worked once in six months. Mayor Holmes asked Chief Bewley whether he would like to hire someone as soon as possible. Chief Bewley said "yes". Mayor Holmes said that they should discuss it further in closed session.

Trustee Bethell moved to approve the report as presented. Trustee McCready seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

During July 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting the Public Works Report for June 2025 did not get approved. Trustee Francis made a motion to approve the June 2025 Public Works Report as was presented. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Director, Dusty McKeag, presented the July 2025 Public Works Report to the Village Board.

Dusty reported that water usage was up due to them flushing hydrants around town and at the high school. The school hydrants were flushed out and they hooked up to the new line and it passed. Now they just need to get the new pipe hooked on to the school and when it passes, then they are good to go. Trustee McCready asked, was the new line hooked up to the school? Dusty answered no, because they are waiting for RPZ which should take place on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Last week there was an issue at the wastewater treatment plant where we sprung a leak in the access flow pot. Corrective action was taken. Trustee McCready helped with the Environmental Protection Department EPA, with our side of things, and he contacted IEPA for the Village of Woodhull. We got the leak stopped and temporarily fixed in about thirty hours. We must take more corrective action, and Dusty is waiting for plans to be drawn up by Loren Raines of IMEG, our engineer. Dusty did not know the root cause of this happening, but mainly because we received ten inches of rain in nine days. One lagoon pumped one million gallons of water. Mayor Holmes asked, "was this mainly caused by the amount of rain?" Dusty said yes but on the backside of the original dam there was a four-inch hole caused by tree roots or an animal burrowing through the backside of the dyke. The overflow went into DeSutter's field. Dusty contacted DeSutter's, and they were aware of the leak. They were great about it. At the time the runoff was found, it took approximately thirty hours to get it stopped. Trustee

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McCready said two ladies from the EPA Peoria office came to Woodhull on Friday when he was not there. The EPA said that Dusty would need to contact our engineer. Charlie Bailey Excavating came out and used clay to stop the leak, the leak was stopped around 2:30 p.m. that day. Now we need a permanent fix for this issue. The EPA said we do not need approval for this repair, but we need to get the permanent fix done. Loren Raines of IMEG, our engineer, came out and found another spot besides the four-inch hole. The engineer suggested that the Village of Woodhull dig a trench approximately two hundred feet long and eighteen or twenty inches wide and six feet deep and fill it with flowable fill, such as concrete, to stop the trees from growing through the dam. Dusty thought with the mini excavator we might be able to do this job without help. Charlie Bailey Excavating told Dusty if they could not do the job, Bailey Excavating would give them a quote on the digging. Dusty is now waiting for the engineer to draw up a preliminary drawing. Dusty contacted Todd Johnson regarding using clay and how much cost was involved using clay versus flowable fill. Dusty told Todd how much the flowable fill would cost. Todd said with trucking cost the price for clay would be comparable to the cost of flowable fill. Dusty stated they got the pond level down and they had a permit to do that. Trustee McCready helped Dusty fill out the forms for the permit. Trustee McCready received a phone call from the EPA and Trustee McCready explained they would need to pump the excess water into a storm drain. EPA explained that it was above their pay grade, one of the EPA employees called her boss in Springfield and they told them to pump it into the storm drain and if they needed to rent more pumps do it. Just get it back to normal operating conditions. Trustee McCready stated that they did everything by the book. Dusty stated they had to take a sewer sample to Peoria to get it tested. The sample was cleaner than the water leaving our effluent.

Regarding other matters, our IMEG engineer, Loren Raines, just got the preliminary drawings for the relocation of the water main on Route 17. Mayor Holmes has signed the EPA permit request and Dusty will send them in. Once they are approved by the EPA, we will put the job out for bids as soon as we get the permits back.

EPA inspection at the Water Department is scheduled for August 21, 2025.

Dusty stated that they had washed the ground storage tank and the roof of the building. The roof was a lot dirtier than they thought and there was a lot of molds. The tin roof on the building is getting very soft, spongy, and some action needs to be taken on the roof sooner or later. Trustee McCready suggested they start putting money in their budget.

Mayor Dave Holmes expressed what a great job everyone is doing, and he wanted to mention a letter he received from the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) informing him that the Village of Woodhull no longer must do quarterly reports. Mayor Holmes explained that the Village Clerk, and Public Works Director would still need to keep up their monthly reports, but we no longer need to send them to the USDA. USDA indicated in their letter that they would like to send others to see how we do our reports.

Mayor Holmes stated what must be done with McGuire Iron concerns. Dusty explained that McGuire Iron Company has a contract with us to come out every year and do an inspection. In 2024 McGuire failed to do any site inspections. McGuire called Dusty in February 2025, and they wanted to schedule the on-site inspection and that they would be in contact next month to schedule the on-site inspection. In June of 2025 they finally came to do the site inspection. Dusty did not hear from them again. Mayor Holmes stated that McGuire was one year late. Dusty called McGuire two months after the inspection had been completed. The person he spoke with stated they were very behind. Dusty then stated that in five minutes he was emailed the inspection. Mayor Holmes asked Dusty what he wanted

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to do. Dusty stated there are other companies that do this type of work, and some will allow us to make decisions when we want inspections and what measure they must take regarding what they find during the site inspection. Other companies will just take all responsibility for maintaining the site inspections and maintenance as if they owned the water tower. Mayor Holmes stated that this coming September 2025 will be time to sign a new agreement with McGuire. Mayor Holmes said that the Water Committee should have a meeting with Trustee McCready, Trustee Frances, Dusty and himself to discuss this issue. Dusty said he might also invite company representatives to explain what their company offers. Trustee McCready asked Dusty to send over any information he gets from these companies. Mayor Holmes requested that the water committee bring their recommendations to the September 8, 2025, meeting. Trustee Garrett asked will there be an issue getting out of the contract with McGuire. Dusty said this should not be an issue from what he has heard from others that were using McGuire Iron.

Last week while Trustee McCready and Dusty were working on the permit papers, a person from Kady Aqua Storage stopped in and discussed our aqua storage tank. The new district representative is contacting any public works department that has a Kady Aqua Storage tank. Dusty stated that our water storage tank was purchased through Kady Aqua Storage and installed in 2016 has never been inspected that Dusty knows of since he started working in 2020. The district representative asked Dusty if he would want them to come and do an inspection at a cost and he said yes, and the two will set up a date for this to take place. Dusty went on to state the tank has never been cleaned, drained or inspected. The district representative will be coming with a submarine to be placed in the storage tank and take pictures. During this meeting, Dusty stated he has discussed making some improvements and possibly putting a mixer in the storage tank to help with the chlorine problem. Trustee McCready stated that the Kady Aqua Storage district representative told Trustee McCready and Dusty that he would get them in touch with someone to discuss the water tower mixer, also. Dusty stated he had a conversation with a person about the water tower mixer that is not working that was installed by McGuire and the person was the same person who is trying to figure out is this problem McGuire or ours. Trustee McCready stated that the inspection of the storage tank there will be a cost for this, and items discussed about putting a mixer in the storage tank might be expensive.

Trustee Jeff McCready made the motion to accept the July 2025 Public Works Report as presented. Trustee Scott Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dusty asked if anyone had driven behind the high school where the parking lot was redone and they re-did the storm drain. Todd Johnson did a very good job, and the water does not sit on the new parking lot behind the school. Trustee McCready mentioned that sometime Dusty and himself need to check the drain to the school to know exactly where it goes.

New signs have been placed out at the burn pile notifying people the Village of Woodhull has installed cameras at that location.

#### **BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Trustee Bethell stated that the Village Hall building was power washed on July 24, 2025. Trustee Bethell will call the window washing company to find out when they can start washing all the outside windows. Trustee Bethell is waiting to hear back from Lindsey Brown, because Lindsey Brown told Trustee Bethell, he was waiting for the humidity to go down and the weather would be cooler before he could paint the exterior doors. Trustee Bethell is gathering prices on the defibrillator.

#### **DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE:**

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None currently.

**ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None currently.

**PARKS/RECREATION/TOURISM:**

None currently.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Mayor Holmes told everyone that he had talked with Jerry Samuelson at the post office. Jerry told Mayor Holmes that he had bought the Subway building from Patti Ramirez. Jerry said he was going to move his office there and Joelle Johnson would rent space for her business there.

Trustee Francis stated the next meeting for Economic Development will be held August 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None currently

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee McCready made a motion to go to Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. for three personnel items.

Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTIONS TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Mark Bethell moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jeff McCready seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Krueger, Village Clerk.