

VILLAGE OF WOODHULL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2026
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 & Alex Johnson

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 & Alex Johnson

Mayor Dave Holmes called the meeting to order on April 13, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathy Shemwell introduced herself as a resident of Woodhull and explained that she had worked with Jerry Samuelson at Country Financial Company. During that period, she approached Jerry regarding starting up a networking group together for local businesses and sales representatives. Kathy explained she would approach the business community to join this group to support each other and share referrals. Trustee Francis said he met Jerry and they discussed what a source-full organization this could be. Trustee Francis explained he offered to be the liaison between this organization and the Board if they had any questions. Trustee Francis would be willing to go to the meetings and leave the planning and organizing to Kathy and Jerry. Trustee Francis said he had given Jerry and Kathy an updated list of all Woodhull businesses and possibly they would contact them and see if there is an interest in joining this networking group. Kathy said as a real estate agent and State Farm agent she was familiar with networking and she knows how important this is to all businesses. Kathy inquired about whether there would be a place for this group to meet and would there be a charge, since there is no profit. The Board told her there would be no charge for their organization holding their meetings at the Village Hall.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

(None currently)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Bethell made a motion to approve March 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Brinson made a motion to approve March 9, 2026, Closed Session Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

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TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Hand reading from the memo prepared by ASI. Treasurer Hand asked the Board did they have any questions regarding Tanya's report.

TREASURER REPORT April 13, 2026:

General Fund Checking FSB #0040	\$ 855,498.72
General Fund Payroll Checking FSB #3735	\$ 11,601.51
Water & Sewer FSB Checking #0065	\$ 212,154.47
Video Gaming FSB Savings #3954	\$ 188,447.65
Vets Memorial Fund FSB Savings #3537	\$ 1,425.55
Certificate of Deposit #3957	\$ 3,332.53
Drug Enforcement Fund #2140	\$ 3,476.38
Playground Fund #2165	\$ 1,015.96
WINN Checking FSB #0342	\$ 1,424.67
Operation & Maintenance FSB #0057	\$ 15,964.37
Depreciation Checking #2041	\$ 24,651.34
Debt Service #2033	\$ 84,485.60
Debt Service Savings #1088	\$ 8,914.86
Depreciation Fund BO #4727	\$ 6,432.17
Square Checking FSB #2017	\$ 1,959.39
MFT Fuel Fund FSB #2157	\$ 65,685.26

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund March accounts payable were presented as follows:

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Water Fund March accounts payable were presented as follows:

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Treasurer Kelli Hand explained that Mayor Holmes had asked Tanya, "had the PLAWA payments all been paid out?" Tanya reached out to Treasurer Hand because only one of the checks had not been cashed. Tanya had reached out to her regarding a check sent to a former employee that had not been cashed. Treasurer Hand sent an email to the former employee and was told that the former employee would locate the check and cash it.

Tanya wanted to know about the \$15.00 Cash Management monthly charge that FSB was charging the Village. Treasurer Hand reached out to Leslie at FSB and asked her what the charge was for. Leslie explained that it is so ASI can see all the banking accounts online. Mayor Holmes talked to Leslie at FSB and was told that the fee was for ASI to be able to log in and see all the accounts. Mayor Holmes and Treasurer Hand said this was necessary for ASI. It was decided that the service is worth the cost.

In the email Tanya explained that the format in QuickBooks will be in the form of a spreadsheet from now on. Tanya explained that the check for McGuire Iron has been voided. The payroll system that ASI uses will not allow Dusty's payroll split between streets, water and sewer accounts. Tanya will split the money up afterwards on her spreadsheet after the fact on the books. Tanya will have to do some clean up to make it all come out in the correct accounts.

Tanya cannot give a reasonable explanation why \$7,788.00 was listed in the Combined Water & Sewer account. Apparently, a past treasurer was trying to reconcile the difference for the March 2025 bank statement there is no

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reason for this amount to show up increasing fund balances. Tanya went on to indicate this was not reported correctly; however, this fiscal year is under audit, and a transaction of this nature should get audited and corrected.

Trustee Francis made a motion to approve the bookkeeping report from ASI. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Holmes explained that the annual USDA report for the fiscal year of 2025 has been submitted and after April 30, 2026, we will be able to do work on the 2026 report. Mayor Holmes asked Treasurer Hand how is the 2025 audit coming? Treasurer Hand is asking for some help locating more financial items.

At the March 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Trustee McCready asked, “why is the police department’s power bill so high.” Public Works Director Dusty McKeag investigated the reason and found out that the police department is being billed for the Veteran’s Park lighting and other lighting sources at that location on this Ameren account.

Mayor Holmes said the next item up for discussion is the 2027 Budget and the Five-Year Plans since nearing the end of fiscal year 2026. Mayor Holmes passed out a copy of the proposed budget using last year’s budget form and indicated in red any changes that the Public Works Department or the Police Department decided. Mayor Holmes had met with the Finance Committee and looked over the proposed changes, whether it be an increase or decrease to see if they saw any changes that they didn’t think necessary. The Finance Committee liked the 2027 Budget draft. Mayor Holmes at that time discussed the additions, the increase or decrease of amounts of the 2027 Budget to the Board. Mayor Holmes explained there would be no vote on these items until May 11, 2026, at the Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Bethell reminded Mayor Holmes of the Henry County IGA (Internal Government Agreement) that it is no longer in effect and should be removed from the 2027 Budget. Three new line items will be added, like contractual services, recycling, general accounting services and website services.

Next on the agenda was the voting on the bid opening, five companies turned in a proposal for the relocation of the water main on Route 17 out by the I-74 overpass. Mayor Holmes explained that the IMEG Engineer’s estimate was \$123,450.00. Following are the bids:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>% Over/Under</u>
1. Laverdiere Construction, Inc.	\$287,800.00	133.13% Over
2. Langman Construction, Inc	\$228,600.00	85.18% Over
3. Twin Lakes Civil Construction	\$185,425.00	50.20% Over
4. McClintock Trucking & Excavating	\$166,000.00	34.47% Over
5. Miller Trucking & Excavating	\$105,740.00	-14.34% Under

After discussion Trustee Francis made the motion to accept the bid from Miller Trucking & Excavating for the work relocating the water main along Route 17 at the I-74 overpass per the recommendation of our Engineering Firm IMEG. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Garrett – Y, Trustee Alex Johnson -Y. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Holmes received an email from Tory Garrett regarding pledging our funds that are held in our accounts at FSB of Western IL. Mayor Holmes asked Trustee Garrett to explain what pledging meant. Trustee Garrett says it is based on how much money is in any account and that to protect the funds we tell FSB how much to pledge on that account. Trustee Garrett offered to check into how this is done and when it should be done.

POLICE/CIVIL DEFENSE/PERMITS:

Police Chief Bewley was unable to attend and so there was no March 2026 police report. Next month Chief Bewley will have two months to report on March and April 2026.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Public Works Director McKeag presented his written report. Director McKeag explained that they had to deal with one last snowstorm. Unfortunately, his department had already put all the snow removal equipment away. Director McKeag said they had many projects to work on, and they know they will keep busy. Mayor Holmes asked Director McKeag did he think he would need any part-time help during the summer. Director McKeag said that he and Public Works Assistant Keener had discussed it but had not decided. Director McKeag said that he might hire someone to help with any concrete jobs that they may do. Mayor Holmes told Director McKeag to just let the Board know. Mayor Holmes asked was Director McKeag still pulling together a committee to meet with Public Works Department and have Chad Johnson of USG come. Director McKeag said he was and he also was going to contact Cindy Wermuth to find out how much road work they can do financially.

Trustee Brinson made the motion to accept the Public Works report as presented. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Trustee Bethell reported that he had talked with Clerk Krueger, and she had explained the cost of having one light fixture replaced with a ballast bypass and then she decided to inquire about a bid.

Village Clerk Krueger explained that on March 18, 2026, she had to contact an electrician to come and fix one of our fluorescent lights in the community room. The electrician explained it would cost us less if we used a T8 4K Ballast bypass with bulb #87201 rather than replacing the ballast. When the Clerk received the invoice for the work, she asked the owner of Swanson Electric Company to give us an estimate of all the fluorescent lights in the building. Swanson Electric submitted their estimate, and it was in the amount of \$1,985.00 to change out 42 electrical lighting fixtures. Clerk Krueger then realized that we had miscounted, and I informed Swanson Electric about this, and he said to just add \$100.00 to the original estimate. Each light replaced with the bypass would cost us \$48.49 instead of being charged \$146.03 per fixture when the ballast burns out. Director McKeag asked if there were less expensive canned lights to stop spending \$26.00 per bulb. Trustee Bethell made a motion to accept the bid and to approve the amount of \$2,500.00 also if we could replace the 7 cannister lights with a standard bulb along with the fluorescent lights being switched out pending the Clover Township approval.

Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Johnson – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, and Trustee Garrett – Y. Motion carried 5-0 pending the Clover Township vote.

DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE:

None currently.

ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

None currently.

PARKS/RECREATION/TOURISM:

Mayor Holmes explained he had no update on tourism, and the next meeting will be held in May 2026.

Trustee Brinson said he had reached out to Eagle Enterprises, and they kept the quoted price \$2,300.00 on the contract for clean-up day on May 30, 2026. Discussion followed on what time the clean-up should begin and end it was decided 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Discussion followed regarding the electronic clean-up day, and Trustee Brinson will reach out to Eagle Enterprises to make sure they are honoring the price of \$1,200.00 and ask about possible date of September 19, 2026, or October 3, 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Trustee Francis looked at five different companies who do website building and recommended TEAM WTI to build our website. Trustee Brinson made the motion to use TEAM WTI to build our Village website with the approval of paying \$3,400.00 up front to be able to take advantage of the \$500.00 discount. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Garrett — Y, Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Francis – Y. Trustee Johnson -Y. Motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

None currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Francis told the Board that Jerry Samuelson is still having work done on his new building and hopefully the ice cream parlor would scoop their first scoop at the end of July 2026. Trustee Francis said Jerry will also have his new insurance business at the same location.

Mayor Holmes mentioned there will be a Committee Meeting on April 21, 2026.

Trustee Bethell moved to go to Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Bethell moved and Trustee Francis seconded to go back to Regular Session. Motion carried 5-0 at 8:49 p.m.

No Actions taken after Closed Session:

Respectfully submitted by Dave Holmes, Village President

Respectfully submitted by Debra Krueger, Village Clerk

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