

VILLAGE OF WOODHULL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 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

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 January 12, 2026 @ 7:00 pm.

Followed by Roll Call: Trustee Mark Bethell, Trustee Conner Brinson, Trustee Scott Francis, Trustee Hannah Garrett, Trustee Jeff McCready were present. Also present: Mayor Dave Holmes, Public Works Assistant Michael Keener, Treasurer Kelli Hand and Village Clerk Debra Krueger. Not able to attend the meeting was Public Works Director Dusty McKeag and Police Chief Jesse Bewley.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Francis made a motion to approve December 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Francis made a motion to approve December 8, 2025, Closed Session Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee McCready made a motion to release the Closed Minutes from January 2025 through June 2025. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Kelli Hand reading from the memo prepared by ASI asked the Board did they have any questions regarding the memo?

Trustee McCready made a motion as recommended by ASI to approve the transfer of funds from the Combined W&S checking account to the General Fund checking account in the amounts of \$7,541.54 for October 2025 payroll, \$8,089.44 for November 2025 payroll and \$15,496.03 for December 2025 payroll for a total of \$31,127.01. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Garrett made a motion to approve payment to ASI for the scope of additional work beyond the normal monthly Village business in the amount of \$3,000.00. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

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Trustee Brinson made a motion to approve the reimbursement to Jeff McCready in the amount of \$3,000.00 for replacement of the city sidewalk in front of Jeff McCready's driveway. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Francis -Y, Trustee Garrett – Y, Trustee and Trustee Bethell – Y, and Trustee McCready – abstained. Motion carried 4-0
McCready – Abstain

TREASURER REPORT JANUARY 12, 2026:

General Fund	\$ 870,926.05
General Fund Payroll #3735	\$ 11,442.75
Video Gaming FSB Savings #3954	\$ 173,785.46
Vets Memorial Fund FSB Savings #3537	\$ 1,424.68
Certificate of Deposit #3957	\$ 3,330.48
Drug Enforcement Fund #2140	\$ 3,472.10
Playground Fund #2165	\$ 1,014.71
WINN Checking FSB #0342	\$ 1,423.80
Operation & Maintenance #0057	\$ 15,953.61
Depreciation Checking #2041	\$ 23,379.89
Debt Service #2033	\$ 80,098.28
Debt Service Savings #1088	\$ 8,914.86
MFT Fund	\$ 56,674.78

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund December accounts payable were presented as follows:

Please see the last pages of this report

Water Fund December accounts payable were presented as follows:

Please see the last pages of this report

Trustee Garrett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Holmes reminded the Public Works Department and the Police Department sometime in March both departments should be ready to present to their committee members their budgets and five-year plans for discussion.

Discussion regarding reimbursement of liquor licenses if one had been issued for a year but the business closes before expiration of the liquor license the Village shall not reimburse the holder.

POLICE/CIVIL DEFENSE/PERMITS:

Police Chief Bewley was unable to attend this meeting, Mayor Holmes presented the December police report.

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

Mayor Holmes explained that the town of Cambridge has contracted with a Code Enforcement Hearing Officer (CEHO) at the price of \$500.00 per month. The towns of Orion, Galva, Atkinson and

Woodhull have not committed but are interested. Mayor Holmes explained that if all five towns were committed the five communities would each pay \$100.00 a month to equal \$500.00. If none of the five towns has a need for a CEHO then nobody pays. If one town out of the five needs a CEHO in any month then even though the other towns did not need a CEHO all towns would need to pay their share of the \$500.00. The Cambridge courthouse has agreed to provide a place one day a month beginning in February where the CEHO can meet with the person or person(s). The decision of the CEHO is final unless the other party disagrees and it then will go to the Circuit Clerk to decide. Trustee Bethell suggested they let the decision ride until next month's meeting. Mayor Holmes agreed with that suggestion and there were no other comments made by the rest of the Village Board.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Public Works Director McKeag was unable to attend this meeting and Public Works Assistant Michael Keener presented the report.

Previously Mayor Holmes explained Dusty did call Loren Raines at IMEG and found out that the paperwork for the approval of the relocation of the water main on Route 17 is now with the State Bridge Department.

Mayor Holmes mentioned that Dusty had received a call on January 9, 2026, from Maguire Iron wanting to schedule an inspection on the following Monday. Trustee McCready explained that he had a conversation with Darren Clark, an employee of Maguire Iron. Mr. Clark told Trustee McCready that he had just found out that the Village was not going to pay for services not yet rendered. Trustee McCready believes that Maguire Iron by now knows that the Village has severed its ties with them.

Trustee Francis made the motion to accept the written report as presented. Trustee McCready seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Trustee Bethell asked board members to begin thinking about items that may need to be replaced or painted before the next yearly building committee meeting.

DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE:

None currently.

ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

None currently.

PARKS/RECREATION/TOURISM:

Trustee Bethell asked, "would this be the year to have a parking lot junk pickup?" Trustee Brinson was asked to look into possibilities of getting prices and bringing the information to the February 9, 2026, meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

None currently.

OLD BUSINESS:

None currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

None currently.

Actions taken after Closed Session:

Mayor Holmes reviewed the proposed Personnel Manual changes as follows: Page 5, Section VII Work Hours Item 1, add at the end of the second sentence, “unless otherwise stated in a signed employment agreement.” Add the same words to Section XVIII on page 12 at the end of the first paragraph. Page 5 Section IX Overtime, at the end of the first paragraph add “**Exception: Overtime does not apply to the Chief of Police position.**” Page 14 Section XXI Retirement, at the end of the first sentence add “on their first day of employment.” Page 23 Section XXXIV second paragraph Line 5 change “with him” to “with the President.” Trustee Conner Brinson moved to approve the Personnel Manual changes as presented. Trustee Scott Francis seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Conner Brinson Yes, Trustee Scott Francis Yes, Trustee Jeff McCready Yes, Trustee Hannah Garrett Yes, Trustee Mark Bethell Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board then discussed filling in the vacant Trustee position.

Trustee Mark Bethell moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Conner Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Holmes, Village President