

VILLAGE OF WOODHULL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 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 March 9, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

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 Director Dusty McKeag, Police Chief Jesse Bewley, Treasurer Kelli Hand and Village Clerk Debra Krueger.

Also present as a resident of Woodhull Alex Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Holmes asked for a motion to install Alex Johnson of Woodhull in the vacant trustee position for fourteen months he will serve through April 2027. Mayor Holmes explained that the next election will be held in April 2027 and those Board members who choose to run again the term will begin on May 1st, 2027. Trustee Mark Bethell made a motion to install Alexander Johnson in the vacant trustee position. Trustee Hannah Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Holmes asked Alex Johnson to come to the front of the hall by the flag. Village Clerk Debra Krueger presented the Oath of Office and asked Alex to repeat after her. Mayor Holmes welcomed Trustee Alex Johnson effective immediately.

Roll Call: Trustee: Mark Bethell – Y, Trustee Conner Brinson – Y, Trustee Scott Francis – Y, Trustee Hannah Garrett – Y, Trustee Jeff McCready – Y, Trustee Johnson – Y

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

(None currently)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

(None currently)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

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Trustee Francis made a motion to approve February 9, 2026, Closed Session Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee McCready seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

TREASURER REPORT:

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

TREASURER REPORT MARCH 9, 2026:

General Fund Checking FSB #0040	\$ 852,640.10
General Fund Payroll Checking FSB #3735	\$ 9,154.47
Water & Sewer FSB Checking #0065	\$ 187,550.11
Video Gaming FSB Savings #3954	\$ 179,107.44
Vets Memorial Fund FSB Savings #3537	\$ 1,424.68
Certificate of Deposit #3957	\$ 3,330.48
Drug Enforcement Fund #2140	\$ 3,474.86
Playground Fund #2165	\$ 1,015.52
WINN Checking FSB #0342	\$ 1,424.36
Operation & Maintenance FSB #0057	\$ 15,960.52
Depreciation Checking #2041	\$ 24,226.68
Debt Service #2033	\$ 83,018.81
Debt Service Savings #1088	\$ 8,914.86
Square Checking FSB #2017	\$ 1,963.58
MFT Fuel Fund FSB #2157	\$ 62,761.46

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund February accounts payable were presented as follows:

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Water Fund February accounts payable were presented as follows:

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Treasurer Hand requested that the Board make a motion to approve the additional expense of \$900.00 payable to ASI for the additional work that was completed in January 2026.

Trustee Garrett made a motion to pay an additional \$900.00 to ASI for the extra work that they did in January 2026. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Roll call: Trustee Garrett – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee McCready – Y, Trustee Johnson – Y

Discussion about a deposit in the combination Water & Sewer account back in March 2025 that needs to be expensed out in the amount of \$7,788.00. The Board asked if the Clerk could get more information on the transaction.

Tanya of ASI informed Kelli that West Central sent the corrections for the Audit to ASI but it is in PDF format and not in Excel so Tanya will have to enter them manually which will cost the Village extra time and money.

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Mayor Holmes explained the cost of the 2025 Audit should be less than the cost of the 2024 Audit because Kelli will be able to scan what West Central needs for Audit 2025 rather than West Central hunting for the documents in a box like last year.

Treasurer Kelli informed the Board that Eagle Enterprises had sent a letter to the Village explaining their cost for the recycling disposal had gone up 42% and that it means they will have to pass the expense on to the Village. Trustee Garrett suggested we consider using some of the Video Gaming income throughout the rest of 2026 and then discuss the situation further. Mayor Holmes said that he had to make a correction to what the balance was in the video gaming account because a payment was made to Ameren that had not been deducted. Current balance as of today would be \$84,395.98 that could be used for another project. Possibly raise the recycling fee on water customers or pay out of video gaming account and see what the Township is paying toward the recycling bill.

Trustee Brinson made a motion to take the added increase in the recycling charge out of video gaming income effective April 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and in August or September 2026 try to get bids for the upcoming year. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Roll Call: Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Garrett – Y, Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee McCready – Y, Trustee Johnson – Y

Treasurer Hand reported that she received a letter from the Illinois Gaming Board that from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, they had overpaid the Village in the amount of \$1,900.06. For the Illinois Gaming Board to recoup the money they will be paying us next time less amount of \$1,900.06.

Mayor Holmes asked both the Public Works Director Dusty McKeag and Police Chief Jesse Bewley how far along are the two of you with your preparation of your budgets for fiscal year 2027? Both indicated they are waiting to meet with their committees and get paperwork from Tanya from ASI. Mayor Holmes asked if the Finance Committee could set a date in the first week of April and have both the committees get information from them and then present the budgets at the April meeting for discussion. Then plan on approving the budgets at the May 11th meeting.

Trustee McCready questioned why the police department power bill is so high? After discussion Public Works Director McKeag will check out every account number to match the addresses on the bills and will share the information with Mayor Holmes.

Trustee Francis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Discussion regarding a couple from Cambridge who would advertise that they sell snow cones. They have a certificate from the Health Department from the State of Illinois and can go anywhere in the state. The couple wanted to know if they would need a permit from the Village of Woodhull. Treasurer Kelli will let the couple know they do not need a permit to set up and sell snow cones.

Mayor Holmes explained he received a request from the Post Prom committee requesting a donation. Trustee McCready made a motion to give the Post Prom committee \$250.00. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

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Mayor Holmes explained that Trustee Johnson will be put on two committees, the Police Committee and the Public Works Committee.

POLICE/CIVIL DEFENSE/PERMITS:

Police Chief Bewley gave his February police report.

Chief Bewley reported that he had received many stop sign complaints. Chief Bewley said he would order stickers for side-by-side vehicles. Chief Bewley will have to hand deliver a certified letter to the person that has so many items in their yard. Chief Bewley wanted to let the Board know that he is attending classes and working on a couple of cases.

Trustee Francis moved to approve the written Police Report as presented. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Public Works Director McKeag presented his written report. Director McKeag said he really enjoyed the conference he went to in Effingham and he also took his water test but has no results at this time. Director McKeag explained that everything is moving fast now on the water relocation, and opening bids will be scheduled soon. Mayor Holmes asked, "had Public Works heard anything from USG." Dusty said "yes, and they will be discussing that at their next Public Works meeting." No date has been set, but it will be set up soon.

Trustee Bethell made the motion to accept the written report as presented. Trustee McCready seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

County Code Enforcement, Mayor Holmes said that Jordan Newell has looked over the documents and gave his approval. Orion, Cambridge and Galva have already signed the Intergovernmental Municipal Agreement. Mayor Holmes read Resolution 26-01 and Addendum 1. Trustee Garrett wanted to know who the person would be responsible for making the notifications. Trustee Bethell said since the Police Department would be making the most notifications, he felt that Police Chief Bewley would be best suited to do this. Mayor Holmes also said that someone from our Village should also meet with other representatives of the Intergovernmental Municipal Agreement members. The two volunteers were Mayor Holmes and Trustee Bethell would be meeting with the others on a rotation basis.

Trustee Brinson made a motion for the Village of Woodhull to enter into the Resolution 26-01 Intergovernmental Municipal Agreement with the cities of Orion, Cambridge and Galva. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Garrett – Y, Trustee McCready – Y, and Trustee Johnson – Y

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

None currently.

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DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE:

None currently.

ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

None currently.

PARKS/RECREATION/TOURISM:

Trustee Brinson explained that Eagle Enterprises has us penciled in for May 30, 2026, for Woodhull Clean Up Day and he said he is requesting for the contract. The quote from Eagle Enterprises will be \$2,300.00 for all three thirty-yard roll off dumpsters. Electronic recycling should not be held on the same day as clean-up day. Prices for electronic collection from Eagle Enterprises would be \$1,200.00 for one thirty-yard roll-off dumpster and one fourteen-foot box truck. Eagle Enterprises will have staff to load the electronic collection. The only thing that Eagle Enterprises requested is that we advertise what items are acceptable and what items are not. Trustee Brinson also called Mayor Brown in Alpha to see if they might want to split the cost Alpha was not interested. The Village Board decided to hold Saturday, May 30, 2026, as the tentative date. Trustee Brinson will contact Eagle Enterprises regarding the date, time and request the bid in writing. Trustee Brinson made a motion to hire Eagle Enterprises to bring three thirty-yard roll off dumpsters on May 30, 2026, for the cost of \$2,300.00 for Clean Up Days in Woodhull and an electronic recycling day on September 19, 2026, or October 3, 2026, for price of \$1,200.00. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 Roll Call: Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Garrett – Y, Trustee McCready - Y, and Trustee Johnson – Y

Mayor Holmes stated there is no update on Henry County Tourism at this time next meeting is in April 2026, so the update will come in May 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Trustee Francis mentioned the new TV is here and ready to be installed. Mayor Holmes spoke to Dev at the Woodhull Plaza Truck stop and Dev is looking into several Mexican restaurants to open there.

OLD BUSINESS:

None currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

None currently.

Trustee Bethell moved to go to Closed Session. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Krueger, Village Clerk

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Actions taken after Closed Session:

Trustee Mark Bethell moved for the Village to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Police Chief Bewley as prepared by Village attorneys regarding his employment contract as an Addendum to the contract for 90 days to be reviewed by the Police Commissioner and Police Committee monthly, contingent upon having our attorneys add to the MOU the particulars about Chief Bewley being the person in charge of Joint Municipal Administrative Adjudication Hearings. Trustee Conner Brinson seconded the motion. Trustee Bethell Yes, Trustee Brinson Yes, Trustee Francis Yes, Trustee Johnson Yes, Trustee Garrett Yes, Trustee McCready Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Jeff McCready moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Conner Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Holmes, Village President