

VILLAGE OF WOODHULL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 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 May 11, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cathy Maulden spoke to the Board regarding permission to have a street dance on Saturday, July 18, 2026, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. sponsored by Maulden's Sports Bar. The Board saw no issue with her request and granted it. Cathy Maulden wanted to know if in future years the Board would just automatically let her hold the street dance on the third Saturday in July keeping within the same hours as stated before. The Board stated this would be fine with them but if something else came up the Village would have the understanding with Maulden's to change their date. Cathy also spoke about Maulden's Sports Bar considering holding a car show in September 2026. The Board asked Cathy to come back in a couple of months with her plan to discuss it with the Board.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

(None currently)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Brinson made a motion to approve April 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

Trustee Francis made a motion to approve April 13, 2026, Closed Session Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Hand told the Board that there was an email from Tanya that she sent with the May 11, 2026, Board packet at ASI this month but she did add comments within the financial reports. Treasurer

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Hand asked the Board did they have any questions regarding Tanya's email and financial reports. Treasurer Hand gave a brief overview of Tanya's email.

TREASURER REPORT May 11, 2026:

General Fund Checking FSB #0040	\$ 866,873.88
General Fund Payroll Checking FSB #3735	\$ 7,447.85
Water & Sewer FSB Checking #0065	\$ 211,456.70
Video Gaming FSB Savings #3954	\$ 193,689.43
Vets Memorial Fund FSB Savings #3537	\$ 3,425.55
Certificate of Deposit #3957	\$ 3,332.53
Drug Enforcement Fund #2140	\$ 3,477.81
Playground Fund #2165	\$ 1,016.38
WINN Checking FSB #0342	\$ 1,424.96
Operation & Maintenance FSB #0057	\$ 15,968.03
Depreciation Checking #2041	\$ 25,076.18
Debt Service #2033	\$ 85,949.80
Debt Service Savings #1088	\$ 8,920.35
Square Checking FSB #2017	\$ 2,753.41
MFT Fuel Fund FSB #2157	\$ 68,195.78

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund April accounts payable were presented as follows:

Please see the last pages of this report

Water Fund April accounts payable were presented as follows:

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Treasurer Hand explained that the Board will need to approve the additional payment of \$325.00 to ASI for the extra hours that were necessary for March 2026. Trustee Francis made a motion to approve the additional payment of \$325.00 to ASI. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee McCreedy – Y, and Trustee Johnson – Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Brinson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and to pay the bills listed. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Holmes explained every year he receives a report called Tax Computation from the Henry County Clerk, Barb Link. Mayor Holmes said what we levied last year was \$74,500.00 and if everyone pays their taxes for 2025 then we should receive \$74,543.00. The Village of Woodhull EAV (equalized assessed value) tax rate in the last five years has dropped 13%.

Mayor Holmes brought up the Budget and the 5 Year Plan, and he mentioned the Finance Committee presented the budget at \$1,290,100.00 last month. Tanya at ASI sent a preliminary copy to the finance committee and the Mayor to pencil in other items that needed to be added or increased. Mayor Holmes explained that the board had approved to increase the Police and Public Works budget, but there were other items where an increase will need to be added. The Mayor added the Clerks health insurance in the administration, Police budget he added the Administrative Adjudication Plan that had been approved. The mayor increased property, equipment and auto insurance because they had gone up more than was budgeted for. Mayor talked with Public Works Director

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Dusty McKeag and was told that he believed they should increase the drainage figure. Mayor suggested raising the amount of drainage from \$12,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Mayor Holmes explained that in the next week the Finance Committee will meet with Tanya, Treasurer Kelli, Clerk Debra, and himself to discuss any other changes that might need to be made.

Discussion regarding pledges at FSB. Tory Garrett from FSB contacted Mayor Holmes and explained we had approximately \$1,000,000.00 held at FSB. Tory confirmed that FSB has security pledges of \$234,763.58 for the Village of Woodhull. Until the Board understands more about pledges no motion was made. Mayor Holmes has put Trustee Garrett in charge of finding what pledging does and how we do it and why we do it. At the present time the board has decided to table their decision until the June 8, 2026, meeting.

Mayor Holmes stated he received a letter from our attorney asking him if the Board wanted to retain his firm for the 2026 – 2027 period. The fee is \$6,000.00. Mayor Holmes recommended that the Village retains Massie & Quick, LLC for another year for \$6,000.00. Discussion followed regarding questions what does the \$6,000.00 retainer cover? Mayor Holmes explained it will cover the basic situations. Trustee McCready made a motion to accept Massie & Quick as our attorneys. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee McCready – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Johnson – Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Holmes asked for a motion to add to the agenda a request for a donation to the Crescent Lake Club association. Trustee McCready made a motion to add the request to the agenda. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Holmes read a request for a donation to the Crescent Lake fireworks show to help support the 250th anniversary of American Independence. Trustee Brinson made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Crescent Lake for their fireworks show on July 4, 2026. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Brinson -Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee McCready – Y, Trustee Johnson – Y, Trustee Bethell – Y. Motion carried 5-0.

POLICE/CIVIL DEFENSE/PERMITS:

Police Chief Bewley presented his report to the Board for the months of March and April 2026 in his police report. Chief Bewley explained that he has had to spend time on the investigation with Galesburg Police Department. FOIA requests are becoming more frequent, and more equipment may be needed if body cam videos are requested via FOIA. Credit card issues have been resolved. Chief Bewley will be taking mandated de-escalation training which will earn the Chief credit, and he will qualify to teach the class if he passes. Henry County is switching over to a new dispatch system for E-citations instead of writing tickets. Chief Bewley stated that Henry County will eventually require everyone to use E-citations, but at this time he does not know what equipment is needed and if Henry County is paying for everything with a grant. Chief Bewley was asked to check out an animal complaint and he said he would. Trustee Bethell made a motion to approve the police report as presented. Trustee McCready seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Public Works Director McKeag presented his report. Explained what his department has been working on such as mowing, putting millings down where needed, and getting items ready for the water main relocation project. Electrical issues out at the treatment plant, Tri-City Electric came to help figure out why they keep blowing fuses on one of the legs at different times. Mayor Holmes asked when the department thinks they will be tackling the situation down by Jamie Bolduc's. Director McKeag said it

will probably be the end of July or first part of August this year. Director McKeag explained originally when IDOT told the Village Water Department they would have to move the water main out under I-74 to a new location. Village asked for bids and when the new water main was re-located, they would just cap off the old water main. Now IDOT is saying that the old water main must be removed. Originally this was not stated in any correspondence with IDOT. IMEG then had to see if Miller's Trucking and Excavating could re-locate the new water main and remove the old water main. Mayor Holmes received a change order #1 from Cindy Wermuth of IMEG explaining that Miller's would remove the old water main up to 512' for \$10,200.00 to be added to the original bid the Village would now owe \$115,940.00.

Trustee Bethell made the motion to approve order number one in the amount of \$10,200.00 to be added to the original bid by Miller's Trucking and Excavating. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee McCready – Y, Trustee Johnson – Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion regarding USG stripping the water tower or just painting over what is there. No decision was made. Also, mentioned by Trustee McCready that Director McKeag has received the NPDS paperwork of 51 pages and Trustee McCready will work with Director McKeag with the NPDS. The NPDS is to do with our discharge from the wastewater treatment plant.

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

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Clerk Krueger said Ryan Swanson reported they were short-staffed but had ordered all materials to replace the fluorescent lighting in Village Hall and she is just waiting for a phone call to schedule the changeover.

Building Committee meeting time and date has not been scheduled. Mayor Holmes will contact Tim Blaine, Township Supervisor and Dennis Colburn, Township Trustee and all others on the committee to set up time and date for the Annual Building Committee meeting.

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 12, 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

None currently.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Trustee Brinson reported that he had received the agreement from Eagle Enterprises regarding the agreed upon price of \$2,300.00 for the Junk Day scheduled for May 30, 2026, held in the parking lot of the Village Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and in the agreement the price for the scheduled electronic pick up at a cost of \$1,200.00 to be held on Saturday, September 19th, 2026 Mayor Holmes said he would sign the agreement.

Trustee Francis reported that he and the Clerk had a zoom meeting with the web development person and in a couple of weeks the Board should be able to view the new web site and make suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

None currently.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Krueger, Village Clerk

Trustee Bethell moved to go to Closed Session at 8:08 p.m. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Actions taken after Closed Session:

Mayor Holmes explained that the current Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) has been in place since 2014. Henry and Stark Counties want a new plan put in place and desire it to be renewed every five years. The plan provides for methods of reimbursement when natural disasters occur.

Trustee McCready moved to adopt the new Henry/Stark Hazard Mitigation Plan. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee McCready Y, Trustee Brinson Y, Trustee Johnson Y, Trustee Bethell Y, Trustee Francis Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Francis moved to approve the Route 17 Water Main Services Agreement with IMEG for \$13,400. Trustee McCready seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Francis Y, Trustee McCready Y, Trustee Bethell Y, Trustee Johnson Y, Trustee Brinson Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Francis moved to pay \$667 to IFMK Law Limited of Chicago for current services performed for the preparations and discussions regarding the MOU police matter. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Francis Y, Trustee Bethell Y, Trustee McCready Y, Trustee Brinson Y, Trustee Johnson Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Brinson moved and Trustee Johnson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Holmes, Village President