VILLAGE OF WOODHULL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2026
Committees

President – D. Holmes
Building- D. Holmes & J. McCready
Finance/Insurance/Audit – C. Brinson & A. Johnson
Personnel – D. Holmes, C. Brinson, & S. Francis

Pro-Tem Pres – J. McCready
Economic Development – S. Francis & D. Holmes
Parks & Recreation – C. Brinson
Police/Civ. Def./Zon. – S. Francis & A. Johnson
Public Works – J. McCready & A. Johnson

Mayor Dave Holmes called the meeting to order on September 14, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. & Mrs. Rob & Rabecka Davis, who own the property at 214 E 4th Avenue, Woodhull signed in as requesting to speak to the Board. Rabecka Davis approached the podium and requested permission to close the alley located on the south side of her property from the entrance to the alley coming from the west and stopping at the end of their shed from 3:00 p.m. until midnight. Purpose of the request was because Davis's were planning a celebration on Saturday, October 17, 2026. After discussion the Board agreed to the request. Public Works Director Dusty McKeag will drop off the barricades on the Friday before and pick them back up on the following Monday. Also, present Terry Nelson a resident of Woodhull.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion from Trustee Francis to add to the Agenda the choosing of the time and date for Trick or Treat in the Village of Woodhull. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Holmes asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes presented? Trustee McCready asked if in the police report on page 4 the acronym for the Needs Agreement was correct. Chief Bewley responded and said it should be LEADS (Law Enforcement Agencies Data System).

Trustee McCready made a motion to approve August 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee McCready made a motion to approve August 10, 2026, Closed Session Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Hand presented the Board with the memo from Tanya Howard of ASI and asked did anyone have any questions.

Treasurer Hand asked the Board to vote on paying ASI for accounting services performed outside the normal scope of the engagement letter for the month of August 2026 in the amount of $125.00. Trustee Brinson made the motion to pay ASI the amount of $125.00 for work outside the normal scope of work for August 2026. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Francis made a motion to amend the Minutes from August 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting to read as follows: The Village of Woodhull will close accounts held at Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois the Operation and Maintenance account 2000057 and Combined Water and Sewer Fund account 2000065. Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois are instructed to open three new checking accounts for the Village of Woodhull in the following names:

Village of Woodhull
Clearing Account Combined W&S
PO Box 39
Woodhull, IL 61490-0039

Village of Woodhull
Oper. & Maintenance for Water
PO Box 39
Woodhull, IL 61490-0039

Village of Woodhull
Oper. & Maintenance for Sewer
PO Box 39
Woodhull, IL 61490-0039

For each new account opened the following names will appear on the signature cards for the three new accounts:

Name:	Title
David R. Holmes	Village President
Jeff McCready	Village Trustee
Kelli Hand	Village Treasurer
Debra L. Krueger	Village Clerk
Teresa L. Irons	Payroll Administrator
Tanya Howard	CPA

In addition, the Village of Woodhull requests Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois remove the names of Hannah Garrett and Mark Bethell from all banking accounts pertaining to the Village of Woodhull.

Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Johnson – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, and Trustee McCready – Y. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion regarding outboarding policy. Trustee Francis recommended the Personal Committee come up with steps when an employee or trustee leaves their position. Trustee Brinson will look into writing a policy up.

TREASURER REPORT September 14, 2026:

General Fund Checking FSB #0040	$ 967,692.42
General Fund Payroll Checking FSB #3735	$ 7,443.19
Water & Sewer FSB Checking #0065	$173,740.50
Video Gaming FSB Savings #3954	$ 206,333.52
Vets Memorial Fund FSB Savings #3537	$ 3,427.46
Certificate of Deposit #3957	$ 3,334.60
Drug Enforcement Fund #2140	$ 3,483.68
Playground Fund #2165	$ 1,018.08
WINN Checking FSB #0342	$ 1,426.15
Operation & Maintenance FSB #0057	$ 15,593.02
Depreciation Checking #2041	$ 26,797.39
Debt Service #2033	$ 91,821.29
Debt Service Savings #1088	$ 8,925.91
Square Checking FSB #2017	$ 1,538.10
MFT Fuel Fund FSB #2157	$ 79,707.34
Payroll Fund	$ 7,443.19
Petty Cash Fund	$ 200.00
Total Bank Accounts	**$1,194,359.10**

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund August accounts payable were presented as follows:
Please see the last pages of this report

Water Fund August accounts payable were presented as follows:
Please see the last pages of this report

Trustee Brinson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE/CIVIL DEFENSE/PERMITS:

Police Chief Bewley was unable to present his written report to the Board for the month of August 2026 due to technical difficulties. Mayor Holmes explained that next month Chief Bewley will present his written report for August and September. At this time no motion or vote was made. Chief Bewley

did give his verbal report as follows: Police Chief Bewley explained that the new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system will be going live next week. He is still waiting for information on E-Citation equipment. Working with Pilot to remove the abandoned semi. Update on the grass situation at the Dollar General. Part-time Officer Alex Wagner has been putting in shifts when he is available. Adam McNair had his background check last Friday and once that is returned his paperwork will be submitted to ILETSB (Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board). If the paperwork comes back with approval, then Henry County will be asked to add him to the CAD system. Jerad Vogt has applied for a position in the Village of Woodhull Police Department. Discussion of replacing the back door of the Police Department at the cost of $5,500.00. Chief Bewley explained that he had asked two local contractors if they would be interested in putting in a bid. Both contractors explained they were not interested in installing a steel door. Trustee Francis made a motion to approve the bid by Ark Safe Enterprise in the amount of $5,500.00. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Johnson – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, and Trustee McCready – Y. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Holmes asked Chief Bewley, "was there still access to some of the Retention and Recruitment grant money?" Chief Bewley explained yes and now they were off the stop payment list. Chief Bewley gave a mention to Ricky Newcomb of BiState for all his help and future help with the quarterly reports. Mayor Holmes said originally, we had 3 years to use up the grant funds of $30,000.00 now Chief Bewley said we have a year and a half. Chief Bewley stated that the e-scooters laws will be effective January 1, 2027, one of laws the state will be governing is the age of the drivers whereas they must have a valid driver's license. Chief Bewley will begin giving warnings to e-scooter riders to make them aware of the new laws coming. Then beginning the first of 2027 Chief Bewley will begin to issue tickets if necessary. Mayor Holmes said our attorney Jordan Newell will model our new ordinance according to state laws. Chief Bewley said it is best the attorney to write it up using the Governor's proposed law because of administration fees, processing fees and impound fees. Trustee Francis asked Chief Bewley did he want to start a discussion about purchasing a new squad car? Chief Bewley was in the process of getting quotes. Chief Bewley would like to have a definite date when they can start looking at purchasing a vehicle. At this time the second squad car does not have a new radio installed so the department cannot use the vehicle. Chief Bewley's concern is if the main squad car breaks down, he will not be able to work.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Public Works Director McKeag presented his report for August 2026.
Director Dusty McKeag stated water usage is down by about 9,000 gallons. The department had to catch up on all the mowing. Were running all the pumps due to all the rain. The interstate project gave the Village asphalt millings and Public Works used them on the road to the sewer plant. After the rain stopped, they tore down all the pumps and did any repair on them as needed. Western Grain Market gave to the Village dirt because WGM had trouble with their drainage for their pit, so WGM dug it all up and replaced with rock. Public Works department hauled the dirt to the sand filter and filled it ¾ of a way. Been trying to work on the storm drain on the west side of town a lot of tree roots are causing the problem. Since the storm drain is full of roots, Dusty called Bailey Excavating, Inc.and got a bid for fixing the issue. Bailey's bid was for $27,773.75 to dig it up and install the new materials. The Village will provide the materials at an approximate cost of $10,000.00. Trustee McCready made a motion to accept the bid from Bailey Excavating, Inc. in the amount of $27,773.75 to replace approximately 120' of the storm sewer at 480 N.W. 5th Street. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Roll call:Trustee McCready – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y and Trustee Johnson – Y. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee McCready made a motion to accept the Public Works report as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Trustee Brinson made a motion to approve the bid from Terry Anderson at $50.00 per stump removal. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Works Director McKeag will check into replacing the broken flag poles at the Veteran's Memorial.

DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE:
None currently.

ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:
None currently.

PARKS/RECREATION/TOURISM:
Mayor Holmes explained that the Henry County Tourism Director Kelly Wolfe is planning on attending our October 12, 2026, Regular Board meeting to give us an update.

The next tourism meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

Trustee Brinson wanted to remind the residents of the Village of Woodhull are holding electronics pick up on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Village of Woodhull Residents only. The event will be held at the Public Works driveway, and participants will enter off State Highway 17 and exit on East 3rd Street.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Trustee Francis explained that the next meeting for Economic Development will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Johnson made a motion to approve Trick or Treat night on Saturday, October 31, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Trustee McCready seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Krueger, Village Clerk

Trustee McCready moved to go to Closed Session at 8:36 p.m. for two personnel items. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee McCready moved and Trustee Brinson seconded to go back to Regular Session. Motion carried 4-0 at 9:05 p.m.

Actions taken after closed Session:

Mayor Holmes and the Board discussed the open Trustee positions. Trustee Brinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Holmes, Village President