

Village of Sheffield  
Village Board Mtg  
May 13, 2025  
6:00 pm

Determining that a quorum was present, President Mary Lanham called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked Clerk Ries to call the roll. .

**Roll Call**

PRESENT: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen, Lanham

ABSENT: None

Also present, Village Attorney Jacob Frost.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Lanham reviewed current Board Policy on Public Comment prior to welcoming Jim Hurley, who signed up to speak during Public Comment. He addressed the Board about an issue with his account that Lanham and Ries had believed to be settled. Rhonda Dastrup from the audience spoke out and asked to speak of her concerns regarding Village employees' use of Village's vehicle during school bus drop off and pick up. She also mentioned her concern with under aged children driving recreational vehicles creating dangerous situations. She requested all residents be treated the same and follow the Village UTV/cart rules. Dastrup also mentioned concern over people taking Village gravel. Rick Constantine also addressed the board regarding current board policy of Village vehicles and family members being in those said vehicles.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Yepsen, seconded by Price, made a motion to **approve the April 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes.**  
Motion Carried 6-0.

Price, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion to **approve the May 13, 2025 Regular Bills & Payroll.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Yepsen, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve Superintendent Lanxon recommendation for Summer Help - Landen Birdsley and Blake Foster at \$15 per hour.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Lanham presented Strides for Strength 5K Event Application to be held during 2025 Sheffield Summer Festival on June 28th. Corwin, seconded by Price, made a motion to **approve the Event Application as presented.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Lanham presented a second Event Application-a request to hold a Car show on August 3, 2025 with option 1 to hold the event on the 100 block S.Main Street instead of West Park (option 2) where held in the past two years. Pratt voiced his opinion to allow the Main Street option. After further discussion from the board of the pros and cons of the event including pulling on to Main from the highway and possible limitations of space with nowhere to expand, DeVoss, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **approve the Car Show Event Application with option 2-to hold in West Park as in previous years.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Pratt

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1

Pratt, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the August 3, 2025 Car show Event Application request for \$475 of Band Fund money.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Lanham presented a possible opportunity for a future water/sewer operator for Sheffield. She reminded the board of the current operator's refusal and/or lack of communication with past/present Superintendent and office as well as her in the role of Village President. The proposal of an operator that would be present daily instead of possibly once a week was an enticing option for the present board consideration. The board requested the clerk arrange for Bock Inc. Wastewater Contracting to present at the June meeting.

Lanham updated the board on the West Park Concrete Project and donations received to date. She reminded the board the account will remain open not only for the Pavilion project but for any possible future Sheffield Park projects. The board discussed the monetary donation received for the purchase of the ice rink fall 2024 and the viability of using the rink in future winters. The board agreed to reassess the rink ownership in the Spring 2026.

Lanham asked for a board motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing sale of a surplus Village property to determine if it should be sold Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5. Yepsen, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion to **enter into closed/executive session for the purpose of discussing sale of a surplus Village property to determine if it should be sold Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5 at 6:39 pm.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Corwin, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion to **close the executive session at 6:45pm.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**Roll Call at 6:45 pm in open session**

PRESENT: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen, Lanham

ABSENT: None

Also present Clerk Ries and Village Attorney Jacob Frost.

Pratt, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion to **approve Resolution R2025-05-13-01 authorizing the sale of property commonly known as 503 E Mill Rd (PIN:14-30-200-002) as surplus real estate in the Village of Sheffield and presented uniform "Offer for the Purchase of Real Estate"**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

President Lanham requested Clerk Ries read the results of the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election.

Village President 4 year term

Sheila Yepsen 133\*

Karen Milby 102

Village Trustee 4 year term:

Karen M Taylor 128\*

Jonathan Gosch 74

Donald Jamison 42

Jamie Swearingen 111

John Patrick Barry 144\*

David L DeVoss 126\*

Village Trustee 2 year unexpired term

Patricia Corwin 207\*

*\*Denotes winner*

President Lanham took a moment to congratulate the winners and to thank her team board/employees, stating they should be proud of what has been accomplished on behalf and for the Village.

**Adjournment:** DeVoss, seconded by Adams, made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm**

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Clerk Ries administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Trustees Barry, Corwin and Taylor. **Ries then administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Village President Yepsen.**

President Yepsen directed Clerk Ries to call the Roll.

PRESENT: Barry, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor, Yepsen

ABSENT: None

Also Present Clerk Ries.

President Yepsen's first order of business was to fill her vacant trustee position. Yepsen nominated Jennifer Adams, former trustee, to fill the vacancy. Trustee Barry questioned the legality of Yepsen's nomination at the current meeting. President Yepsen stated she has up to 60 days to fill the position but didn't require more time. Her nomination remained. DeVoss, seconded by Taylor, made a motion to **approve President Yepsen's recommendation, Jennifer Adams to fill the 2 year unexpired vacant trustee position with Yepsen repositioning from Trustee to Village President creating the vacancy.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN/REFUSAL to VOTE: Barry

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1

Adams joined the board and Clerk Ries administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Trustee Adams.

President Yepsen and the entire Board recited the Civility Pledge. Yepsen asked each trustee to sign the original and encouraged the board to be mindful of their pledge during all future board interactions.

**Board Reports:** Police, Clerk/Treasurer, and Superintendent Reports reviewed from board packet.

President Yepsen continued with the Agenda and asked for board opinion regarding the opening of a bank account and what type of interest bearing account to open to house the awarded OSLAD grant money received from the state until time of disbursement, as required/requested by the State of IL. Ries provided info in the board packet regarding checking/savings account options. DeVoss, seconded by Price, made a motion to **approve the opening of a Premier Business Checking Account named Sheffield OSLAD grant acct OS-25-2653 with an initial deposit of \$300,000 from OSLAD funds received from the State.** Barry requested additional discussion and suggested the money be refused and sent back to the State of Illinois. Barry felt the OSLAD project would be detrimental to Cornerstone and would only be used by a limited age group. He also questioned where the matching funds would come from. Ries stated the OSLAD grant award has already been accepted and Cornerstone was and is a main supporter/proponent for the project. Funds to be sought by local and area organizations benefiting from the development as well as other monies. President Yepsen reminded everyone of the motion on the table with a called for a vote

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: Barry

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 5-1

Prior to asking for a motion to adjourn, President Yepsen requested trustees contact her through Village email - sheffieldpresident@gmail.com and not texting/phoning her personal cell phone.

**Adjournment:** Corwin, seconded by Adams, made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm**

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.