

Village of Sheffield
Village Board Mtg
July 8, 2025
6:00 pm

Determining that a quorum was present, President Sheila Yepsen called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 pm and asked Clerk Ries to call the roll.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: DeVoss,

Also present - Village Attorney Jacob Frost and Officer Landon Horrie

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Yepsen welcomed Jim Hurley, who signed up to speak during Public Comment. He addressed the Board about his concerns with some of the Village policies. Yepsen reminded Hurley of Public Comment criteria not to bring up previously mentioned concerns. He also spoke of issues with his driveway.

Board Reports: Police, Clerk/Treasurer, and Superintendent Reports reviewed from board packet. Officer Horrie reported no issues during the Sheffield Festival. The Treasurer/Office Report was reviewed. Trustee Barry questioned Ries on a transfer from General resulting from the Loan to sewer for John Pohar and Sons on the monthly PnL statement provided in the board packet. PW report reviewed. Lanxon reported spreading pea gravel in hot spots on Village streets.

Discussion/Action Items:

Yepsen requested board motion to approve the June 10, 2025 Meeting minutes available in the trustee board packet. Trustee Barry offered a revised option, which he read in its entirety, regarding the Pohar final payment portion of the minutes and requested his revision be submitted into the records. Adams, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the June 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes as originally presented in the board packet by Clerk Ries.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Price, Taylor, Yepsen

NAYS: Barry

ABSTAIN: Corwin

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-1-1

Price, seconded by Taylor, made a motion to **approve the June 10, 2025 closed session meeting minutes.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Barry Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Corwin

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1

Adams, seconded by Price, made a motion to **approve the July 8, 2025 Regular Bills & Payroll.**

Trustee Barry commented that payments should be limited to the meeting date other than a purchase necessary to keep the Village departments functioning, specifically referring to the Pohar check that the pay request had been approved at the previous meeting and paid. Yepsen stated that is how bills are handled

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: Barry

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-1

Yepsen introduced Ryan Bockewitz with Bock Inc Services to discuss water and waste treatment operator options for Sheffield's water system, Bock's proposal would be an operator in Sheffield at the plant daily. Village trustees discussed the current contract with TEST Inc., which is a one day a week on site visit from operator, ION Environmental Solutions, who quoted a once a week or a twice a week operator site visit. After board discussion Adams seconded by Price, made a motion **to discontinue services from TEST, Inc and sign contract with Bock Inc for daily Water/Wastewater management effective as soon as possible.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Barry, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The Village board reviewed quotes submitted from Jake's Lawn & Tree Service \$10,325, Blackwood Tree Service \$30,150, Blue Jay Lawn & Tree Service \$15,928, Taylor's Tree Service \$6,450, Guither Tree Service \$11,300 for the 2025 Sheffield Tree removal list. Adams, seconded by Taylor, made a motion to **accept the low bid from Taylor Tree Service in the amount \$6,450 for the 2025 Sheffield Tree Removal.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Barry, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen opened discussion regarding the State of Illinois allocated 1% grocery tax amounting to approximately \$19,000 in revenue annually for Sheffield. A tax that will be retired as of January 1, 2026. Attorney Frost offered an alternative option to recoup the money to be lost from the grocery tax as of January 1, 2026, a non home rule sales tax implemented by the Village in .25% increments up to 1%. All Sheffield retail proceeds including items shipped/delivered to Sheffield incorporated limit addresses would be taxed at the non home rule percentage should the board choose this option. Frost requested an analysis from the State of Illinois department of Revenue to help the board decide the best avenue for replacing the \$19,000. Frost reminded the board an ordinance must be passed in September 2025 for a seamless transition in January 2026 if they choose a taxing route for revenue..

President Yepsen presented ordinance 2025-07-08-01 An ordinance for appropriating for all corporate purposes of the Village of Sheffield. Trustee Barry suggested adding contingencies and/or additional amounts to a couple funds, including Motor Fuel and TIF due to upcoming MFT street and OSLAD grant projects in FY26. Clerk Ries explained why this was not necessary in each situation and the supplied amount designated in the ordinance was high enough in each case for fiscal year 2026 and the projects were taken into consideration. Price, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve Ordinance 2025-07-08-01, An Ordinance for appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Sheffield for fiscal year 2026** as presented in board packet by Clerk Ries.

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Barry, Corwin Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Discussion regarding the Vet's Park parking situation on Cook street between Washington and Adams was discussed. Currently people using the park and the facilities are pulling into the grass beyond the gravel parking area. Superintendent Lanxon suggested installing parking blocks which would specify parking areas and eliminate the possibility of actually pulling into the park. Corwin, seconded by Taylor, made a motion to **approve the purchase and install of rubber parking blocks south of Veterans Park on Cook St to prevent visitors of Vet's Park to park within the park in the grass** After the Roll Call of Trustee Adams' vote, Trustee Barry asked why Trustee Adams was voting NO. Adams explained not

wanting to facilitate the poor judgement of the offenders who should know better. Roll continued and was completed

Roll Call:

AYES: Corwin, Price, Taylor, Yepsen

NAYS: Adams

ABSTAIN: Barry

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-1-1

The board reviewed upcoming CD's due July 20, 2025. Discussed keeping the amounts smaller in several CD's versus one large CD. Barry questioned the possibility of needing to cash in the CD prior to maturity. Ries explained that as a government municipality exceptions from the bank may be made if requested by the Village. Taylor from knowledge working at the bank, concurred. **Taylor, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to approve renewing TIF CD in the amount of \$109,876.78, a 9 month CD special at a rate of 4.05% with a APY of 4.09% at People's National Bank.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Barry, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Adams, seconded by Price, made a motion to approve renewing 3 General Fund CD's - 1. Labeled General \$184,592.99, 2. Labeled Railroad \$189,502.08, 3. Labeled General (formerly the ARPA money now spent) \$129,040.44 in the 9 month CD special at a rate of 4.05% with a APY of 4.09% at People's National Bank.

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Barry, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen presented the Cornerstone Thanksgiving Trail Trot Event Application, using W Park Pavilion at the beginning and end of the November 27, 2025 event. Adams, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the Cornerstone Thanksgiving Trail Trot Event Application on November 27, 2025.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Barry, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Annual Thrive on Main Event Application for May 9, 2026 with event as in previous years. There was board discussion regarding some trustee opinion to hold the event in West Park instead of Main Street. Taylor questioned Trustee Barry regarding business owner opinions, knowing he had recently approached Main Street businesses. The board decided to collect more information from business owners directly impacted by Thrive on Main. No Action taken.

Adjournment: Adams seconded by Taylor, made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm**
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.