

Village of Sheffield
Village Board Mtg
February 10, 2026
6:00 pm

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor, Yepsen

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Yepsen recognized Jim Hurley, who had signed up to speak during Public Comment. Mr. Hurley addressed the Board regarding prior Board action concerning the Clerk's salary, the splash pad project, and his current water deposit. President Yepsen reported that the tree referenced by Mr. Hurley during a previous public comment had been evaluated by the Public Works Department. Yepsen proceeded to the Board Reports.

Board Reports: Yepsen directed the board to the supplied reports in their packets. All reports reviewed. Chamlin Engineer representatives, Tim Harris and Josh Washkowiak updated the board on OSLAD contract 1, with a May 1, 2026 goal for the parking area to accommodate summer baseball. Contract 2 is currently out for bid, with bids to be opened on February 27, 2026. This phase includes construction of the concession stand, shelter, and installation of lighting, with anticipated completion in Fall 2026. Contract 3 will follow at a later date and will address specific equipment purchases.

Discussion/Action Items:

Yepsen requested board motion to approve the January 13, 2026 Meeting minutes available in the trustee board packet. Adams, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the January 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Yepsen asked for a motion to accept this month's bills and payroll. Price, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **approve the February 10, 2026 Regular Bills & Payroll.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Trustees reviewed Engineer Mike Perry's recommendations for the 5 year inspection/maintenance of the water tower and water pressure tank. Clerk Ries noted that sufficient funds are available in the Water Surcharge Account to cover the expense. Adams, seconded by Price, made a motion **to approve Putnam County Painting Quote for the interior and exterior of the water tower & pressure tank maintenance for \$8,100.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-0

President Yepsen welcomed Al Corwin from Sheffield Lions. Corwin amended the Sheffield Festival Event application to include 3 on 3 Basketball. He also updated the board on the entertainment lineup, petting zoo and children's parade. Adams, seconded by Price, made a motion to **approve the amendment to the Event application to include 3 on 3 basketball.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Price, Taylor, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Corwin

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1

Ries explained the necessity to reimburse Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund in the amount \$11,901.25 for FY2026 street work paid to Pavement Maintenance that exceeded the approved MFT resolution amount. Corwin, seconded by Taylor, made a motion to **approve reimbursing MFT Fund in the amount of \$11,901.25 with TIF Funds.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-0

President Yepsen presented the engagement letter from Hopkins and Associates for the FY2026 Village audit. Adams, seconded by Price, made a motion to **approve Hopkins & Associates to perform the FY2026 audit not to exceed \$10,900.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Yepsen asked for a motion to enter into closed session. Price, seconded by Taylor, made a motion to **enter into executive session for the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of public employees Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) at 6:27pm.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Price, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **close the executive session at 7:00 pm.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Roll Call @ 7:01 pm in Regular Session

PRESENT: Adams, Corwin, Price, Taylor, Yepsen

ABSENT: Barry, DeVoss

Adams, seconded by Price, made a motion to **approve a 3% annual compensation increase for employees Horrie, Lanxon, Paulsen, Ries, and Smith.**

Adjournment: Adams, seconded by Price made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm** MOTION CARRIED 4-0.