

Village of Sheffield  
Village Board Mtg  
January 13, 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 (remotely) to call the roll.

**Roll Call**

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

ABSENT: Barry

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Yepsen welcomed Jim Hurley to comment during public participation. Jim addressed the Village President, presenting his concerns regarding the trees the Village has planted each year for tree replacement. Hurley inquired about his request for another meeting with the Village President and why he should supply President Yepsen or the office with a list of topics/concerns prior to the scheduling of a meeting. Hurley questioned the board giving the Clerk a raise in recent months, to which Yepsen corrected him, stating the Clerk has not received a raise recently. Yepsen proceeded to the Board Reports.

**Board Reports:** Yepsen directed the board to the supplied reports in their packets. All reports reviewed. Trustee Price requested the determination/cased closed letter from the IL Attorney General regarding an OMA "request for review" which was initiated by Trustee John Barry in a complaint of the Village Board during August 2025 be shared during the meeting for public knowledge. The copy of the letter President Yepsen received regarding Barry's complaint stated no violation found and no further action warranted in Trustee Barry's complaint. Trustee Taylor requested PW address leaves blowing on Main Street. Superintendent Lanxon commented that the issue was already resolved. Lanxon updated the board on the recent water main break north of Reed/Chestnut Street on Reed Street. Bock was quick to take water samples after the break was fixed in order to minimize any boil orders in place.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Yepsen requested board motion to approve the December 9, 2025 Meeting minutes available in the trustee board packet. Adams, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the December 9, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen requested a board motion to approve the November 12, 2025 and December 9, 2025 executive closed session meeting minutes available for review prior to the meeting in the red file. Price, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **approve the November 12, 2025 and December 9, 2025 executive closed meeting minutes as presented.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen asked for a motion to accept this month's bills and payroll. Taylor, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion to **approve the January 13, 2026 Regular Bills & Payroll.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Upcoming January 25, 2026 CD's from General, Cemetery and TIF Funds reaching maturity discussed by Trustees. Taylor, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **approve rolling over the current CD amounts including the accrued interest in a Peoples National Bank 9 month special rate CD.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

President Yepsen presented an education opportunity for public works employees through IVCC in water education. Trustees are willing to pay for the class if the employees are interested. Price, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion to **approve paying for the Village of Sheffield public works employees to attend IVCC beginning water drinking classes, if they desired.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen asked Superintendent Lanxon to explain the required new upgrade for the water treatment facility alert system due to the existing system being discontinued. After brief trustee discussion it was agreed to approve the new system. DeVoss, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **accept the quote from Britton Electronics & Automation(BEA) to install Mission Mydro850 RTU communications system for the water treatment facility not to exceed \$12,550.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen presented a request from the Tractor Pull Association to terminate the 10 year lease 2019-2029 due to no longer holding a tractor pull at the lagoon. Price, seconded by Taylor, made a motion to **accept the termination request from the Sheffield tractor pull effective January 2025 through the original 2029 year for use of the Village of Sheffield lagoon due to the new location for the Sheffield annual tractor pull.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**Adjournment:** DeVoss, seconded by Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm  
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.