

Village of Sheffield  
Village Board Mtg  
March 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, DeVoss, Price, Taylor, Yepsen

ABSENT: Barry

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Yepsen recognized Jim Hurley, who had signed up to speak during the Public Comment period. Mr. Hurley addressed the Board regarding concerns about the Village's management of certain projects. He also discussed the reconstruction of his driveway by the Village Public Works Department, which was completed at his request after the previous driveway was removed during a curb stop installation. Mr. Hurley additionally questioned the type of gravel used for the replacement driveway.

Mr. Hurley further inquired why the Public Works Department removes leaves on Main Street during windy conditions. In addition, he stated Trustee Corwin had received Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds to construct an addition to her home and questioned how this was possible. This statement was immediately clarified and corrected by President Yepsen, Trustee Corwin, other members of the Board, and Al Corwin, who was present in the audience stating this comment was completely false. No other Public comment and President Yepsen proceeded to Board Reports.

**Board Reports:** President Yepsen directed the Board to review the reports included in their meeting packets. All reports were reviewed.

President Yepsen requested Superintendent Lanxon respond to the concerns raised by Mr. Hurley during public comment.

Superintendent Lanxon explained that when leaves accumulate on Main Street, the Public Works Department removes them to prevent further buildup and to ensure that parking spaces in front of local businesses remain accessible. Although the day referenced by Mr. Hurley was windy, Public Works staff were able to successfully remove the leaves, which was necessary to maintain parking availability for businesses and their customers.

Regarding the newly constructed driveway at Mr. Hurley's residence, Superintendent Lanxon stated that the work was completed following a request from Mr. Hurley and his mother. The previous driveway had been removed during a curb stop installation performed by former Superintendent Shipp. Public Works employee Mike Paulsen constructed the replacement driveway to restore access that had been eliminated during the earlier repair.

Mr. Paulsen used white flags that had been placed on the property in fall 2025 to guide construction within the shared driveway area between Mr. Hurley and his neighbor. The driveway was prepared, including compaction and the placement of gravel sourced from the Village gravel supply. Superintendent Lanxon stated that the driveway project at Mr. Hurley's residence has been completed.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Yepsen requested board motion to approve the February 10, 2026 both regular and closed meeting minutes available in the trustee board packet. Taylor, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion to **approve the February 10, 2026 regular and 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. Price, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **approve the March 10, 2026 Regular Bills & Payroll.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

President Yepsen asked the Trustees to consider taking the necessary steps to address the numerous ordinance violations at **433 S. Park Street, Sheffield, Illinois**. Following Board discussion, which included acknowledgement that the property has presented ongoing issues for many years and consideration of potential options to abate the nuisance conditions, DeVoss, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **approve hiring a private investigator to locate the property owner and initiate the process to abate the nuisances at 433 S. Park Street.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Due to an imminent severe weather forecast, President Yepsen stated that Agenda Items 4 and 5, Resolution R2026-03-10-01 (Releasing Closed Session Minutes) and Resolution R2026-03-10-02 (Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Closed Session Minutes), would be considered together in a single motion. Adams, seconded by Corwin made a motion to **approve the resolution R2026-03-10-01 releasing closed minute meeting sessions and resolution R2026-03-10-02 resolution authorizing the destruction of audio recording of closed minute meeting sessions**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

President Yepsen presented the bid results for **Contract 2 of the OSLAD Grant** project. **H & H Builders** submitted the lowest bid in the amount of **\$761,511**, which includes the construction of a restroom/concession stand, shelter/pavilion, and lighting. DeVoss, seconded by Taylor, made a motion to **approve the low bid of \$761,511 to H & H Builders for contract 2 of the OSLAD grant.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Due to the impending severe weather and in order to expedite the meeting, President Yepsen stated that Agenda Item 7 (MFT Summer 2026 Project) and Agenda Item 9 (Car Show Event Application) would be postponed until the April 2026 regular meeting.

President Yepsen then requested a motion regarding the annual rate increase for waste disposal services as provided in the Village's contract with LRS Waste Disposal. Adams, seconded by Corwin, made a motion **to approve the 3.5% increase per contract with LRS Waste Disposal for Village billed waste disposal services.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry        MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen asked for a motion to enter into closed session. Taylor, seconded by Adams, 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 6:21pm.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry        MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Corwin, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion to **close the executive session at 6:28 pm.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry        MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**Roll Call @ 6:28 pm in Regular Session**

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

ABSENT: Barry

Corwin, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **approve the hiring Mike Williams at minimum wage, for 2026 seasonal help.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry        MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**Adjournment:** DeVoss, seconded by Price made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm**  
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.