

Village of Sheffield
Village Board Mtg
June 9, 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, Taylor, Yepsen

ABSENT: Barry, Price

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Yepsen directed James Hurley, a requested participant in the public comment portion of the agenda, to approach the lectern. His sign-in indicated he would speak regarding Parks and water rates. Hurley presented his concern with the amount of water used during the summer at the Village Veteran Park splash pad and feels it should be shut down as Hurley indicated no one benefits from the splash pad other than renters. Hurley expressed his objection regarding the new park at the east end of Sheffield stating the board failed and the improvements do nothing but increase property taxes. Hurley indicated the West Park donated concrete and volunteer labor project is also "a fail" according to Hurley and poor management on the Village's part. Hurley questioned Village water rates and why there is not a substantial difference between a minimum bill and higher usages. Hurley concluded and President Yepsen thanked him and continued to Board Reports.

Board Reports: President Yepsen directed the Board to review the reports included in their meeting packets. There was a question regarding the owner of a tree- village or property owner. The board had nothing further and President Yepsen continued with the agenda.

Discussion/Action Items:

Yepsen requested board motion to approve the May 12, 2026 regular meeting and closed minutes available in the trustee board packet. DeVoss, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the May 12, 2026 regular and closed meeting minutes, as presented.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, Price MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Yepsen asked for a motion to accept this month's bills and payroll. Adams, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the June 9, 2026 Regular Bills & Payroll.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, Price MOTION CARRIED 4-0

President Yepsen introduced Lori Cortez representing SVCC Sauk Valley Community College. She updated the board on an opportunity for BV high schoolers - every single student has the opportunity to receive a full three (3) year scholarship. The Earned Tuition Impact program requires 25 hours of community service in each of the 4 years a student attends Bureau Valley High School. There are no GPA or major requirements. This NonProfit program embraces the student workforce development and

volunteerism. Both essential elements for our future generations. Enrollment before entry into high school-between eighth grade and freshman year.

The Village board reviewed the 2026 tree removal bids from the Superintendents Tree removal list. Jakes Lawn & Tree Service, Granville, IL \$16,300. Blackwood Tree Service, Kewanee, IL \$23,000 and Taylor's Tree Service, Princeton, IL \$10,800. DeVoss, seconded by Adams, made a motion **to approve the low bid from Taylor's Tree Service, Princeton, IL for \$10,800.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, Price MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Yepsen asked for a board motion to approve the Sheffield Lions Club Annual Raffle Fidelity Bond Waiver request. Adams, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion **to approve the Raffle Fidelity Bond Waiver Request from the Sheffield Lions Club the same as in years past.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, DeVoss, Taylor, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Corwin

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

Yepsen opened discussion regarding the upcoming contract renewal for Village of Sheffield water/sewer operator. The trustees reviewed the proposed contract from Bock Wastewater Treatment Contracting. Sheffield Superintendent, Public works and the trustees have been satisfied with the previous year's performance and the trustees felt comfortable entering into a five (5) year agreement at \$36,000 per year beginning August 1, 2026, the five year contract has the best overall pricing. Taylor, seconded by Adams, made a motion **to approve the contract with Bock Wastewater Treatment Contracting, Inc for 5 years, \$36,000 per year for Sheffield's water and sewer operator.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, Price MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Yepsen presented a pay request for OSLAD Grant contract 1. She requested the trustees name the funding source of the 50% match of the OSLAD grant contract 1 as is required. She explained this work was already completed by SKI Sealcoat and Maintenance Inc from the grant's contract #1-the new walking path and the parking lot. Taylor, seconded by Adams, made a motion **to approve the allocating TIF Funds for the OSLAD Grant matching funds for contract 1, 2 pay requests in the amount of \$136,932.31 and \$116,389.22.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, Price MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Yepsen alerted the board of the requirement to declare the funding source for the \$20,000 commitment for the Housing Rehabilitation Grant through NCICG. The trustees discussed several options and decided the General Fund would be best. Adams, seconded by Taylor, made a motion **to approve the \$20,000 commitment of funds from the GENERAL FUND in association with the Housing Rehabilitation Grant.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, Price MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Discussion regarding naming of the ball diamond park with the new walking path at the east end of Sheffield at the old school site was opened by Trustee Taylor after not making a decision at the May 2026 meeting. Taylor suggested the park be named Sheffield School Park. The trustees discussed the possible confusion with already having a park named Veteran/School Park-where the splash pad is located. All trustees agreed that most, if not all individuals and residents, refer to the Splash Pad Park as Veteran's Park. Taylor, seconded by Corwin, made a motion **to approve officially naming the old school site with the ball diamonds, at the east end of Sheffield, with the new walking path, Sheffield School Park.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry, Price MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Adjournment: Adams, seconded by Corwin made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm**
MOTION CARRIED 4-0.