

Village of Sheffield
Village Board Mtg
July 14, 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

Attorney Frost joined during the board reports portion of the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Yepsen reminded trustees and the public, if a topic had already been addressed in previous board meetings by an individual during public comment, the individual will be asked to move onto another topic. President Yepsen invited Rhonda Dastrup to speak. Dastrup commented on receiving a violation notice from the code officer and did not feel it held any validity. Yepsen asked if the code officer had been approached to discuss her concern. Yepsen explained the code officer makes two separate physical attempts at an individual's door before leaving a hanger with the violation issue and time allowed to abate the issue. Any further questions would need to be addressed with the code officer. Dastrup also inquired about Village Public Works doing townwide branch pick up and communications lid not being bolted down near her property. Dastrup was thanked for her input.

Yepsen then welcomed the next person requesting time during public comment, James Hurley. Hurley indicated he would be recording his comments.. Hurley posed the question of his property being removed from the TIF district. Hurley presented dissatisfaction with his driveway and President Yepsen indicated this topic was previously addressed and to move on. Hurley once again spoke of his discontent with the Village splash pad and water usage.

He indicated the construction of the splash pad was done by volunteers many years ago, but in his opinion only renters in Sheffield benefit from the splash pad and voiced his concern with Sheffield losing population. Hurley also made reference to figures reported regarding water loss prior to the replacement of water meters. Hurley's time concluded and Yepsen thanked Mr. Hurley and continued to Board Reports.

Board Reports: President Yepsen directed the Board to review the reports included in their meeting packets. Yepsen indicated due to Attorney Frost's tardiness his report would move to the end and the other reports would be reviewed. PD Officer Gene DeValkenaere reported no incidents during the Sheffield Summer Festival. Ries directed the trustees to her board report outlining the protocol followed for notification of code violations by code officer Hornback. Public Works reported being short handed during scheduled vacations but managing.

Yepsen invited Al Corwin to give his report from the Lion's Sheffield Festival. Corwin thanked the board and donors which allowed the festival to be a free event for the community. Sheffield Lions Club gave \$2,500 in donations while providing an opportunity for many NFP organizations to be seen and be a revenue source and provide fund raising opportunities. Annually the Festival is adding events and making adjustments to make each year better. The Carnival has committed to a Festival in 2027 and the date will be finalized soon. Bob Lanxon also thanked the board and shared his appreciation to the board and encouraged the board to approve future events and monetary donations towards music during the Festival.

President Yepsen invited Attorney Jacob Frost to speak to the board reminding the public that their presence during this portion of the meeting is for listening only and no interaction. Yepsen indicated board member questions are welcome. Frost spoke on interactions between the public and not only the Village employees, but the board as well. Frost reminded everyone they had a right to privacy and communications should be conducted in a safe and lawful way without any form of harassment or intimidation. Frost encouraged all communications between public and Village to be handled during normal business hours, through written communication and public meetings. Frost mentioned potential legal consequences, including that certain actions may constitute misdemeanor or felony offenses depending on the circumstances and may be punishable by fines or other penalties under Illinois law for circumstances that got out of hand. Frost noted the shared responsibility between officials and residents, giving the residents the opportunity to question decisions and policy. Frost also indicated law enforcement should be contacted immediately by any individual being threatened in all situations.

The board had nothing further and President Yepsen continued.

Discussion/Action Items:

Yepsen requested board motion to approve the June 9, 2026 regular meeting available in the trustee board packet. No discussion. Corwin, seconded by Taylor, made a motion to **approve the June 9, 2026 regular as presented.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Price

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1

Yepsen asked for a motion to accept this month's bills and payroll. Taylor, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the July 14, 2026 Regular Bills & Payroll.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Price

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1

The Village board reviewed Ordinance 2026-07-14-02 an ordinance for appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Sheffield May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027. Yepsen reminded the board this is done annually and sets max limits of Village spending. Taylor, seconded by DeVoss, made a motion to **approve Ordinance 2026-07-14-01 an ordinance for appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Sheffield May 1, 2026-April 30, 2027**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen presented the TIF Developer agreement between the Village and Honeycomb Property Group LLC explaining this is the same type of agreement that the Village has entered into with all previous developers. Yepsen asked for further discussion. DeVoss, seconded by Price, made a motion to **approve Ordinance 2026-07-14-02 authorizing the execution of a development agreement at 113 S Main St in the Sheffield TIF District between Honeycomb Property Group LLC and The Village of Sheffield.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen asked for a motion to accept and award the low bid for the summer 2026 MFT street project previously approved by the board to let for bids. DeVoss, seconded by Adams, made a motion **to accept the low bid from Pavement Maintenance and award FY2027 MFT Street Project Sec#26-00000-00-GM to Pavement Maintenance in the amount of \$102,507.30.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen presented an Event Application request from Cornerstone Wellness for their 2nd annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. After brief discussion and no opposition Adams, seconded by Corwin, made a motion **to approve Event Application from Cornerstone to hold their 2nd Annual Turkey Trot on November 27, 2026 beginning and ending at West Park.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Yepsen informed the board of a request from a resident to plant Native Plants and Vegetation at the 10 acre Landwaste Site on Mill Road. Monetary assistance would come from the Bureau County NRCS and a three year commitment and responsibility from the Village. After the board discussed the request the trustees were in agreement to not allow outside individuals to plant on Village property and no action to be taken regarding this request..

Yepsen asked the board for a motion to enter into a closed session to discuss employees. Taylor, seconded by DeVoss, 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 6:56 pm.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Taylor, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **close the executive session at 8:30 pm.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Roll Call @ 8:30 pm in Regular Session

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

ABSENT: Barry

Clerk Ries and Attorney Frost also present.

No action from executive session taken

Adjournment: DeVoss, seconded by Taylor made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm**
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.