

VILLAGE OF BETHANY  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 8, 2025

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jonathan Book, President. The following Trustees were present; Dave Doty, Jeannie Ruppert, Zakary England, Greg McLain, Raven Allen, and Brian Gill.

A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the special meeting minutes from May 5, 2025, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the "Statement of Income and Expenses", seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the "Banks and Checks Journal", seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Public – Dena Duff** : wanted to touch base with everyone about the status of her yard. She is having someone coming to get the camper in her yard. Her inoperable mower is getting hauled off next week. She is working on getting to be more appealing. **Alex Bone** : He wanted to give an update on Bricks & Bones, they've sold one house and have another in line. He mentioned that around 1999 the Village did a mapping of Bethany with Rural Affairs. He would like to see the Board do this again soon. He would also like to see the development of an Economic Development Council to help promote housing for the Okaw Valley district. He also has a packet to get to the Board with information about what this is and how it works.

**Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Updates** - SNC has restarted work and is doing watermain disconnects. They have the punch list and will start on it. They will also be required to repair the streets. Mr. Gustafson shared the punch lists for the various contractors. Commercial Electric has a pay request in the amount of \$69,717.01. The leak in the detention tank has been fixed. The tank has been cleaned and chlorinated. The test came back today and it was good. We can now begin the transition from the old tank to the new tank. IEPA source water protection plan was handed out for the Board to look at. It went up to the IEPA a couple of weeks ago. The building extension for the chlorine exhaust system is still in the works. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve change order #5 for A&R Services in the amount of \$6,982.53, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken: Gill-no; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; England-no; McLain-yes; Allen-no; Book-yes; motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve pay request #5 from Commercial Electric in the amount of \$69,717.01, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Updated TIF Agreement with Lance Whitney** - The previous agreement was with Whitney Woodworking and his invoices said Lance Whitney. This just needs to be updated. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #25-854 to update the TIF agreement with Lance Whitney, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

President Jonathan Book thanked the Board for their hard work during his past 14 years of municipal service. The Board thanked him in return.

**Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials** - the Board thanked Jonathan Book and Raven Allen for their service these past years for serving the community. Greg McLain, Karen Jeffers and Gene Mueller were seated and sworn in as Trustees, Brian Gill as Village President, and Jackie McLain as Clerk,

**Appointing Village Treasurer** - According to our ordinance this must be done every four years or at the change of Village President. President Gill appointed Jessica Henderson as Village Treasurer. A motion was made by Trustee Mueller to accept the appointment of Jessica Henderson as Village Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Jeffers. Roll call taken: England-yes; McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Jeffers-yes; Mueller-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes, motion carried.

**Appointment of Committee Members** - President Gill assigned new committees for the Board. After discussion concerning the committees they will be as follows: Utilities Committee - Zak England (chair), Greg McLain & David Doty; Finance Committee - Dave Doty (chair), Jeannie Ruppert & Zak England. Police Committee - Greg McLain (chair), Karen Jeffers & Gene Mueller. Streets & Alleys Committee - Dave Doty (chair), Karen Jeffers & Jeannie Ruppert. Planning Committee - Gene Mueller (chair), Karen Jeffers & Zak England.

**Signers on Village Accounts** - A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to remove Jonathan Book from all Village accounts, seconded by Trustee England. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to have President Brian Gill and Treasurer Jessica Henderson as signers for the safe deposit box, seconded by Trustee England. Roll call taken: Ruppert-yes; England-yes; McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Jeffers-yes; Mueller-yes; Doty-yes; motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to have President Brian Gill, Clerk Jackie McLain, Treasurer Jessica Henderson and Office helper Kathy Denham as signers for the checking accounts, seconded by Trustee England. Roll call taken: McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Jeffers-yes; Mueller-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; England-yes; motion carried.

**Reports** - Village Manager Shannon Risley, Police Committee, and Chief Nichols

**Correspondence** – None

**Committee Meeting Dates** – None

With no other business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee McLain and seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie McLain, Clerk

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Brian Gill, President