

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 9, 2025

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Village President Brian Gill. The following Trustees were present: Dave Doty, Jeannie Ruppert, Zak England, Greg McLain, Karen Jeffers and Gene Mueller.

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to approve the special meeting minutes from September 15, 2025, seconded by Trustee McLain. 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 McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Public – Steve Nickerson has a deep concern with the cat problem in town. Around his house there are approximately 15 cats and his question is if there is anything we could do to take care of this problem. Tom Gregory was concerned that someone was taking pictures of his property. He has steel posts showing the edge of his property. Mr. Gregory wanted the Board to know the reason he put the markers out; to keep the neighbors from parking there.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Updates - SNC Contractors things are moving slowly with them. Minor punch list items still need to be taken care of. The pay request from them was not turned in for tonight's meeting in a timely manner. Mr. Gustafson has a change order for SNC Attached to the change order are the emails back and forth with Mr. Gustafson. Commercial Electric has only to schedule training for the emergency phone system on their punch list. We will hold their check until this training has taken place. A&R is doing the Washington St. water main work. They will begin a week from Monday (Oct. 20th) Change order #7 that was approved at the special meeting, needs signatures tonight. Mr. Gustafson should have pricing for the chlorine room sometime next week. We would need to have a special meeting to approve this. The Village did receive a FOIA request for insurance information in regards to SNC. Mr. Gustafson gave us this information and it was sent on to the FOIA requestor.

Amending Gaming Ordinance in Regards to Visible Signage - Mr. Sullivan has a draft ordinance for the Board to look at. This has to be presented to the Planning Committee before it can be approved by the Board. This item will be revisited next month.

Potential Hire of New Full-Time Utility Employee - this will be discussed in Executive Session

Amending the Ordinance Violation Penalties - Mr. Sullivan has sent his revisions to Chief Nichols to look at. This will be looked at more next month.

Storm Water Drainage Structure on N. Church St. - This is actually on Elm St. and WN Water St. This is on private property so the Village can't really do anything about it. Mr. Gustafson did bring information concerning property lines.

Special Event Permit for BASO's Safe Trick or Treating - BASO has requested to have a special safe trick or treating event. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the BASO request for street closures and special event permit for Safe Trick or Treat, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Special Event Permit for BASO's Christmas on Main Street - A motion was made by Trustee Jeffers to approve the BASO special event application for their Christmas event, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

2025-2026 Village Tax Levy - Manager Shannon Risley questioned Mr. Sullivan asked about the tax levy amount and the Truth in Taxation hearing. Mr. Sullivan will look into the Village file to see what Mr. Flynn's plan had been.

Reports - Manager Shannon Risley, and Chief Nichols

Correspondence – Thank you card from the Shannon Risley Family for flowers for her father's funeral.

Committee Meeting Dates – None at this time

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to move back into Open Session, seconded by Trustee Mueller. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

No action will be taken from the Executive Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Brian Gill, President