

Regular Meeting Village Hall Monday July 20, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Village Board opened with Mayor Riley Goodwin presiding. Trustees present were Mike Marler, Kevin McDonald, Kenneth (Butch) Chandler, Todd Kinzel, Chris Klingeman, and John Baker.

Michelle Birkner-Treasurer, Jackie Surmeier-Water Clerk, Chris Daugherty-Building & Zoning, and Chief Laura Ottens were also present.

Mayor Riley Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors present were Mike Trotter-County Journal, Donna Heldebrandt and Rodney Rednour.

Citizens Wishing to Speak:

Rodney Rednour spoke about North Borders St. needing maintenance. He said that the curbs and end of driveways need to be fixed.

Donna Heldebrandt lives on the 1000 block of North Park and says that the drainage ditch running from North Park to 1st South St. needs cleaned out. The culverts are filled with silt and need cleaned out. John told her that they will be cleaning out the ditches along Pinckneyville Rd and he will investigate her ditches next.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Butch to approve the previous meeting minutes from July 6, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Chris to approve the personnel meeting minutes from July 15, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Chris to approve the financial report. John noted that he liked that Michelle included the budget overview so they could see where they were at on spending. Michelle explained that the difference in the Landfill account amounts is due to market change and the money deposited for a new trash truck. FNB Waterloo interest rate was an introductory rate of 3.50% and then it dropped. After speaking to the bank, they agreed to continue the rate at 3.10% to be re-evaluated later. Year to date interest from FNB Waterloo is \$12,182.00. Bussey bank interest last month was about \$5,000.00. The Village is looking to move the money from Bussey to stop paying maintenance fees. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Butch and seconded by John to approve paying the bills. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Mayor Goodwin had no report.

Public Improvements, Parks, MACC Building and Streets. Kevin reported that the 4-way pavilion project will start Wednesday. The 2 panel boxes at the park and the electric in the band stand are fixed. He talked with Justin about putting concrete around band stand. Officer Dwayne Neff put together a list of 19 intersections that need signage. Kevin will look further into it. John suggested that could be a good use for MFT money next year. Kevin said grass is growing in the fields at the ball diamonds and would like to speak with the MAA regarding this. Chris Daugherty told him that after the games are finished it's a good idea to let the grass grow so all the dirt doesn't wash away. Riley mentioned that some corn will need to be cut down in the Heil's field for the fireworks. He would like help cutting the corn and loading it for storage to use for Fall decorations along Main St.

John -Public Safety, Police, Ambulance, Nuisance, Zoning and E.S.D.A. John reported that the streets and curbs look horrible. He passed around several pages of pictures to the Trustees to see what needed cleaned up. Letters were sent to residents owning property along the ditch line of the East end of Pinckneyville Rd near the 700 block of Lyons to the Crossing on the 900 block of Main St. to notify them of the upcoming vegetation clean out. Advertisement for bids is out. He spoke with Gonzalez Engineering to see if a permit from the Army Corps was needed. He does not believe one will be need as long as no modifications are done. Discussed the type of retention pond that the Village is wanting to put in. The Village would like a wet bottom pond to develop a park venue in that location. They also discussed redirecting the existing tiles on the adjoining property to improve the effectiveness of the pond. Discussed Lyons St. crossing and easement on Daugherty property and a future culvert on Finger Hill Rd. Spoke with ownership group about the solar at the wastewater facility regarding operational questions. John did comparisons on the billings and determined the solar farm is producing as expected.

Butch-Utilities-Water and Sewer. Butch reported that a mailbox will be installed next week for water bill drop off. He spoke with the contractor for the 4-way project and the concrete pad needs to be extended to an 8 X 35 pad. The alley behind the Elementary School needs to be closed for construction. Butch will get quotes for a flag pole and flag for next meeting.

Chris-Finance, Ordinances, Personnel and Budget. Chris reported he is working on a new personnel policy. Social media guidelines need to be set for all Village employees. John said he spoke with a guy regarding a class for conflict and de-escalating situations. He would like to have something similar for employees.

Todd-Beautification. Todd reported that the flowers on Main St. are dying and need to be replaced with new. Kevin told Todd he needed to get with him regarding power washing buildings in town.

Mike-Landfill- No report. Riley asked if an abatement was needed for the old Fire House. Mike told him that asbestos was found in the building, and he is waiting on Walter Sailors to get a report back before anything can be done.

Building & Zoning: Chris reported that he did 2 inspections and started 1 solar panel inspection.

Old Business:

A shared salt shed with the Township and the Village was tabled. We are waiting on an Intergovernmental Agreement.

A motion to approve negotiations to enter a one-time buyout of the solar panels was made by John and seconded by Mike. Mike asked if there was a time frame for the buyout. We will continue with current contract until an agreement can be made. Mike also asked about the maintenance. Currently they are maintained by the company that owns them and if we purchase them, we will have to maintain them. John would like to have maintenance records and connectivity records. There is a year, and a half left on the warranty. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Demolition of property located at 428 East Dr. was tabled until Village Attorney David Schneidewind can draw up an easement between the Village and the Daugherty's.

New Business:

A motion was made by John and seconded by Mike to approve a business license for Jeremy Gibson-Gibson Electric. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Todd to approve closing the 600 block of South Main St. for the Coal Festival. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Mike to approve Scheffel-Boyle to complete last year's audit with a cost of \$38,750.00 plus hourly rates for any additional bookkeeping time relating to Office personnel changes. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Mike to approve the purchase of 50 new trash totes at a cost of \$3,927.50. Riley suggested that residents wanting a second tote can rent them for \$80.00 a year and pay a \$10.00 per month trash pick-up fee. Some residents that already have two trash cans pay the extra \$10.00 per month. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:03 pm by Butch and was seconded by Kevin. Motion passed. 6-ayes, 0-nayes, 0-absent.