

## Regular Meeting August 7, 2025

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 p.m. in the Gifford Village Building to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Pannbacker and Trustees, Carnahan, Hammond, Jones, McCarty and McFadden. Trustee Starkey was absent. Clerk Diane Baker, Zoning/Water Maintenance Jonathan Couture and Police Chief Ray Rich were present. Treasurer Christie Huls was absent.

Community/Business members present: Jarrod Acton, Randy & Cindy Duden and Dennis Osterbur.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Randy Duden was present to ask about his ditch in front of his house as well as Dennis Osterbur. The quote for filling in their ditch is \$6,943.00. President Pannbacker said he was not sure he wanted to go through with filling the ditch in because he fills it will open things up for more to want their yards done as well. He would like to have the board think about this and they will talk again next month.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes from July 3, 2025. Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee McCarty made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment. Trustee Carnahan made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hammond made a motion to pay the bills as presented. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer has printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Hammond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of July 1, 2025 was \$1,142,818.23. Total money received for the month of July was \$75,197.31 plus \$67.07 interest from CD#15399 and \$63.28 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$65,040.37 leaving a balance on July 31, 2025, of \$1,153,103.52.

### **VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT**

Total gallons of water pumped for August, 2025- 2,148,000

Average daily consumption for August, 2025- 69,000

Replaced broken service at 524 S Main St.

Cleaned the ditch at Trav's auto.

Wells 3 and 6 were pulled and sample taps installed. All wells now have sample taps installed per IEPA orders.

Water tower was inspected and found new paint bubbles forming they will be fixed this fall.

Met with the engineer about the NPDES permit IEPA is going to change the Nitrate from a monthly limit of 10 mg/l to monitor only and testing once a quarter.

Talked with Illiana about New St. they told me they would get to it as soon as possible.

**POLICE REPORT-** Police Chief Ray Rich, Report on file.

**STREET AND ALLEY REPORT-** Trustee McCarty, no new bids for New St.

**SANITARY AND STORM REPORT-** Trustee Starkey, Travis Youman's ditch with the cat tails needs to be fixed. Hesterberg's to be used and share the cost with Travis Youman.

Trustee Hammond made a motion to have Hesterberg Brother's reshape/grade the ditch on Park St. by Trav's, with Travis Youman agreeing to pay for half of the cost of \$900.00. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Main St. Tile fix needed.

Trustee Hammond made a motion to have Hesterberg Brother's do the tile work on Main St. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

**POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT-** Trustee Carnahan, Trustee Carnahan did a review of lighting with James Bradley from Ameren. He will bring a proposal next month for better illumination for the South Park. He also met with Bill Hoffschneider from Eastern Illini Electric to review the street lighting at North Pointe. The street poles will be remarked and brighter bulbs will be replaced when the current burn out. The fixture extensions in use are 3ft, to be replaced with 6ft extensions for better lighting. He would also like to see a new light put in at the intersection of N. Pointe Dr. and Eagle Peak Ct. The cost would be around \$1,300.00. His reports are on file.

**RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT-** Trustee Jones, No Report.

**FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT-** Trustee McFadden, The concrete work at the ball diamond for a handicap parking spot is almost complete.

**OTHER REPORT-** Meyers Construction has purchased 2 lots at Ernray. There is an issue with the drainage ditch on one of the lots. There will need to be an ordinance to get this changed for the builder.

Jonathan Couture and Phil Wake will be painting the fire hydrants in town.

Resident's have inquired about a clean-up day again in town. The board said this could be done next June right after the garage sale day.

**ESDA-No Report.**

**Zoning**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Carnahan made a motion to purchase AED's for our police department in the amount of \$2,273.00. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Hammond made a motion to have Illiana resurface New St. in the amount of \$45,900.00. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee McFadden moved the regular meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of September, 2025

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