

Regular Meeting January 8, 2026

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, McCarty and McFadden. Trustees Jones and Starkey were absent. Clerk Diane Baker and Police Chief Ray Rich were present. Treasurer Christie Huls and Zoning/Water Maintenance Jonathan Couture were absent.

Community/Business members present: Jarod Acton, Cindy Duden and Chelsea Rhoades.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes from December 4, 2025. Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hammond made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment. Trustee McCarty made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee McCarty made a motion to pay the bills as presented. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer has printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of December 1, 2025 was \$1,162,865.99. Total money received for the month of December was \$98,948.30 plus \$65.75 interest from CD#15399 and \$63.52 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$54,916.53 leaving a balance on December 31, 2025 of \$1,207,027.03.

VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT

President Pannbacker reported the EPA loan has been approved. Could have construction as early as this summer.

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

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT- Trustee McCarty, No Report

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT- Trustee Starkey, Absent.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT- Trustee Carnahan, No Report.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT- Trustee Jones, Absent.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT- Trustee McFadden, No Report.

ESDA-No Report.

ZONING- No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hammond made a motion to approve the tornado warning maintenance for \$2,340.00. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

NEW BUSINESS

12 applicants have been received so far for the Treasurer’s position to replace Christie Huls. Interviews took place this past month.

Chelsea Rhoades was hired for the Treasurer position with a start date of 1/19/2026.

Armstrong High School has asked for an archery donation. The board decided to decline because of the generous amount given to them last year from the village.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Carnahan moved the meeting be moved to executive to discuss personnel issues. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Meeting started at 7:15 p.m.

Meeting discussion regarding personnel.

Trustee Carnahan moved the meeting be moved back to regular session. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Executive meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Carnahan moved the regular meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of February, 2026

