

Regular Meeting February 5, 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, Jones, McCarty and McFadden. Trustee Starkey was absent. Clerk Diane Baker, Treasurer Chelsey Rhoades, Zoning/Water Maintenance Jonathan Couture and Police Chief Ray Rich were present.

Community/Business members present: Susan Monte from Champaign County Environmental Stewards and Jarod Acton Community Member.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Susan Monte presented about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. Adam asked to put this on next month's agenda regarding giving to the project.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes from January 8, 2026. 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 Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. 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 McFadden 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 (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Carnahan 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 McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of January 1, 2026 was \$1,207,027.03. Total money received for the month of January 2026 was \$133,521.58 plus \$68.09 interest from CD#15399 and \$65.69 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$37,306.78 leaving a balance on January 31, 2026 of _____.

VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT

President Pannbacker reported the EPA loan has been approved. Legal fees and Engineering costs are returnable under the EPA loan.

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

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT- Trustee McCarty, No Report
President Pannbacker thanked Jonathan Couture and Ray Rich for plowing snow.

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 reported that when it is time to demolish the old pavilion the Fire Department would like to help. Also, the batting cage needs to be taken down, it is rotting.

ESDA-No Report.

ZONING- No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

President Pannbacker will post the position for an assistant for Jonathan Couture, hoping to make a decision as early as the April meeting.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Hammond moved the meeting be moved to executive to discuss personnel issues. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Meeting started at 7:35 p.m.

Meeting discussion regarding personnel.

Trustee Carnahan moved the meeting be moved back to regular session. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Executive meeting adjourned at 7:40 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 7:40 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of March, 2026
