

Regular Meeting July 2, 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, Jones, McCarty, McFadden and Starkey. Trustee Hammond was absent. Clerk Diane Baker, Treasurer Chelsey Rhoades, Police Chief Ray Rich and Zoning/Water Maintenance Jonathan Couture were present.

Community/Business members present: Mr. Patel, Kevin Emkes and Jarod Acton & Girlfriend.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Mr. Patel from Fehr Graham presented improvement plans for the watermain, handouts on file. To start the process, it is \$25,000 for the IEPA Study and Report Phase.

Trustee McFadden made a motion to go forward with the IEPA phase for \$25,000 for the watermain. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Jonathan Couture had bids for two projects. 101 N. Park St., a catch basin needs to be put in and the road in front of property needs to be fixed. New St. needs drainage issues fixed. 108 N Pointe Dr. also needs catch basin and tile fixed. Jonathan also reported on the work at the wastewater plant.

Trustee McCarty made a motion to approve the bid from Hesterberg Brother's for \$9,468 to fix the drainage on New St. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee McCarty made a motion to approve the bid from Hesterberg Brother's for \$3,130 to put a catch basin in and fix the road at 101 N. Park St. 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 minutes from June 4, 2026. Trustee Carnahan made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. 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 McFadden. 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 McFadden made a motion to pay the bills as presented. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. 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 Starkey 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 June 1, 2026 was \$1,403,964.97. Total money received for the month of June, 2026 was \$323,543.51. Total expenses for the month were \$111,668.41 leaving a balance on June 30, 2026 of \$1,615,975.22.

VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT

No Report

POLICE REPORT- Police Chief Ray Rich, Report on file. Noted that several notices have gone out to residents to clean up their yards.

Trustee Carnahan made a motion to approve selling the police car to Palos, IL for \$19,000. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT- Trustee McCarty, no report. Roads have been chipped. Camera surveillance is still coming for the park.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT- Trustee Starkey, no report.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT- Trustee Carnahan, no report.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT- Trustee Jones, no report.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT- Trustee McFadden, no report.

ESDA-No Report.

ZONING- No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee McCarty made a motion to approve \$6,815 for asphalt for the walk-way and basketball court at south park. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee McFadden made a motion to approve \$8,500 for a new 4-wheeler for the park. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McFadden made a motion to approve ordinance #453, 2027 budget. It was seconded by Trustee Carnahan. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

There is a lock box at Fountain Trust Bank for the Village, it was last opened in 1963. The board has appointed President Pannbacker and Treasurer Chelsey Rhoads to go to the bank and see what if anything is in the box.

Trustee Carnahan made a motion to approve a debit card for Chelsey Rhoads to make purchases for the village when needed. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

EXECUTIVE

Trustee McCarty 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 7:55 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 8:18 p.m.

Trustee Jones made a motion to approve increasing the Treasurer's pay to \$32,506 yearly. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Carnahan made a motion to approve a monthly bonus of \$500 for the Treasurer starting July 2026 ending December 2026. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee McFadden moved the regular meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of August, 2026
