

**VILLAGE OF WOODHULL**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 10, 2025**  
**Committees**

**President – D. Holmes**

Building – M. Bethell, J. McCready, & D. Holmes

Finance/Insurance/Audit – H. Garrett & D. Holmes

Personnel – D. Holmes, C. Brinson, & S. Francis

Public Works – J. McCready & S. Francis

**Pro-Tem Pres – J. McCready**

Economic Development – S. Francis & D. Holmes

Parks & Recreation – C. Brinson & H. Garrett

Police/Civ. Def./Zon. – M. Bethell & D. Holmes

Mayor Dave Holmes called the meeting to order on November 10, 2025 @ 7:00 pm.

Followed by Roll Call: Trustee Mark Bethell, Trustee Conner Brinson, Trustee Scott Francis, Trustee Jeff McCready and Trustee Hannah Garrett were present. Also present: Mayor Dave Holmes, Police Chief Jesse Bewley, Public Works Director Dusty McKeag, Treasurer Kelli Hand and Village Clerk Debra Krueger

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Holmes stated we will have a swearing in ceremony. Chief of Police, Jesse Bewley requested that Adam McNair come up front to be sworn in. Village Clerk Debra Krueger requested Mr. McNair to repeat after her the swearing of the pledge. After part-time Officer Adam McNair was sworn in, the mayor welcomed Officer Adam McNair and his wife Vanessa and told them welcome to Woodhull and he told them it was good to have them associated with Woodhull.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Trustee Bethell made a motion to approve October 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, one abstention

Trustee Francis made a motion to approve October 13, 2025, Closed Session Meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, one abstention

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer Hand told the Board she had stopped into the office of ASI on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and spoke with Tanya Howard, our CPA. Ms. Howard told Treasurer Hand that things were getting better. Treasurer Hand went over the memo Tanya had provided to the Board and asked did the Board have any questions regarding the memo? Discussion regarding three checks that had not been cashed and Tanya wanted to know what to do with them. Two of the checks were written on April 18, 2024 and one of the checks was written on November 6, 2024. Hannah stated that since they were all almost a year old, we should void the checks and re-issue. No motion was made. Treasurer Hand will let Tanya know. Village Clerk offered to investigate the checks and report back to the board her findings.

Adam Hansberger and Talea Nelson of West Central CPA contacted Dave regarding Tanya Howard needing more information from them. Both Adam and Talea thought they had answered all of Tanya

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Howard's questions. In the conversation with Adam and Talea, Dave was told they would reach out to Tanya regarding whatever she may need. Dave was told by Adam and Talea that they should have the 2023-2024 audit completed December 5, 2025. West Central CPA are ready to begin the 2024-2025 audit as soon as we get them the materials.

Treasurer Hand stated that Accounting Systems, Inc., is anxious for the Board to decide on QuickBooks online from the options presented in the memo. Mayor Holmes said that he wanted Trustee Garrett to decide on which QuickBooks program we wanted. Trustee Garrett preferred not to be the only one making the choice.

Trustee Garrett made a motion to authorize the Village Finance Committee to work with Tanya Howard bookkeeper of ASI to choose which option as presented in the memo regarding the QuickBooks selection. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Holmes commented that the auditors are not worried about Odoni's incorrect journal entries. They will get everything straightened out in 2024 audit and then they will talk to Tanya of ASI.

#### **TREASURER REPORT OCTOBER 2025:**

General Fund	\$ 863,696.74
General Fund Payroll	\$ 7,300.15
Video Gaming FSB Savings	\$ 167,101.20
Vets Memorial Fund FSB Savings	\$ 1,423.79
Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 3,469.20
Playground Fund	\$ 1,013.43
WINN Checking FSB	\$ 1,423.21
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 15,408.90
Depreciation Checking	\$ 22,532.81
Debt Service #2033	\$ 77,176.27
Debt Service Savings	\$ 8,909.25
<u>MFT Fund</u>	<u>\$ 50,798.65</u>

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

##### **General Fund October accounts payable were presented as follows:**

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##### **Water Fund October accounts payable were presented as follows:**

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Trustee McCready made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Holmes mentioned the 1% grocery tax and asked the Board what they wanted to do. Did the Board want to make it effective April 2026. The Mayor had received the template from Attorney Jordan Newell if the Board wanted to decide now to make it effective 01/01/2026. The Mayor said in 2023 the Village earned \$18,718.00 from the 1% grocery tax, now in 2025 we would have received about \$19,000.00. Dave explained the Board had until April 2026 to decide. Trustee Garrett recommended we let the decision wait and table the matter to April 2026.

Dave explained the 2026 Tax Levy needs to be voted on in December's meeting. Dave stated he thought since last year it was 73,000.00 now changing it to 74,500.00. Trustee Hannah stated that previously the percentage rate was 46.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and what Dave is

proposing it will drop to 45.24 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Dave said it could be voted on tonight, but he would prefer to meet with the finance committee before a motion is made. The finance committee agreed they will meet before December 8, 2025, meeting and bring it to the Board for a vote at the next meeting.

### **POLICE/CIVIL DEFENSE/PERMITS:**

Chief Jesse Bewley said nothing needed any action taken. Chief Bewley presented his written report on November 10, 2025. Chief Bewley reported that the Tunnel to Towers was well received that he participated in. Officer Wagner is working on a theft case and has issued a Notice to Appear for the potential suspects. Officer McNair has passed his psych evaluations and will proceed with the County and State paperwork. Chief Bewley graduated from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute, New Chiefs of Police Orientation. Chief Bewley mentioned he is having electrical issues with the truck squad vehicle and it is scheduled to have new tires and brakes before the winter, and he will ask them to find out what the problem is with the electrical issue.

Trustee Bethell moved to approve the written report as presented. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Public Works Director Dusty McKeag presented his written report on November 10, 2025. Water pumped 2,364,330 gallons of water for a daily average of 76,268 gallons. Following are the accomplishments of the department: cut trees down at the WWTP, we completed the water line fix on SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, he attended the Illinois Rural Water Association conference in Rockford, IL. Apex Striping painted the parking lines. Cady Aqua came and did an inspection on our ground storage tank, replaced a water shutoff curb box on West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Electric Pump came and fixed the lift station at Pilot, we believe the omni site control has a major failure and needs to be replaced. Failure could have been caused by a power surge. Currently, we are having electrical issues at the (WWTP) Wastewater Treatment Plant. Begin year end maintenance on lawn equipment and winterizing our pumps. Also, begin our maintenance on snow removal equipment and get ready for winter. Christmas lights will be hung. Dusty stated he received two quotes for a new furnace and air conditioning unit over at the shop office. Dusty said the furnace is over 20 years old and it is on its way out. First quote is for Tempstar Furnace & A/C \$13,800.00 2 stage units are at higher cost, but all the metal is powder coated. The Payne 1- state furnace & A/C is for \$12,300.00.

Trustee McCready made the motion to approve the purchase of the Tempstar 2-stage furnace and air conditioning unit at a cost of \$13,800.00. Trustee Brinson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee – Garrett – Y and Trustee McCready – Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Director Dusty McKeag also told the Board he needed new tires on the truck at an approximate cost of \$1,200.00. Trustee McCready made a motion to approve the purchase of new tires for the truck at a cost of \$1,200.00. Trustee Francis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Bethell – Y, Trustee Brinson – Y, Trustee Francis – Y, Trustee – Garrett – Y, and Trustee McCready – Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion followed regarding the letter from EPA referring to a violation of the leak we had out at the wastewater treatment plant. Dusty explained that basically they have done everything the EPA has asked them to do, but the main permanent fix is we are waiting for IMEG to get back to him with the

plans for the footings fix that we will do. Trustee McCready and Dusty will prepare the response letter to the EPA.

Mayor Holmes talked with Jordan Newell regarding McGuire Iron will be discussed in Closed Session.

Water main re-location, Public Works Director said he has the EPA approval but is still waiting for IDOT approval. Once IDOT approves where the new water main can be placed then IMEG will help us put the job out for bid.

Trustee Francis made the motion to accept the written report as presented. Trustee McCready seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

None currently.

**DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE:**

None currently.

**ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None currently.

**PARKS/RECREATION/TOURISM:**

Next meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, which Mayor Holmes will attend the tourism meetings until someone from the board would like to go.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Trustee Bethell suggested they place the information board as a free-standing display. Trustee Francis will contact someone who can install the board and have them help decide how the board should be installed. Discussion about the closing of the Mexican Restaurant. Discussion regarding the new Mercy One medical office moving into its new location here in Woodhull.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None currently.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None currently.

Trustee McCready made a motion to go into Closed Session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss one litigation matter and five personnel matters. Trustee Bethell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTIONS TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Scott Francis moved to go with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance PPO Plan for full-time employees at a 10.88% increase, which comes to a cost of \$2,853.68. Trustee Hannah Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Scott Francis Y, Trustee Hannah Garrett Y, Trustee Jeff McCready Y, Trustee Conner Brinson Y, Trustee Mark Bethell Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Scott Francis moved to proceed with Jordan Newell's recommendation to send a letter of termination to McGuire Iron by registered mail to arrive by or before Nov. 19, 2025. Trustee Hannah Garrett seconded the

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motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Scott Francis Y, Trustee Hannah Garrett Y, Trustee Mark Bethell Y, Trustee Conner Brinson Y, Trustee Jeff McCready Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Jeff McCready moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Conner Brinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Holmes, Village President