BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION
May 12, 2026
6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Tompkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Mohr called the roll, Trustees Colravy, Schriver, Harpst, Willard, Oliger and Metzger are all present. Additionally, Jason Tompkins, Village President, Patrick Brown, Village Administrator, Joe Chamley, Village Attorney, Carole Tempel, Village Treasurer, Dave Smysor, Chief of Police, Ellen Hedrick, Village Engineer, Austin Shufflebarger, Economic Development Specialist, and Dawn Mohr, Village Clerk are all present.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment is presented

5. **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS:**

   A. ENGINEERING:

   1. A Resolution Awarding the HMA Resurfacing Project to Open Road Paving Company, LLC. For the Amount of $253,437.26. Hedrick goes over the areas that are slated for the project and goes on to explain that she received two bids for the project, Cross Construction and Open Road. Open Road was the low bid. Hedrick adds that the bid came in below budget. Metzger asked Hedrick if she knew the timeline for repairs on Highway 47 South, she answered that it is in IDOT's 5-year plan. Tompkins asked if there were any questions or comments, none are presented, Tompkins called for a motion to move the resolution to the consent agenda. Harpst moved and Oliger seconded. Mohr called the roll, ALL VOTES YES 6-0. The resolution is moved to the consent agenda.

   B. POLICE:

   1. A Resolution to Approve Entering into a 10-Year Agreement with AXON to Consolidate and Expand our In-Car Camera and Body Worn Cameras Contract for an Annual Amount Not to Exceed $101,219.39. Smysor explains the reasoning behind the contract, that currently there are numerous contracts with AXON and this new contract will consolidate them all while providing additional equipment and software. The new software will allow officers to bridge body camera and dash cam footage for each case eliminating the extra time spent by officers manually bridging them. Smysor adds that the new contract will lock in

the pricing for 10 years, provide warranties for the equipment and also include software updates. Smysor states that AXON is the industry leader. Metzger asked why the previous contracts were put in place as opposed to merging new equipment with the current contract. Smysor answered that it is not their business model. Willard asked if the Village currently owns the equipment. Smysor responded that the equipment is leased with te exclusion of 5 tasers that were purchased using a grant from ILEAS. Tompkins asked if a 10 year contract is an industry wide model. Smysor responded that he isn't aware of the industry standard but said AXON operates with a 10-year contract. Tompkins asked if there were any questions or comments, none were presented. Tompkins called for a motion to move the resolution to the consent agenda. Oliger moved and Metzger seconded. Mohr called the roll, ALL VOTES YES 6-0. The resolution is moved to the consent agenda.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

1. Business Enhancement Program – First Year in Review: Shufflebarger goes over the grants program in depth and what businesses have taken advantage of the program. Shufflebarger goes on to how the program came be improved or tweaked. An example is given that he believed the guidelines for the grant program should include a "conflict of interest" statement. Adding that it wouldn't automatically disqualify a business from the program. Metzger asked for an example of a conflict of interest. Brown responded that if a contractor owns a building and plans on doing the work themselves, that there are steps to ensure the pricing isn't inflated as an example, get more than one price quote. Shufflebarger goes on to say that he believes there is room for improvement with the public relations for the program, getting the program in front of businesses more frequently. The discussion continues providing staff with more ideas for how to improve the program. In the end Shufflebarger pledges to have updates on the grant program given in monthly reports. Schriver adds that he would like the updates to be included in the meeting minutes in the future for full transparency to the public.

2. General Updates: Shufflebarger explains that he has been working on getting the Smith Brook Park property on the pre-vetted site through the state of Illinois which would market the property to companies that are looking to move into the state. He adds that this property is ready for future development. The state is interested in placing the property on their site and he is hopeful it will lead to the property being purchased and developed.

6. POLICE PENSION TREASURER'S REPORT: Tempel explains that this report is statutory obligation and must be presented by the second Tuesday of May annually. Tompkins thanks Tempel for the information.

7. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Brown reports that the Comprehensive Plan bid has been awarded to Smith Group and that Heckman may have something to the Board by the end of the month.

A. **Departmental Reports:** Brown goes over in brief each report and highlights the hard work put forth by the public works department after the storm that came through. He adds that Mahomet Landscapes did a special brush and limb collection and that with the help of the public works department the cleanup was finished by Wednesday.

1. Engineering: Colravy asked about the Mid-American Road update, Brown did not have anything to add to the update in the report.
2. Transportation
3. Water/Wastewater
4. Police-it was noted that the METCAD calls were down from last year.

B. **Strategic Plan Progress Update:** Brown explained that he did not intend to go over all the progress that the departments have made but did highlight a couple of items that he was happy to see complete.

C. **Tentative FY2027 Operating Budget & FY2027-FY2031 CIP Discussion:** Brown stated that he would like to have feedback from the Trustees on what has been presented in the last couple of weeks. Brown fielded a few questions from the Trustees and provided explanations to their questions. He also invited them to reach out to either himself or Tempel if future questions arise.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT: Tompkins asked if a Trustee is to be absent for one of the upcoming meetings, that they contact the Clerk.

A. **May 2026 Board Meeting Calendar**

1. May 19, 2026, Study Session
2. May 26, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting

9. NEW BUSINESS: Tompkins asked if any of the Trustees had anything to add. Oliger asked if there was an update on the hotel. Brown responded that it is expected to begin construction this summer. He adds that the brand was recently purchased by Radisson and that this hotel will be the first redesigned hotel since the acquisition. Willard asked if there was an ETA on Smith Burger's opening date. Brown answered he thought June. Schriver asked about the Joint Board Meeting with the School Board, Tompkins answered that it would likely be early fall. That he and Brown continue to meet with Dr. Lee and that they're working on topics for the joint meeting. Smysor reminded the board that this Friday is "Cop on the Rooftop" at Dunkin Donuts and that it will go from 8:00-12:00

10. ADJOURNMENT: Tompkins called for a motion to adjourn the study session, Metzger moved and Oliger seconded. Mohr called the roll, ALL VOTES YES 6-0. The study session adjourned at 7:36 PM

Approved
As
Presented
5/26/2026