



Village of Brighton  
206 S. Main St. Brighton, IL 62012

## Board Meeting MINUTES February 2, 2026 at 7:00pm

### VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON BOARD MEETING

- A. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance: 7pm
- B. Attendance:
- C. Approval of Board Minutes 1/5/26: Motion by Aaron Mead; 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Little. Motion carried 4-0.
- D. Approval of Treasurers Report: Motion by Aaron Mead; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. Motion carried 4-0.
- E. Approve Bills: Motion by Aaron Mead; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 4-0.
- F. Mayor Report: Illinois Debt Recovery Program-free program to get delinquent water payments and ordinance fines. Attorney Watson is working with IL Comptroller on the ordinance needed to apply for the program.  
\*Motion by Aaron Mead to seat Trustee Christy Jones; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. Motion carried 4-0.
- G. Public Comment: Per ORD. 2025-05, citizens may have **5 MINUTES** of uninterrupted speech in regard to items of proposed business. Elaine Weaver spoke about ATV riders in her subdivision being under-aged and not following the rules of the road. This is creating dangerous/hazardous driving conditions. Mayor Kasten said he would make the Police Department aware.

A	Bradley Arnold-T	P
T	Christy Jones-T	P
T	Don Little-T	P
E	Aaron Mead-T	P
N	Marcella Wilfong-T	A
D	Jim Winslade-T	P
A	Matt Kasten-Mayor	P
N	Tamara Jenkins-Clerk	P
C	Kaleb Kahl-PWS	P
E	Ashley Lievers-Treas.	P
	Jennifer Watson-Attorney	P

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Community Development Committee-1/22/26 Meeting Minutes approval. Motion by Aaron Mead; 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Little. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Park Committee-1/8/26 Meeting Minutes approval. Motion by Aaron Mead; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. Motion carried 5-0.
  - 1. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve spending \$5000.00 on Lent Fish Fry supplies. Dates are Feb 27<sup>th</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Little. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
  - 2. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve spending \$1000.00 on the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
  - 3. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve spending \$5500.00 on the Farmers Market budget and vendor management. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christy Jones. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
  - 4. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve spending \$1800.00 on Independence Day budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
- C. Public Safety-1/19/26 Meeting Canceled.
- D. Public Works-1/26/26 Meeting Canceled.
- E. Zoning Committee-1/20/26 Meeting Canceled.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. 103 School St: Scott Watts progress report. Mr. Watts arrived before the meeting stating he would not be able to give his report due to a family emergency. Atty Watson will update following Court scheduled this Thursday.
- B. Discuss/Possible Action: Ongoing Municipal building repairs.
  - Chase Equipment Group to submit for the L.U.S.T. funding through the EPA now that we qualify. Start date first week of February. The project began today 2-2-26.
  - Don Little made a motion to approve the quote for bypassing the ballasts on 62 light fixtures from Hammer Time Builders, LLC \$1850.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Mead. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Don Little made a motion to increase the bond amount for the Mayor, Water Clerk, Part Time Water Assistant, Treasurer and Village Clerk from \$72,000 to \$263,000. The increase is required by Rural Development for the Water Project. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Mead. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
- B. Aaron Mead made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 Authorizing the issuance of Waterworks System Revenue Bond, Series A, of the Village of Brighton, Macoupin and Jersey Counties, Illinois and authorizing certain actions and documents and prescribing other matters relating thereto. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
- C. Aaron Mead made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-02 Approving a loan agreement and note relating to a loan from Rual Water Financing Agency to provide interim construction financing for improvements to the waterworks system. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays. Mayor Kasten notified the Board that the closing is scheduled for February 19, 2026.
- D. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve Loy Miller Talley as auditors for the FY 2025-2026 audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays. Trustee Little asked how long they have been our auditors, and it was not known exactly how long. Mayor Kasten stated that they were the Auditors before he was on the Board. (eight years ago.)
- E. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve paying off the Ford F450 at a cost of \$4146.94. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
- F. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve spending up to \$1000 for Police Taser cartridges and docking station. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
- G. Approve Closing the following checking accounts:
  - 1) Farmer's Market Link Account at ACFCU and transfer into the Park Account. Motion by Don Little, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Mead. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
  - 2) Civil Defense-Audit-Tort-Park at CNB and transfer into the appropriate account at ACFCU. Motion by Aaron Mead. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Winslade. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.
  - 3) General account at CNB and transfer into the appropriate account at ACFCU. Motion by Aaron Mead. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 5-Yeas 0-Nays.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Aaron Mead; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 5-0.

Time: 7:21pm

Submitted by:

Tamara Jenkins

Tamara Jenkins, Clerk  
Village of Brighton