



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

Board Meeting MINUTES March 2, 2026 at 7:00pm

1. VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON BOARD MEETING

- A. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance: 7pm
- B. Attendance:
- C. Approval of Board Minutes 2/2/26: Motion by Aaron Mead, 2nd Jim Winslade. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Approval of Treasurers Report: Motion by Aaron Mead, 2nd Christy Jones. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. Approval of Bills: Motion by Aaron Mead, 2nd Jim Winslade. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. Mayor Report: Water Main Project loan has been signed and funded. The Village was approved for +\$6.3 million two years ago, but the project was delayed. Loan amount is \$4,995,000 and grant amount is \$1,355,000. The water main project started 3-2-26. Daddy Daughter Dance made a profit of over \$800 with attendance down slightly. The dance will be moved back to a Saturday next year.
- G. Motion to seat Trustee Arnold made by Don Little, 2nd Jim Winslade. Motion carried 5-0.
- H. Public Comment: Per ORD. 2025-05, citizens may have **5 MINUTES** of uninterrupted speech in regard to items of proposed business. Please state your name before starting your comment. Tabi Mitchel with the Brighton Athletic Association (BAA) spoke toward the need for a new concession stand at the Betsey Ann Ball Field. She would like to get bids to tear down and rebuild a concession stand in the same location. The building would be 30'x40' extending toward the equipment shed. The building would be paid for by the BAA through fundraising. No objections were voiced by the Board. A building permit will be obtained once the project is ready to begin.

A	Bradley Arnold-T	P
T	Christy Jones-T	P
T	Don Little-T	P
E	Aaron Mead-T	P
N	Marcella Wilfong-T	P
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-Atty	P

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Community Development Committee-2/26/26 Motion to approve Meeting Minutes by Aaron Mead, 2nd Jim Winslade. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 1. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-03 Solar Regulations and Permits, 2nd Don Little. Motion carried 6-Yeas 0-Nays. Mr. Little reviewed the ordinance prepared by Atty Watson: Solar Permit Fees will be \$100/Residential; \$250 Commercial; \$2500 Solar Farms allowed only outside of Village limits.
- B. Park Committee-2/12/26 Motion to approve Meeting Minutes by Aaron Mead, 2nd Christy Jones. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 1. Aaron Mead made a motion to adopt the New Fee Structure for Vendors shown below, 2nd Christy Jones. Motion carried 6-Yeas 0-Nays.
 - Farmers Market- \$5/day; \$30/Season or \$50/Season + Park Events
 - Park Event Only- \$30/event
 - 2. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve spending up to \$300 for two Food Protection Managers License Renewal Courses and Exams for Park Committee, 2nd Christy Jones. Motion carried 6-years 0-Nays.
- C. Public Safety-2/16/26 Meeting Canceled. Mayor Kasten asked the Board members for recommendations of potential new committee members for Public Safety. The meeting is the 3rd Monday of each month.
- D. Public Works-2/23/26 No Quorum.
- E. Zoning Committee-2/17/26 Meeting Canceled.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 103 School St: Mr. Watts was not in attendance at this time. Atty Watson stated the next court date is scheduled in April. Mr. Watts stated the fencing and signs are up. The 2 main beams have been replaced and working on walls that the rafters sit on. (Northwest side of building)



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- B. Discuss: Ongoing Municipal building repairs
 - 1. Chase Equipment Group removed both underground fuel tanks. Project complete.
 - 2. Hammer Time Builders, LLC completed the ballast work on 62 light fixtures at Village Hall.
- C. Discuss Board EOP training dates. The Board discussed scheduling the training on a Saturday at 9am since it may take several hours. Mayor Kasten and Clerk Jenkins will check on available dates and coordinate with the Fire Dept. and Macoupin Co.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Aaron Mead made a motion to approve deleting Closed Meeting audio records prior to July 31, 2024, 2nd Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 6-Yeas 0-Nays.
- B. Don Little made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-04 Owner/Occupant Liable for Charges-Local Debt Recovery Program, 2nd Aaron Mead. Motion carried 6-Yeas 0-Nays.
- C. Aaron Mead made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-05 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property- Tasers, 2nd Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 6-Yeas 0-Nays. The tasers may only be sold to another Police Dept.
- D. Don Little made a motion to sign Lease Agreement with the Brighton Spay and Neuter Alliance, 2nd Aaron Mead. Motion carried 5-Yeas 1-Nay (Trustee Arnold). The signing is contingent on the Alliance securing insurance, being in good standing with the Sec. of State as a non-profit organization and paying the power bill as long as they are leasing the building. Trustee Little asked if they had to obtain any permits or governmental licensing, if the building is inspected to make sure it meets certain standards etc. and he's concerned that the cats are being released back into the community. Atty Watson stated that they work with the State under the Illinois Animal Act and the County for licensing. Returning the cats to the wild was not a part of the lease agreement and the building inspection is between the Alliance and the State who has granted them the ability to operate. Mayor Kasten stated the purpose of the Alliance is to reduce the cat population through spay and neuter. Otherwise, the population will continue to grow and create a larger problem. Colonies of cats are protected in the State of Illinois.
- E. Aaron Mead made a motion to pay up to \$18,000 out of Road and Bridge for Engineering of street improvements. All \$80,000 from IDOT Street Improvement Grant will go toward the road project, 2nd Don Little. Motion carried 6-Yeas 0-Nays. The scope of the project is South of the RR Crossing through the entrance of Brown St. (S. Main, N. Market, Brown St. intersections). If funds allow, the intersection North of the RR Crossing on N. Main will also be included.
- F. Don Little made a motion to appoint Dan Arnold to Park Committee, 2nd Aaron Mead. Motion carried 6-0.
- G. Aaron Mead made a motion to change Insurance for 2026-March 2027 to United Health Care, 2nd Jim Winslade. Motion carried 6-Yeas 0-Nays. Deductible will be a little higher, but the insurance will pay 100% after instead of only 80%. Village pays the first \$1000 of the deductible.
- H. Aaron Mead made a motion for ongoing approval to replace adult and child AED (Automated External Defibrillator) pads when expired, 2nd Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 6-Yeas 0-Nays. Cost is approximately \$1,200.00/two year shelf life.
- I. Aaron Mead made a motion to suspend the agenda and return to Section 3-A, 2nd Bradley Arnold. Motion carried 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: Aaron Mead made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Jim Winslade. Motion carried 6-0. **Time:** 7:34pm

Submitted by: *Tamara Jenkins*

Tamara Jenkins, Clerk
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