



**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
JULY 15, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Stillwell at 6:00 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Stillwell asked everyone to join her in the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

On July 15, 2025, the Village Board meeting was held in person in the Board Room at the Police Department.

**Present:** President Susan Stillwell, Trustee Matthew Bonnie, Trustee Nora London, Trustee Heidi Lendi, Trustee Anthony Speciale, Trustee Sean Michels.

**Absent:** Trustee Michael Roskopf.

**Additional Attendees:** Village Administrator Scott Koepfel, Village Attorney Brian Miller, Chief of Police Patrick Rollins, Finance Director Matt Anastasia, Public Works Director Brad Merkel, Community Development Director Danielle Marion, Village Engineer Brian Schiber, Village Clerk Tracey Conti.

**4. Public Hearing**

**a. Hannaford Farms Lot 93 Annexation Agreement Amendment.**

Community Development Director Marion stated that the Village has received the FILOD payment for lot 93 in Hannaford Farm. Once the payment is received, the annexation agreement needs to be amended to release the property owner of future obligations. She explained that the first step in amending the annexation agreement would be to hold a public hearing.

Motion from Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee Lendi, to hold a public hearing for Hannaford Farms Lot 93 Annexation Agreement Amendment.

President Stillwell closed the Public Hearing.

**5. Proclamations**

**6. Presentations**

**7. Appointments**

**8. Airport Report**

**9. Public Comment on Scheduled Action Items**

**10. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval: June 17, 2025, Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval: July 1, 2025, Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- c. Approval: Vouchers
- d. Approval: June 2025 Treasurer Report
- e. **Resolution:** Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Cryder Enterprises Inc., for the Repainting of 275 Fire Hydrants.

Trustee Michels would like to remove item 10e.

Motion by Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee Michels, to approve the Consent Agenda with item 10e removed.

**Ayes: Speciale, Michels, Lendi, London, Bonnie; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Roskopf.**

Motion by Trustee Michels, seconded by Trustee London, to discuss Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Cryder Enterprises Inc., for the Repainting of 275 Fire Hydrants.

Trustee Michels feels that paint lasts a long time, and a longer cycle could be used when repainting fire hydrants. He explained that in Prestbury the base bill is over \$50, and he feels this can be lowered by cutting back on painting.

Trustee Lendi asked Public Works Director Merkel how long the paint usually lasts. Director Merkel said there are a little over 2,000 hydrants in the Village, so roughly every 10 years. He said during this time each hydrant is tested as well with regular maintenance done.

President Stillwell clarified that each year the hydrants are rotated for maintenance done, she asked the cost of this. Director Merkel said it is \$9 per hydrant and public works will service them all before painting. She asked if the fire hydrants are showing signs of wear. Director Merkel said yes, they have faded due to the outdoor conditions. He explained it is also an aesthetics concern as well, making the town look nice. Trustee Lendi added that the paint protects the hydrant as well.

Trustee Speciale says he likes the programs and thinks it is fine as it is. Trustee Michels feels that with today's technology the paint lasts a lot longer. Trustee Lendi asked Trustee Michels if he had any information that shows paint now lasting longer than 10 years. He provided an example of an epoxy paint, Trustee Lendi mentioned the cost difference. Trustee Michels feels that by looking at fire hydrants anyone could tell the paint is better than it was years ago.

President Stillwell asked if there was any information on newer paint. Director Merkel said the Village uses a two-part epoxy that will last around 10 years. He said this has been used for 3-4 years so some hydrants still have old paint on them.

Trustee Michels feels there needs to be more focus on cutting expenses in the Village. Trustee Bonnie feels that the Village should not cut back on expenses when it comes to safety for residents.

Trustee Michels said the fire hydrants can be serviced without being painted. Trustee Speciale feels this item should be approved as is and then brought back during budget time. Trustee London feels that a 10-year maintenance cycle does not seem overly excessive to her when she has seen what happens to fire hydrants with no maintenance performed. She prefers that the community has no safety concerns.

Motion by Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee Lendi, to approve item 10e. Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Cryder Enterprises Inc., for the Repainting of 275 Fire Hydrants.

**Ayes: Speciale, Lendi, London, Bonnie; Nays: Michels; Abstain: None; Absent: Roskopf.**

## **11. General Business**

### **a. Ordinance: Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement Amendment for Hannaford Farm lot 93 (1187 Redbud Lane).**

Director Marion explains that the Village has received the FILOD payment for lot 93 in Hannaford Farm. Once payment has been received the annexation agreement needs to be amended.

Motion by Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee London, to discuss and approve Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement Amendment for Hannaford Farm lot 93 (1187 Redbud Lane).

**Ayes: Speciale, London, Lendi, Stillwell; Nays: None; Abstain: Bonnie, Michels; Absent: Roskopf.**

Village Administrator Koepfel asked the Village Attorney if five votes are required for an annexation agreement. He requested this item to be tabled until the next board meeting when there is a full quorum.

Motion by Trustee Lendi, seconded by Trustee Speciale, to table the Authorization of the Execution of an Annexation Agreement Amendment for Hannaford Farm lot 93 (1187 Redbud Lane) until the next meeting.

**Ayes: Lendi, Speciale, London, Stillwell; Nays: None; Abstain: Bonnie, Michels; Absent: Roskopf.**

**b. Ordinance: Amending the Village Code Title 4, Chapter 6, Section 1 of the Village Code or Ordinances 4-4-1 Height of Weeds; Nuisance Declared (Native Plants).**

Motion by Trustee Lendi, seconded by Trustee London, to discuss Amending the Village Code Title 4, Chapter 6, Section 1 of the Village Code or Ordinances 4-4-1 Height of Weeds; Nuisance Declared (Native Plants).

Community Development Director Marion says staff have worked with Conservation Foundation for the proposed text amendment. She has provided new text with changes made from the board.

Trustee London questioned the second paragraph listed mentioning a 24 in. buffer strip. She can see how there might be problems with neighborhoods with no sidewalks, as some houses already have plants down to the curb. She doesn't feel this is realistic for all the neighborhoods and homes in the Village. Administrator Koeppel added that the buffer is included in the language due to public safety and sight lines. He thinks an "if" should be included in there.

Trustee Bonnie asked who is going to determine the sight lines, Administrator Koeppel says they would be enforced by the Community Development Department.

Trustee Michels asked if this Ordinance could be used to get a certain property cleaned up, Director Marion said yes but this property needs to be looked at since agreements were made with the owner.

Motion by Trustee Michels, seconded by Trustee London, to approve and allow the Village Attorney to Amend the Village Code Title 4, Chapter 6, Section 1 of the Village Code or Ordinances 4-4-1 Height of Weeds; Nuisance Declared (Native Plants).

**Ayes: Michels, London, Lendi, Speciale; Nays: Bonnie; Abstain: None; Absent: Roskopf.**

**c. Resolution: Approving a Revised 2025 Meeting Schedule and Relocation of Meeting Venues Due to the Police Department Renovation.**

Village Administrator Koeppel explained that the remainder of the year the board meetings will be held at the library instead of the police department, so the meeting calendar needs to be updated. He says he has contacted the Attorney General and administrative adjudication needs to be included in the calendar as well. Director Marion lets the board know that the plan commission will be changing their meeting time as well.

Motion by Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee Michels, to discuss and approve a Revised 2025 Meeting Schedule and Relocation of Meeting Venues Due to the Police Department Renovation.

**Ayes: Speciale, Michels, Speciale, Lendi, London; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Roskopf.**

## **12. Public Comment**

- Jaden Chada commented on volunteer work for the Corn Boil.

## **13. Discussion Items**

### **a. Comprehensive Plan Action Items.**

Director Marion said as part of the comprehensive plan that was adopted in 2023, there are several action items to assist with implementing the comprehensive plan. The plan commission discussed and reviewed these items and found four items of interest to begin pursuing for the next fiscal year. She says the plan commission suggested the following items: increasing tree density, trails master plan, develop a commercial façade improvement program, and conduct a market study.

Trustee Michels commented on the increase of tree density and said the Village currently requires trees every 40 ft. President Stillwell wants to make sure that the trees planted in the village are good in the Villages climate and not Invasive. Director Marion said the Village has an approved tree list in the code.

President Stillwell said mentioned the proposed market study, she said she is looking to conduct a survey to see what residents are looking for in the Village. Trustee Michels states he has reached out to the Park District Director to create a trail plan.

Trustee Michels said he thinks it's a good idea to include the apartments across from John Shields Elementary into the commercial façade. He then mentioned a mural being painted in the Village. President Stillwell said she had visited Bolingbrook and seen a mural on the side of their police department. She had looked it up and seen it was a program that involves local schools including all age groups.

Trustee Lendi said with increasing tree density there needs to be communications with the police department to avoid blocking street signs. Director Marion states there are certain standards the Village has for the placement of trees.

Administrator Koeppel says he will bring back requirements and a tree list for the board to view and make changes too. Trustee Speciale says items such as the market study need to be brought back around budget time.

## **14. Reports**

### **a. Staff**

Administration – Administrator Koeppel says he is still working on economic developments missing director and there may be an opportunity for a shared service. He is researching all the options and plans to bring something to the board soon.

Trustee Lendi asked if there is any possibility for conflict if sharing an economic development director with a competing Village. Administrator Koepfel replied and said the possibility is there for this to work if it is done through the county or with a non-competing Village.

Finance – Nothing to add.

Community Development – Nothing to add.

Police Department – Trustee Lendi commented and said she has notice drivers slowing down and she appreciates that.

Public Works – Trustee Lendi asked when the pedestrian bridge is having its grand opening, he said its estimated at the end of August or early September.

**b. Trustees**

Trustee Lendi – Trustee Lendi requests that the planning commission begins to record their meetings. She would also like to see visual recordings for the board meetings; President Stillwell likes this idea. She feels this could help more people get involved and would be a good backup in case the audio recording fails.

Trustee London – Nothing to add.

Trustee Speciale – Nothing to add.

Trustee Michels – Trustee Michels reminds the board and residents that in August there is only on-board meeting and that will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Bonnie – Trustee Bonnie said a resident asked why the board meetings aren't live streamed anymore. He would like to see if this is an option for the future meetings. Trustee Bonnie also brought up an issue from a previous meeting regarding a credit for filling up a pool or installing sod. He would like to revisit this during a future meeting to figure out ways to help residents. President Stillwell says this can be moved to the next agenda, and since the meetings are now being moved to the library solution can be found for recordings.

**c. President**

President Stillwell states the new plan for the Christmas tree is to move it closer to the library for safety issues and concerns due to the busy road. If this were to happen a new tree would need to be planted and she said there is a grant that would cover this cost, and the Village will be applying.

President Stillwell said the Corn Boil has purple lightbulbs that represent suicide awareness and prevention. She gave an update on the garden markers as well, saying those should be done soon.

She gave one last update; a grant was found a week ago that could possibly help with the Mallard Point Project.

**15. Executive Session**

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property/Land Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Sale of Property – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

**16. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Michels, seconded by Trustee Speciale, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

**Ayes: Michels, Speciale, Bonnie, London, Lendi; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Roskopf.**

ATTEST:

/s/ Madeline Dossett

Madeline Dossett

Deputy Village Clerk