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**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 31, 2026, 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 March 31, 2026, the Village Board meeting was held in person at the Sugar Grove Library.

Present: President Susan Stillwell, Trustee Heidi Lendi, Trustee Nora London, Trustee Anthony Speciale, Trustee Sean Michels, Trustee Michael Roskopf.

Absent: Trustee Matthew Bonnie.

Additional Attendees: Village Administrator Scott Koepfel, Village Attorney Brian Miller, Police Chief Patrick Rollins, Finance Director Karin Johns, Community Development Director Danielle Marion, Public Works Director Brad Merkel, Village Clerk Tracey Conti.

4. Public Hearing

5. Proclamations

6. Presentations

a. Presentation from Progressive Energy Regarding Arbor Avenue and Solar.

Administrator Koepfel asked for this item to be moved to later in the meeting due to Progressive Energy not being in attendance.

Motion by Trustee Roskopf, seconded by Trustee Michels, to move the presentation from Progressive Energy Regarding Arbor Avenue and Solar after Public Comment on Scheduled Action Items.

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

b. FY Budget Public Hearing Announcement.

Finance Director Johns wanted to announce that the Village will be having a public hearing for the composed 2027 Budget at the Sugar Grove Library immediately after the April 7th meeting. She stated that a copy of the draft budget will be available and a notice of this hearing was published in the Kane County Chronicle March 26th.

The Village will also hold a staff-led Community Budget Information Session that will occur on April 7th at the Sugar Grove Library.

7. Appointments

a. Recommendation to Appoint Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI) as the Engineer for the Village of Sugar Grove.

Motion by Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee Lendi, to discuss and approve a Recommendation to Appoint Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI) as the Engineer for the Village of Sugar Grove.

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

8. Airport Report

9. Public Comment on Scheduled Action Items

10. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval:** March 3, 2026, Village Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. **Approval:** Vouchers.
- c. **Approval:** Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Trustee Roskopf, seconded by Trustee Speciale, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

President Stillwell mentioned that the Presentation from Progressive Energy was moved to after Public Comment.

Administrator Koepfel stated that Arnie from Progressive Energy is ready for his presentation.

Arnie from Progressive Energy explained that he wanted to talk to the Village Board about the solar facility for the water pumping station and the Villages electric contract renewal. He mentioned the solar field that was installed and stated that the price was just over \$1,000,000. The two large incentive amounts were the Federal Investment Tax Credit which the Village qualified for, and the other coming from the Illinois Power Authority. He mentioned that with these two items about 90% of the cost was covered.

Another thing to be checked was the production of the solar field, the estimated production for the first full year was 615 thousand kilowatt hours. The actual production was roughly 99% over the expected volume. Arnie stated that the production of solar fields is going to increase half a percent each year if the panels are old or not sufficient. He said this facility is under different contract than the other facilities in the Village and it is under a hybrid contract. He explained how much solar is being produced and that the Village is still buying about 1.1 million kilowatts off the grid.

Arnie stated that the Villages current contract is expiring this year in May and a new contract will need to be signed by April 17th. He mentioned pricing and how it changes every day, most electricity is driven by increased demand. With many data centers being built, it is moving the net growth to 2.5% to 3% every year which also contributes to the pricing as well.

He states that his team is recommending that the Village moves forward with an electric contract for the water pumping station, which is the largest electric user in the Village. Administrator Koepfel asked with this potential growth whether he would recommend a longer-term contract or the general term he would recommend. Arnie said as of right now, most of their customers are signing 3-to-4-year contracts because the price is flat. He said the prices will go up because data centers are being built faster than power plants.

Trustee Michels asked about costs and income in the future. Arnie said the chart being shown is flat electric prices and said current residents are paying about 9.8 cents for power today and mentioned at least a 10% price increase. He said the Villages solar systems payback should be 4 to 5 years as well. Trustee Michels then asked if there are any other federal incentives coming out. Arnie said projects need to be started by July this year then the solar incentive is gone. The large incentive out is battery incentives, and he mentioned between Illinois incentives and federal incentives 90% of the cost is covered. Administrator Koepfel said the idea for the Village with long term use of the pumps at the well house is to avoid using on peak power at all costs. Which would be using the batteries during the day and charging them when it is cheaper at night this would create a better battery payoff. He said he still wants to make sure that solar energy is utilized, if there was extra that would be used to charge the batteries which is a better payback. When the Arbor Avenue Project was decided, several other buildings and sites were looked at, this was the best option during the time that made the most sense.

Administrator Koepfel said a contract will be needed for the next meeting, the recommendation is for a long-term agreement.

11. General Business

a. Resolution: Authorizing the Purchase of a Bobcat Angle Broom from Atlas Bobcat.

Director Merkel explained that staff had requested the purchase of an angle broom to help with various tasks and repairs around the Village. He stated he was going to add it to next year's budget, but Director Johns recommended bringing it forward now.

President Stillwell asked if a specific mower could be considered as well, Director Merkel said he will be doing research regarding that.

Motion by Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee Michels, to discuss and approve Authorizing the Purchase of a Bobcat Angle Broom from Atlas Bobcat.

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

b. Resolution: Authorizing the Village President to sign a Snowplow Agreement with BHMGU Settlers Ridge LLC for Settlers Ridge Areas 5 & 6.

Director Marion mentioned the recently approved snowplow agreements with Lennar and The Grove Area 1. She stated that the existing snowplow agreement for Settlers Ridge Areas 5 & 6 needs to be updated to the correct developer.

Motion by Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee Roskopf, to discuss and approve Authorizing the Village President to sign a Snowplow Agreement with BHMGU Settlers Ridge LLC for Settlers Ridge Areas 5 & 6.

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

12. Public Comment

13. Discussion Items

a. Data Center Zoning District.

Director Marion explained that as of recent the topic of amending the data center requirements in the Village Code has been mentioned. The Village adopted an ordinance creating a data center district in 2022 in response to the Village being approached by a data center. This was to create strict requirements for data centers along with cleaning up the process. Director Marion said that currently data centers are a permitted use in the DC Data Center District, M1 Limited Manufacturing, or I1 Light Industrial District with additional conditions. There is currently no land within the Village that is zoned DC or I1, if a data center wanted to locate in either district they would need to apply for rezoning. Additional conditions include minimal lot size, yard and set back requirements, lot coverage, structure height, etc.

Moving forward the board has four options, the first would be to not change anything, the second would be to adjust some of the additional requirements, option three is to amend the permitted use table keeping data centers permitted use, the fourth option would be to amend the table and make them special use. One last option would be to completely remove data centers from code making them not permitted within the Village. Director Marion wanted to mention that any already approved PUD or PDD changes will not apply to these.

President Stillwell stated that she had asked for this to be added on the agenda. She doesn't like that there is this ordinance with certain requirements listed. She mentioned residents have expressed concerns about the first data center to be possibly built and she doesn't feel they

would be happy if there was a second, especially if not all decisions could be made at the board level. President Stillwell would like to see a moratorium on data centers; she mentioned Aurora did this then came back very strict standards. She said currently the Village is not trying to attract data centers so it shouldn't be made easier.

Trustee Michels would like to keep the ordinance in place, and he likes some of the standards that Aurora has added. He would like to adopt some new noise ordinances since it seems to be a common concern with data centers. He feels that for economic development data centers bring in a lot of taxes and truck traffic so he would like to address the concerns now and he is in favor of amending what the Village already has.

Administrator Koepfel mentioned what Aurora has done with noise and they added distance from residential and whether generators are ground or roof mounted. Along with noise standards such as the amount of noise and the time noise can be generated. He mentioned that currently noise is not specific in the Villages ordinance and said that that maximum building height in the M1 and L1 35 ft. to 45 ft. is not sufficient, but 65 ft. is. During the building process this would be asked to be rezoned to DC, this was the common height used from his research and experience. If he were to research what can be used for noise control the Village Attorney would need to help to see what is in the Villages' authority. President Stillwell mentioned wastewater needing more work along with noise, and the height. She feels that since amending the ordinance will take so much time and research it would be easier to pass an ordinance the board agrees on.

Trustee Lendi wanted to clarify there is no data center zoning, so it's just permitted as special use. Director Marion clarified that currently a data center is also a permitted use and M1 and I1, if they needed a different building height they would need come before the boards. Trustee Lendi said that any data center would have to come before the board because they're asking for rezoning anyways. President Stillwell said if they were in light manufacturing, they would be able to build if they met all the requirements. Trustee Lendi said from her understanding the bulk of M1 is the airport, Director Marion said yes. Trustee Lendi feels this ordinance needs to be looked at and the restrictions need to be tightened up. She mentioned Michigan and referred to the German Efficiency Act to encourage the use of green energy and transparency to the public. President Stillwell wanted clarification on whether Trustee Lendi would like to rewrite a new ordinance and amend the current one. Trustee Lendi feels it needs to be rewritten due to there being more information now. From her understanding data centers are going to take more energy and water until another solution is designed. She said the ordinance only address water use, she mentioned she was hesitant with the height as well and this will need to be modified.

President Stillwell stated that the former Village Engineer was suggesting making this a permanent special use but include all the restrictions that the board wants as opposed to rewriting the ordinance. Attorney Miller said the standards that are set forth for special use can be applied and within section 11-4-23 create a data center section. He said it can be built, Trustee Lendi agreed and said it needs to be modified no matter what. She mentioned that special use is more difficult to obtain as well so that might help not attract developers.

Administrator Koeppel said to give reasoning for creating the data center district was getting the land rezoned as a part of the purchase which was a criticism of previous code. He stated that from an Economic Development perspective, a special use is difficult and expensive with no guarantee it will happen.

Trustee Roskopf said his concern is having a data center currently on the table and he stated he is against them due to impacts on water and electricity. He does not want to make it easier for data centers to come to the Village, he mentioned restricting them and seeing what happens. Trustee Roskopf feels there should be a moratorium and if not, rules should be very strict.

Trustee Michels feels the Village needs to be competitive and feels that going with the special use will not be competitive. He feels that a large concern with data centers and warehouses is the truck traffic and to help residents they can be limited to where they go with restrictions. Mentioning they are becoming more community friendly and feels the Village is set up for this and could take advantage. The noise can be addressed, and he feels data centers are becoming more ecologically friendly and the Village needs to be in business to help bring in new development to help the community.

President Stillwell asked Trustee London how she feels on this subject, she replied she wants to do some reevaluating. Her biggest concern is the additional increase in energy costs that residents will end up paying. Trustee London wants to take a step back and figure out what the goal is for this; she mentioned many residents that are not happy with data centers. Administrator Koeppel asked Arnie from Progressive Energy if data centers being built in Sugar Grove or Yorkville would affect electricity rates. Arnie said if Yorkville were to add data centers that will use power from ComEd and everyone would be paying for that. Administrator Koeppel asked how far this zone stretched, Arnie said the ComEd zone goes from the Iowa border to the Wisconsin border to Indiana and the regional transmission grid runs to the east coast.

Trustee Michels said if nothing is approved in Sugar Grove, the Village will still face the burden. If the Village doesn't get a data center, then it will go somewhere else while the residents are still paying an increase in electric rates. He feels the community needs economic development. Trustee Roskopf said data centers would bring in money, but it is doing nothing else for the community and taking up resources.

President Stillwell asked for Trustee Speciale's opinion, he explained that he is in favor of economic development, but he does think that review should be done. President Stillwell asked if he would be okay moving it from permitted use to special use. Trustee Speciale said not fully he feels that many areas need to be addressed in the ordinance.

Trustee Lendi said she would like for M1 to be moved to special use and then if restrictions can be created that are agreed upon, move it into permitted use potentially. She said for safety change this now because anyone could walk in and propose to build a data center with no amendments in place. There would be a pause there since they would have to go through the process of rezoning. She has concern for a parcel that doesn't need rezoning and would be going

off the current ordinance. Trustee Speciale said he has the same concerns, but he doesn't want it to be a special use and not move with the additional requirements.

President Stillwell clarified that there is not enough support for a moratorium but there is support to move this to a special use with the regulations are adjusted.

Director Marion said there needs to be a public hearing held with the Plan Commission so this will not be back for a few meetings.

Trustee Lendi asked if once the restrictions are made can this be moved back to permitted use. Director Marion asked if the board wants to just move M1 to special use and leave the others as permitted use or move all three. Attorney Miller mentioned additional restrictions and standards that need to be added, clarifying the standards set forth. President Stillwell said that for the meantime to avoid a time-consuming project she would like to make M1 special use.

Administrator Koeppel said after today's discussion if she is approached by a developer who wants to build a data center, he would say staff are currently looking at M1 to make it a special use. Not allowing for rezoning during the evaluation period.

Trustee Michels asked if staff has time to work on this ordinance in the next couple months or is help needed, President Stillwell said Aurora has sent over all their information for review. She wants to do this after budget time. Trustee Michels would like to have this move forward by June or July. Administrator Koeppel agrees with President Stillwell and feels that this comes back in May as a discussion item and submissions from residents for concerns to help craft restrictions.

Trustee Michels asked if Metrowest has addressed this at all, Administrator Koeppel said no due to the topic of data centers being controversial and municipalities having different opinions.

b. Budget Workshop General Fund.

Finance Director Johns stated there is an expected surplus of \$30,120, she explained she wanted to go over some of the changes for the general fund. The general fund is expecting increases in revenue and expenses due to the projection of 194 new homes. Trustee Roskopf said on their handout it says 205, Director Johns said since originally doing the budget there are some subdivisions of homes where some single families were changed to duplexes. Trustee Michels asked if she got this number from Brighton Ridge directly, she replied yes Director Marion reached out to all the developers.

She shared that overall state shared revenues per capita will increase for fiscal year 2027 with the amount increasing from \$231 to \$237. Another large effect throughout the year is medical insurance, projecting a 10% increase starting January 1, 2027. This year premiums increased from 5.21% to 6.29% depending on plans with an overall increase of 10%.

For the end of 2026 the general fund surplus is projected to finish with \$178,100 which includes an additional \$225,000 that will be recommended as an interfund transfer split between Police Pension Funds and Capital Fund.

Director Johns moved on to the 2027 fund and stated that staff is projecting over \$31,000 for budget surplus which includes 100% funding for vehicle and equipment transfers for all departments, Full staffing in the police department, etc. Total revenues are expected to increase 4.52% and increase 8.22% from fiscal year 2025-2026. Expenditures are expected to increase by 6.23%.

President Stillwell mentioned the Franchise Agreement with Metronet and asked if this is because T-Mobile took over. Administrator Koepfel explained this is because Metronet stopped providing cable service, in Sugar Grove they provide internet and the franchise agreement only pays for cable service fees.

Director Johns explained that some of the additions that are not included are the new home permit maximum fee increased by 2.9% and an increase for trees on new construction. Trustee Michels asked if the Village is committed to planting trees through annexation agreements for Brighton Ridge or Settlers Ridge. Director Johns said that is the current practice, because of the easement prevailing wage needs to be paid. Trustee Michels recommends letting the developer add trees and mentioned the warranty period that comes with. Director Merkel said a big reason that the Village started planting is to keep appropriate spacing to ensure they are not placed next to fire hydrants and telephone poles. Along with monitoring the quality and species of trees that are being planted. He said it is only a small amount of work for staff and said prevailing wage is only for new construction, not replacement. Trustee Michels feels this is a way to help lower the Villages budget. President Stillwell agreed but said it may be too late to request this from developers. Director Merkel said the developer will reimburse the Village of costs. Trustee Lendi asked if the Village loses money by doing this. Director Merkel stated that last fall because of prevailing wages a few dollars were lost per tree and explained it was not a big loss. Trustee Lendi clarified that money will not be lost, and the Village would be ensuring quality of trees and said she has no problem with this. Trustee Michels brought up moving trees that were placed too close to fire hydrants. He feels that a developer could do this at a cheaper price. Trustee Lendi said she understands but doing it how it currently is done ensures the species of tree as well. Trustee Michels said an ordinance could be created with a tree species list. President Stillwell does not want to add any more complaints from residents. Trustee Speciale said he supports the current ordinance dealing with the quality of trees and since the Village is required to maintain the parkway trees. Director Johns added that within the \$600 fee there is a slight administration overhead percentage to make sure staff time is covered as well.

Director Johns stated that another addition that staff were discussing is a building application fee to cover the cost of reviewing. This would be to cover the staff time for building applications that do not move forward. She says she has seen this written in ways to where it would apply to the future permit if approved or a fee that would be a plat fee for everyone. Trustee Michels thought the Village was already charging \$260 for plan review. Director Marion said this has recently come

up because costs are barely being covered for the application fee with initial reviews. New contractors that are coming in are wanting to submit everything digitally, which means staff need to print the plans. The intent was for this increase to help cover some of this cost and the additional staff time in putting together the plans. Trustee Lendi wanted to confirm that there is an application fee already, Director Marion said there is an application fee of \$260. Trustee Speciale asked if she is proposing to submit everything digitally and the cost is \$250 plus \$150 since staff is printing. Director Marion said staff won't be printing as many plans as builders are required to submit. Trustee Michels said it would be nice if the Village amended the requirements for submittals and to modify if large prints are not needed.

Director Johns said the next recommendation was to review plumbing fees to make sure the plumbing inspection cost is covered and clarification needs to be made to the fee code that this is not included in the .31 cent per sq. ft.

President Stillwell asked if Director Johns would like a consensus of the last statement, Director Johns said she would like some direction on what fee ordinances to bring back. Trustee Lendi asked for more research to be done on the recommendations presented, and she asked if the number 18,360 would be to cover expenses in the future. Director Johns explained it is something that would be looked at on an annual basis, she said she will look at other communities for information to present during the next meeting. Trustee Roskopf mentioned inflation costs and that prices go up every year so he doesn't see why they shouldn't go up.

Director Johns moved onto optional revenues to be brought back at a later date; she asked the board if they wanted discussion on eating tax. She said she would bring back a survey from other communities. Trustee Roskopf said all communities have this, she stated not all do. Trustee Michels said he is not in favor, he said the surplus will be larger next year, so he doesn't see a need for revenue at this time. Trustee Speciale and Trustee Lendi agree, Administrator Koeppel says they will bring back a survey out of budget time he wanted the board to be aware.

Next Director Johns moved onto general fund expenditures. She stated that salaries have a living increase of 3% as well as a performance increase. Staff are requesting a few positions in addition such as a part-time building inspector, a maintenance worker, and a full-time fiscal clerk. Director Johns added that for two of these positions they are budgeted for 6 months from the water fund. Administrator Koeppel added that there are many new homes and new water customers, these positions will not be filled until further review with the board. Trustee Speciale clarified that there will be board discussion and approval. Administrator Koeppel said yes and this only includes 6 months of salary. President Stillwell mentioned the building inspector, Administrator Koeppel said this is separate from the other listings. He said this position comes a little bit earlier and there are two steps that need to happen. Director Marion said they are not at full capacity for what is expected next year and permit review is expected to increase. The current full time building inspector has been helping with permit review and when he is off work hiring a third-party inspector is expensive for the Village. The current third-party inspection company has just added a new policy for a 5-inspection limit which adds difficulties for the Village. Having an additional building inspector allows for fill ins and help with the workload. Administrator Koeppel

added that it is easier to reduce hours or change a part-time position than a full-time position as well. Director Marion mentioned that the full-time building inspector will also be retiring in two years as well so having someone to train would be a benefit. Trustee Lendi said it is much better to have an in-house building inspector. Administrator Koepfel said they want to have someone working for the Village rather than an outside company for better results and practices.

Director Johns moved onto I.T. services mentioning an increase from the previous year's budget. The increase would be from the anticipated addition of timekeeping software which will be split between the general fund and the water fund. Trustee Michels asked what line item this was on the budget, Director Johns said 01-49-6307. Director Johns said in the I.T. services line item above this one-year end projection is \$70,000, next year's projection is \$69,000. Administrator Koepfel added there is a big increase in police I.T. services as well.

Overall Administration decreased \$21,846 due to reallocation of staffing costs. The police department is budgeted to be fully staffed and there is an approximate 50,000 increase in police pension contribution. There is also an increase in IMRF contribution due to an internal audit. A new expense was added to I.T. services, there is \$16,250 for a new records management system and an addition of an Axon Booking system for \$35,000. Administrator Koepfel added that the records management system is not optional and the Axon Booking system will save staff and officer time by combining all information in preparation to send to the state's attorney's office. Trustee Michels wants staff to monitor part-time staff's hours due to the trend of being overbudget. Director Johns said she will include it in her report, full time, part time, and overtime for the board to view every month.

Trustee Roskopf asked about landscaping, Director Johns said the tree development program increased from \$30,000 to \$115,000.

Administrator Koepfel added that in the past it has been budgeted that there would be a full police team and there are minimums that need to be staffed. On April 24th two new officers will join the team and there is potential for a lateral officer as well. With an increase in staff overtime hours should go down.

Director Johns moved onto Economic Development; the Community Enhancement Program (CPEP) fund has increased to \$30,000 coming to the board before approval. The year prior the budget was \$20,000 and Trustee Michels asked if this amount was spent. Director Johns said \$10,000 for 214 Main st. and President Stillwell said the American Legion as well. Administrator Koepfel said the idea was to bring this item back and discuss it with Economic Development staff but going through the process of creating the budget staff could not be added. Salary was allocated from a few staff members to the Economic Development budget. President Stillwell hopes that businesses in the downtown area utilize these grants. Trustee Michels asked if President Stillwell thinks \$30,000 needs to be budgeted next year. President Stillwell asked how many open spaces are in the downtown area. Administrator Koepfel wanted to note that this program expands a little more than just downtown. Director Marion added this program covers all Main St., Cross St., Sugar Lane, and select buildings across the street.

Trustee Michels asked if staff were looking into getting a consultant for Economic Development. Administrator Koepfel said consulting is included for this year in the budget in case support is needed during a large project. A consultant will be needed when costs are reimbursed for review, after the budget is approved an RFQ will be put out.

Next is Public Works, Director Johns wanted to point out savings in the budget, repair and maintenance has seen \$13,000 in savings due to the new custodial contract.

President Stillwell brought up the \$23,976 for treatment at Mallard Point. She said the funds were not used so would this carry over, Director Johns said it would be a reallocation.

Trustee Michels mentioned that traffic control and supplies doubled. Director Johns said light pole replacements are budgeted based on accidents. Regular light pole replacements are increasing from \$15,000 to \$25,000, the ComEd program for \$20,000 was not offered this year.

Trustee Michels asked since there is leftover money in the budget does it need to be kept that high. Director Johns said there is a surplus this year, but it needs to be relocated next year to be spent. Director Merkel wanted to add that for Streetlights they are doing the decorative ones that are not LED, which cost more.

Community Development has increased due to the addition of the Full Time Administrative Assistant from Economic Development. Legal and Engineering Services have also increased due to the anticipated new development, this will be offset by reimbursements. Trustee Michels asked about other professional services, Director Johns said this has to deal with the new construction costs which are covered by permit fees, she mentioned the plumbing increase as well.

The Finance Departments budget slightly increased due to salary related expenses such as the potion being added.

Boards and Commissions had a transfer to the capital fund for future facility acquisition and improvements at \$200,000.

Trustee Michels asked what \$20,000 was spent on for public relations. Director Johns said Trunk or Treat, the golf outing donation, memorials, etc. The 250 Memorial was at \$0 this year and is going to be \$5,000 next year which adds to the increase, along with other increases. Trustee Michels asked if \$5,000 was necessary for Main St. regarding the flag poles. Director Merkel explained that they are getting close to five years old and they are ripping, it is time to update them.

Trustee Michels brought up the marketing section and feels it is important to send newsletters and stay connected with the community. President Stillwell explained newsletters are sent with water bills. He feels since money is budgeted, they should be sent and possibly be combined with other taxing bodies. President Stillwell doesn't feel money should be spent just because it is

there. Trustee Lendi thinks it's a good idea to have a combined newsletter every so often. Trustee Michels also mentioned a gathering to meet other board members.

14. Reports

a. Staff

Administration – Nothing to add.

Finance – Director Johns mentioned the grants she applied for, and none were selected to move forward.

Community Development – Nothing to add.

Police Department – Trustee Michels asked if the renovation progress was going well, Chief Rollins said yes.

Public Works – Director Merkel stated that all the paperwork for Park & 47 has been submitted to IDOT.

b. Trustees

Trustee Lendi – Trustee Lendi attended the library board meeting March 25th, she mentioned some upcoming events and updates as well. Surrounding forest preserves are also holding many spring events.

Trustee London – Nothing to add.

Trustee Speciale – Nothing to add.

Trustee Michels – Trustee Michels mentioned a newsletter and yard waste. He asked about the spring 50/50 program for trees, Director Merkel said yes. Trustee Michels brought up budget and home/road progress.

Trustee Roskopf – Nothing to add.

b. President

President Stillwell participated in the Springfield Drive Down regarding municipal tax. The Veterans Park project is coming along very well; perennials will be added soon. She mentioned the Chamber program with the pots and said these should be planted in May.

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)

Motion by Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee Roskopf, to enter executive session to discuss Personnel –5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) then adjourn the meeting after at 7:56 pm.

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

16. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Speciale, seconded by Trustee Roskopf, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Madeline Dossett

Madeline Dossett

Deputy Village Clerk

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