



**Village of Industry  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2026 at 6:30pm  
Trinity Academy Cafeteria**

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on January 8, 2026. President Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Drummond and Murray. Also present were Treasurer Black, Superintendent Gorsuch, and Attorney Laegeler, Interim Clerk Larson, and Water Billing Clerk Wheeler. Trustee Thompson arrived at 6:32pm.

- I. Public Comments
  - a. Sidney Hood and Beverly Stuckwisch were present and expressed their interest in being appointed to serve in the vacant trustee position. They each gave a brief statement regarding their interest and experience.
- II. Benton Engineering
  - a. Troy gave updates on the Village's pending projects.
    - i. An invoice was presented from Caldwell totaling \$102,910 as well as one for engineering totaling \$14016.80 No action was required as both are currently built into the project. The old water tank should be down by the end of this week. Then the next step is for the foundation to come down.
    - ii. A change order was presented for site piping revisions on the water tank projects. Changes included adding a connection, fittings, and valves. \$9367.95 is the total cost of the changes and the work could be started week after next. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to accept change order #3. Trustee Drummond SECONDED. The VOTE was unanimous and the MOTION CARRIED.
    - iii. An amended engineering services agreement was presented. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to accept the amended agreement. Trustee Thompson SECONDED. The VOTE was unanimous and the MOTION CARRIED.
- III. Minutes and Bills
  - a. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the December meeting and pay the bills for January. The motion was SECONDED by Trustee Drummond. The VOTE was unanimous and the MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc-nothing to report
- b. Clerk-nothing to report
- c. Treasurer Black reported that she had received a second bill for fuel within 45days. She found this unusual. Superintendent Gorsuch will call the fuel company to follow up.
- d. Superintendent Gorsuch-nothing to report
- e. Attorney Laegeler reported that she will be going on leave soon, likely in April and intends to call in to meetings while on leave
- f. Water Clerk Wheeler reported she had surgery. Her husband has been going to collect payments. The billing clerk is trying to make sure bills are calculated on the 28<sup>th</sup>. She is planning to establish office hours once the office is renovated. The new billing system continues to work well.

V. New Business

- a. The Village is no longer using the Gworks contract. Discussion was held on cancelling the contract. Treasurer Black has not been paying the invoices. Attorney Laegeler will draft formal correspondence if needed.
- b. President Danner recommended Sidney Hood to fill the vacant trustee position. There was discussion regarding Ms. Hood's service on the Pinhook Committee and if that would create a conflict. Attorney Laegeler suggested that Ms. Hood abstain from voting on any matter involving the Pinhook committee or celebration. Sidney Hood was sworn in as Village Trustee. There was additional discussion regarding Ms. Stuckwisch serving on committees in a citizen capacity. Attorney Laegeler will research this.

VI. Old Business

- a. The installation of a drive-up payment drop box was discussed further. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to purchase a box for \$1158.99. Trustee Murray SECONDED the motion. The VOTE was unanimous and the MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Lighting behind the Kiwanis Building was discussed. Trustee Rittenhouse will speak with an Ameren representative.
- c. Changes to water shut-off and turn-on fees were considered. Ordinance 2026-1 changes fee to shut off water to \$25 and a \$100 reconnect fee. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve ordinance 2026-1. Trustee Drummond SECONDED the motion. A roll call VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED.
- d. Treasurer Black and Billing Clerk Wheeler have done everything they can regarding office renovation and are requesting help. Several board members volunteered to assist if a day was organized.

VII. Other

- a. Trustee Rittenhouse raised concerns about cleared snow being piled up at the intersection near Thom's Autobody and that creating a hazard for drivers.
- b. President Danner has been contacted about garbage collection being missed. It is early into a new contract and there is another new route driver.
- c. Trustee Jones inquired about the replacement of the steps at the Kiwanis Building. The individual who had submitted a bid has moved away. There are currently no ideas for additional bidders. Trustee Thompson and Superintendent Gorsuch will determine if there may be a solution with pre-cast steps. However, a landing will likely be required. An updated was requested for the next meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Drummond SECONDED the motion. The MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk