



Village of Industry
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2025 at 6:30pm
Pinhook Park

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on October 9, 2025. President Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Wheeler, Thompson, and Drummond. Also present were Treasurer Black, Attorney Laegeler and Interim Clerk Larson. Superintendent Gorsuch arrived late to the meeting.

I. Public Comments

- a. Robert Leach made a verbal request to purchase a portion of the Village's vacant lot on South Downen Street to allow for access to his garage. If purchasing is not an option, he would like perpetual access rights. Attorney Laegeler will research the options and present them at next month's meeting.
- b. Penny Williams discussed issues with water billing at her residence. She also voiced concerns that there was an increase in garbage fees and garbage is not always collected from all locations.
- c. Wendell Weaver discussed concerns with dog breeders in the neighborhood and the related noxious odors. The property of concern is properly licensed but a notice to abate can be sent for an ordinance violation.

II. Benton & Associates

- a. Troy Rhoades gave updates on several pending projects
 - i. The grant application for the Sullivan Street Project was successful. The state had \$5 billion worth of requests for grants and \$400 million to award. This project will be coordinated with the water main replacement.
 - ii. For the Elevated Tank Project, piping work is underway. The tank must be in service for 30 days before being in use. Troy does not believe the project will meet the substantial completion timeline and will likely go 30-45 days passed. Troy is pleased with how the project is turning out. Any remaining contingency could be used to replace nearby valves.
 - iii. The Meter Replacement Project finished up last week. There are some locations remaining that will need grass planted and similar remedial work.

III. Minutes and Bills

- a. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the September meeting and pay the bills for October. The motion was SECONDED by Trustee Wheeler. The VOTE was unanimous and MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc-nothing to report

- b. Clerk-nothing to report
- c. Treasurer-The annual insurance bill has been received and totals approximately \$15,000. It will be paid in two installments. The change for paying in installments is around 1%. Treasurer Black attended the McDonough Telephone Coop meeting and the Village will be receiving credits totaling \$60 on upcoming bills.
- d. Superintendent-nothing to report
- e. Village Attorney-Attorney Laegeler will be presenting next year's proposed tax levy at the November meeting. The increase will be under 5% and the public hearing will be held prior to the start of the next meeting.

V. New Business

- a. Discussion was tabled until next month on a salary increase or bonus for the water billing clerk.
- b. Trick-or-Treating hours in the Village were set for October 30th and 31st from 6 to 8pm.

VI. Old Business

- a. There were no updates to the land ownership/access at the Old Mill site

VII. Other

- a. Nothing

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to adjourn and it was SECONDED by Trustee Thompson. Meeting was ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk