

MEETING MINUTES OF THE

VILLAGE OF MCLEAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR JANUARY 5, 2026

President Daniel Biehl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Those Trustees in attendance were H. Dawdy, M. Mattson, C. Gordon, P. Page, L. Kirby. Trustee J. Wille was absent.

Also present: Daniel Biehl, Teresa Isringhausen, Attorney Josh Herman, Treasurer Marcy Seeman, Officer Manager Cheryl Wendland, Police Chief Miller, Public Works Director Greg Ummel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Mattson moved to approve the meeting minutes for 01 December 2025, which motion was seconded by Trustee Gordon and unanimously approved by the 5 trustees present.

Trustee Dawdy moved to approve the minutes for the financial meeting held December 10, 2025, which motion was seconded by Trustee Gordon and unanimously approved by the 5 trustees present.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

Don Doty, Helen Doty, Sandy Sheldon, Howard Ahlstrom, Mark Lane, Jeani Lane, Danille Ackerman, Amy Ummel, Stephanie Neuman

PUBLIC INPUT:

A member of the public commented regarding whether the Village's is involved in selecting electric provided by an electric coop and discussion addressed that the Village does not organize this or make other decisions on behalf of residents; instead, Ameren customers receiving notice of the option to opt-in/out of co-op generated electricity have to make that election individually.

A public commentor questioned whether water bills are printed internally or by an outside provider, which was answered with the information they are printed in-house by the Office Manager.

Public inquired about rescheduling of TIF Meeting and discussion addressed the pending audit required for the meeting, which the Village hopes to have by the end of February.

REPORTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS -NOTHING TO REPORT

POLICE: CHIEF MILLER

The Lexipol project is about 40 to 50% the way through policies and procedures. Training is coming up for the officers in Bloomington and Springfield. F150 has a couple of minor delays, nothing major just looking it over for final reviews.

New tires are needed on the Tahoe and President Biehl will arrange that appointment.

Ordinance meetings will be starting on 21 January 2026 @ 6:30pm until 7:30pm... They will be held every other Wednesday.

PUBLIC WORKS: GREG UMMEL

Greg reported Arsenic Level testing sent out and will take approximately two months for results. Ummel reported on the repairs required to detention tank for frozen water lines, which Lonnie Kirby helped with. President Biehl requested that WKS Engineering Firm set a time with the Water department to investigate this matter further when everyone can be available.

Water and sewer lines were hook-ups done at Illinois Valley Construction. Wyatt is doing the meters that need to be replaced and/or re-programmed. Hopefully it will be done by the end of February.

A problem with the Lift station's pump was discussed.

Christmas lights are being taken down.

Brush pick-up is the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month and residents should comply with the Village's requirements for pick-up.

President Biehl is reviewing applications to fill open position in public works, which will be on the agenda for February to Approve Public Works hiring. Attorney Herman explained that a temporary appointment could be made for the Board's ratification at the next meeting to allow for the department to get needed relief sooner rather than later.

Handbook needs to be signed by everyone that is working or board members for the Village of McLean.

TREASURER: Marcy Seeman.

MONTHLY BILL DISPOSITION: Trustee Kirby moved to approve monthly bills as presented, which Trustee Page seconded. The motion was approved by Roll Call: Trustee Mattson - yes, Trustee Page - yes, Trustee Kirby - yes, Trustee Gordon - yes, Trustee Dawdy - yes.

Questions were asked and answered regarding pending bills before they were approved and the status of current statements was discussed. Treasurer Seeman explained that due to prior bookkeeping errors, balance sheets do not yet accurately reflect fund balances; however, present bank balance will be shared with the Trustees in future meetings.

Discussion addressed that the final audit should be complete by the end of February so the balance accuracy should be resolved by the March board meeting.

Discussion noted that the appropriations ordinance needs to be passed between May and July and the Board plans to begin discussions of these amounts after the first Board meeting on 06 April 2026. Trustees will provide their availability for those discussions to President Biehl.

Discussion addressed that the Pavilion and Office expenses are not complete and have not come out of any accounts yet. It was noted the office expenses will be paid from the General Fund and the pavilion will be paid out of Hotel/Motel.

President Biehl anticipates changing the plans to the approved office remodel and anticipates providing the Board an adjusted plan and quote.

OFFICE: Cheryl Wendland

Office Manager Wendland reported on the Village's process and procedure to bill water customers and the reminders the Village sends prior to shutoff. Questions were asked and answered regarding the number of delinquencies: 30 people more than 3 months behind. Discussion about hours of the Village office.

Attorney Josh Herman discussed that the Village needs to ensure the shutoff policy complies with applicable state law and the Village's own code. President Biehl requested attorney Herman review the Village's procedure for such compliance.

ATTORNEY JOSH HERMAN:

Attorney Herman apologized for being unable to attend December's meeting due to severe weather preventing his travel. He explained documents he had sent-out for that meeting, including explanations of fund usage for certain Village expenses. He reported that his office has been working with the Treasurer and Auditor to assist in resolving discrepancies and ensuring legal compliance.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Kirby needs to know the anticipated budget for the new police station construction and Trustee Kirby will get a quote to present to the board from an architect. No action taken.
2. Consider and approve ordinance provided for purchase of New Public Works Building \$265,000—512 East Morgan Street. No action was taken on this at this time.
3. Train Depot—Discussion addressed the need for 60 feet of track and 30 ties.
4. Colton Ag & Equipment Grant Request from Business Developmental District (BDD) Fund in the amount of \$7915.63 to replace garage doors on shop. Colton has already paid this and wanting reimbursed for the exact cost. This is phase one of three for a small packing plant. No action was taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A quote for a proposed snowblade for the bobcat was discussed and declined. During this discussion, it was observed that the Village has an ordinance on resident responsibility for sidewalks and President Biehl confirmed that the Village Employees are to only plow the village owned properties. Colton Ag & Equipment Grant Request from Business Developmental District (BDD) Fund was tabled by unanimous vote of those Trustees present until after the audit is complete and fund balances are accurately reported on motion made by Trustee Kirby and seconded by Trustee Dawdy.

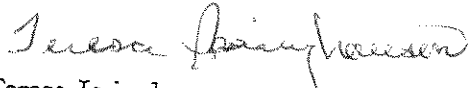
Next Board Meeting is on 02 February 2026 @ 7:00pm

Next Ordinance Meeting is on 21 January 2026 @ 6:30pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn board meeting on 05 January 2026 at 8:40pm first by Trustee Gordon and seconded by Trustee Mattson, which was unanimously approved by those Trustees present.

Respectfully Submitted 02 Feb. 2026



Teresa Isringhausen

Clerk