

VILLAGE OF ALEXIS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 11, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Village Hall

Call to Order / Roll Call

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Trustee Cameron, Trustee Lee, Trustee Pressley, Trustee Olson, Trustee Fontenoy, Clerk Allgeyer, Treasurer Beckett, and Attorney Karlin. Trustee Brenner was absent in person but participated via telephone.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Cameron. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Trustee Pressley and seconded by Trustee Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills Report

A motion to approve the Bills Report was made by Trustee Cameron and seconded by Trustee Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports

Reports were presented for the Community Center, Employee Hours, Police Department, and Water Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Galesburg Community Foundation Grant – Park Slide Repair/Replacement

LeeAnna informed the Board that the Village received a \$1,000 grant from the Galesburg Community Foundation for park improvements. A thank-you letter will be submitted prior to June 1, 2026.

Discussion was held regarding repairs needed for the tube slide and toddler slide at the park. Only the bottom three sections of the tube slide require replacement at this time. The toddler slide has developed a significant crack and has been temporarily caulked to minimize injury risk; however, replacement will eventually be necessary.

Replacement Costs:

- 49” Tube Section – \$1,061.00
- Exit Section – \$1,324.00
- Footbuck Assembly – \$201.00
- 30-Degree Elbow Section – \$883.00
- Hardware – \$160.46
- Toddler Slide – \$1,933.00
- Thread Insert – \$1.83
- Placing Tool – \$73.83

Total Estimated Cost: \$5,638.12

Existing Funds Available: \$4,335.00

Additional Funds Needed: \$1,303.12

The Board also discussed recent vandalism at the park involving damage to the men’s restroom, locks, and playground equipment. Chief Hall advised that video footage had identified two juveniles involved in the destruction, and their guardians had been contacted.

A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Pressley to replace the three lower sections of the tube slide at a cost of \$3,629.46 and continue monitoring the toddler slide. Motion carried unanimously.

Starlink Options Update

Discussion was tabled until the June Board Meeting pending additional information regarding removal of the landline phone used for the pump alarm system.

Hiring of Karlin & Raver

A motion was made by Trustee Cameron and seconded by Trustee Lee to split the annual retainer fee of \$8,000.00 among the General, Water, and Sewer Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2026-001 hiring Karlin Raver, LLC was executed.

FSB – CD, Bond & Interest Fund

The Board revisited discussion regarding renewal of the Certificate of Deposit account. It had previously been discussed that the funds may be better utilized in a money market account with improved interest rates and liquidity.

A motion was made by Trustee Cameron and seconded by Trustee Pressley to transfer the CD funds to the General Fund and issue a check to Edward Jones for deposit into a money market account. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the Bond & Interest Fund, the Village will require a release from both the bond company and the bank. Moses will research the matter and report back to the Board.

Ordinance Amending Municipal Offense Code – Administrative Tickets

A motion was made by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Cameron to approve Ordinance No. 2026-830 amending Article IX of the Municipal Offense Code of the Village of Alexis, Warren and Mercer Counties, Illinois, concerning streets, motor vehicles, speed limits, and stop requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Hours

The Personnel Committee requested Board approval to continue the Treasurer’s current work schedule of approximately 25–30 hours per week due to ongoing projects.

A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Pressley to continue the current schedule for the foreseeable future. Motion carried unanimously.

Final Lead Line Replacement Update

Work remains pending on McKnight and Hunt Avenue, where boring beneath Hunt Avenue is required. Bailey’s is scheduled to complete the work, though the contractor was unable to begin last month. The Village anticipates completion during the current month.

IEPA Project Plan Approval & Proposed Schedule

Mayor Anderson signed the proposed schedule plan for the sewer system project. Clerk Allgeyer will forward the signed documents to BCZ.

NEW BUSINESS

Josh Lester – Rezoning Request

Josh Lester requested rezoning of the property located at 203 West Hunt Avenue (Lot 2, Block 6), Village of Alexis, Warren County, Illinois, from commercial to residential.

Attorney Karlin advised that a public hearing must be conducted prior to Board action. Clerk Allgeyer will publish and post notices at least 15 days prior to the hearing.

The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 5:45 PM at Village Hall. The Board will consider the request during the regular Board Meeting immediately following the hearing.

Lila Woods Benefit – Community Center Rental Fees

The Board discussed waiving Community Center rental fees for the Lila Woods Benefit scheduled for August 29, 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Cameron and seconded by Trustee Olson to waive the \$100 rental fee while still requiring the \$100 security deposit. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works To-Do List

The Board reviewed the following Public Works projects and maintenance items:

- Install park security camera
- Clean leaves, trash, and weeds around basketball and tennis courts
- Clean sidewalks around the park and Community Center
- Locate brick sidewalk near the park and Community Center
- Repair and maintain park bathrooms and playground equipment
- Install slide lock on women's restroom door
- Continue evaluating landline solutions for Well #2
- Test keys at old Village Hall
- Transfer old files to new Village Hall
- Remove fence and clean surrounding areas at new Village Hall
- Repair potholes temporarily with rock until spray patching is completed

A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Lee to install a slide lock on the interior of the women's restroom door. Motion carried unanimously.

Village Phone Call Procedures

The Personnel Committee recommended updated procedures for routing Village phone calls to the appropriate departments to reduce administrative workload.

New Procedures:

- **Public Works:**

- Public Works Cell: 309-373-2483
- James' Cell: 309-371-3660
- **Police Matters:**
 - Police Department Cell: 309-221-0325
 - Warren County Sheriff: 309-734-8383
 - Mercer County Sheriff: 309-582-5194
- **Response Time:**

Residents should receive a return call within 1–2 business days.
- **Department Responsibilities:**

Public Works and Police Department staff are responsible for checking and returning their own messages daily.
- **Emergencies:**

Residents should not leave emergency messages. Police emergencies should be directed to 9-1-1. Urgent utility emergencies, such as water main breaks, should be reported directly to Public Works immediately.

A community alert regarding the updated phone numbers will be issued.

A motion was made by Trustee Pressley and seconded by Trustee Fontenoy to adopt the updated phone call procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

Desktop Scanner Purchase

Treasurer Beckett requested approval to purchase a desktop scanner for QuickBooks documentation at a cost of \$114.99 plus tax.

A motion was made by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Stainless Steel Shelves

Treasurer Beckett requested permission to receive two unused stainless steel shelves currently located in the break room at the new Village Hall for use at her daycare.

A motion was made by Trustee Pressley and seconded by Trustee Fontenoy to donate the shelves. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Bill Stock Back Printing

The Board reviewed pricing for water bill stock with optional back printing.

- Standard Stock: \$318.74 per box
- Back Printing Option: \$453.70 per box
- Additional Cost for Back Printing: \$134.96 per box

Because printed information would remain fixed until new stock is ordered, Clerk Allgeyer will prepare suggested language for review by Trustee Lee.

Discussion was tabled until the June 2026 meeting.

Don's Market News Advertisements

The Board reviewed notices regarding:

- Water and sewer base rate increases
- Consumer Confidence Report availability
- Village Clean-Up Days

A motion was made by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Cameron to approve publication of the notices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Rural Water – Ordinances, Amendments & Village Map

Attorney Karlin will obtain all digital and paper files from Attorney Stombaugh for review at the June 2026 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Liberty Mutual Payment Allocation

A motion was made by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Pressley to enter Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cameron and seconded by Trustee Lee to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Pressley and seconded by Trustee Cameron to distribute the allocation as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM was made by Trustee Pressley and seconded by Trustee Cameron. Motion carried unanimously.