

**VILLAGE OF ALEXIS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Alexis Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Anderson at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Anderson, Trustees Cameron, Lee, Pressley, Fontenoy, and Brenner; Clerk Allgeyer; Treasurer Beckett; and Attorney Raver.

Absent: Trustee Olson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Pressley moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Brenner moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cameron and carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Trustee Lee moved to approve the Bills to Be Paid Report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pressley and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Starlink Options

The Board discussed alternative internet service options that may be more cost-effective than Starlink. The matter was tabled pending additional information.

Ordinance Establishing Administrative Ticket Program

Trustee Lee moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-831, "An Ordinance Establishing an Administrative Ticket Program for the Village of Alexis, Warren and Mercer Counties, Illinois." The motion was seconded by Trustee Brenner and carried unanimously.

Lead Service Line Replacement Project

James Brownlee will contact Charlie Bailey to obtain a timeline for commencement of the final lead service line replacement project.

Josh Lester – Zoning Request

A public hearing was held at Village Hall on June 8, 2026, at 5:45 p.m. regarding a request to change the zoning designation of Lot 2, Block 6, Village of Alexis, Illinois, commonly known as 203 W. Hunt Avenue, Alexis, Illinois, from Commercial to Residential.

No members of the public attended or provided comments.

Attorney Raver recommended issuing a Special Use Permit rather than changing the zoning classification, noting that such action should satisfy the applicant's insurance requirements. Mayor Anderson will discuss the recommendation with Josh Lester and report the outcome to the Village Clerk. The Clerk will then coordinate with Attorney Raver regarding preparation of the Special Use Permit, if necessary.

Clerk and Treasurer Hours

Trustee Lee revisited the discussion regarding office hours and recommended returning to the previous schedule of 20 hours per week for the Village Clerk and 5 hours per week for the Treasurer.

Treasurer Beckett stated that, under the current division of responsibilities, she expects to complete all required duties within the proposed schedule. The Board acknowledged that staffing hours may need to be reviewed again in the future.

Trustee Pressley moved to approve 20 hours per week for the Village Clerk and 5 hours per week for the Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cameron and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Viola Home Telephone – Fiber Optic Installation Project

Representatives James Erhart, Jeff, and Dave from Viola Home Telephone addressed the Board regarding a proposed fiber optic installation project within the Village.

The project would provide residents and businesses with an additional option for telephone and internet service and is expected to take approximately three to four months to complete. Utility locating for water and sewer infrastructure will be conducted prior to installation.

Residents who subscribe during the initial installation period will receive service connections at no charge. Following completion of the project, installation fees are expected to be approximately \$45 per residence. Existing landline customers may transfer their current telephone numbers and service to Viola Home Telephone for approximately \$15 per month.

The project will utilize directional boring techniques for service connections to individual properties.

The Board also discussed service needs for Village facilities, including Village Hall, the Police Department, Community Center, Park, Water Tower Alarm System, and Sewer Plant.

Mayor Anderson will contact Viola Home Telephone to determine whether Village Hall telephone and internet service can be transitioned prior to completion of the full project.

Trustee Brenner moved to approve the fiber optic installation project and to expedite implementation where feasible. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pressley and carried unanimously.

Police Department Portable Radio Purchase

Chief Hall submitted a quotation from Gem Electronics, Monmouth, Illinois, for the purchase of one NX1200K2 5-Watt VHF Portable Radio at a cost of \$425.00. The quoted price includes a standard battery, charger, antenna, carrying device, and programming. Additional costs will include a microphone and shipping.

Trustee Brenner moved to approve the purchase of one radio for evaluation purposes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pressley and carried unanimously. The Board will consider the purchase of additional units following the evaluation period.

Sidewalk Replacement Program

Trustee Lee requested that James Brownlee prepare a prioritized list of sidewalks requiring immediate repair or replacement due to safety concerns.

The Board discussed pursuing grant opportunities to assist with project costs. Trustee Lee will contact Kyle with Mercer County Better Together regarding potential grant assistance.

The Board also discussed developing a long-term sidewalk replacement plan. Sidewalk replacements requested by homeowners for reasons other than public safety concerns, such as settling or heaving, may be eligible for a 50/50 cost-sharing arrangement.

Village staff will contact MFT regarding eligibility requirements for the use of funds on sidewalk projects.

Fireworks Donation

In recognition of the nation's 250th Anniversary celebration, the Board discussed increasing its annual fireworks contribution.

Trustee Cameron moved to approve a donation of \$1,500.00 for the community fireworks display. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pressley and carried unanimously.

Ben Corben Bags Tournament – July 25, 2026

Jori Shull requested permission to close Main Street in front of Jigg's Tavern for the annual Ben Corben Bags Tournament.

She also requested that sand be made available in the event excessive heat causes pavement deterioration.

Trustee Lee moved to approve the temporary street closure and authorize Village staff to have sand available if needed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brenner and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Fontenoy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pressley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.