

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
T.S. Community Building  
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Tuesday January 21, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds (via phone), Patty Rufus and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff

Others Present: Alicia Granito Kane Harrell, Brian Redman, Melanie Sherer and Warren Hall.

**Guests:** Richard Hooper- auditor

**Public Comments:** n/a

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of December 10th and December 30th, 2024--**  
**Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the minutes from December 10th and December 30th, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.**

The Civility Pledge was read.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** None

**Public Works Department Report** Kane Harrell shared his monthly written report and stated that there are some documents that need to be signed so the village can get graded and hopefully get some forgiveness. Pre bid for the estimate is \$1,320,000

- IDPA recording form that needs to be signed and approved, Tax certificate agreement, and 2 engineering agreements that need to be signed.
- **Motion to approve the loan application - Motion made by Marsh and second by Rufus, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Public water supply loan program reporting requirements Motion made by Marsh and second by Rufus, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Form of participation tax agreement Motion made by Marsh and second by Rufus, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Resolution to execute to enter into agreement with Brown and Roberts, Motion made by Marsh and second by Rufus, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Certification of engineering and professional services for loan-funded projects, Motion made by Marsh and second by Delong, all in favor, motion carried.**
- Generators are still on backorder
- Roof project has been completed and paid for.

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:** – Fire Chief Redman updated the board on the amount of calls for 2024 and gave a current update for calls in 2025.

- 19 fire calls and 92 medical calls for the 2024 year.
- 1 fire call and 1 medical call for 2025 so far.

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly written report and spoke to the board.

- Question regarding carrying over of vacation time should be in an executive session and then we will come back with an answer. You can only carry over two weeks per Kane and Harry or you lose it. We will comply with that.
- Assisted animal control with welfare calls.

- Had a domestic call, on-going issue
- Side by Side permits are going good
- Kane and Johnny were excellent in their street removal.
- Ongoing issues with the accident that happened in November-spoke to the attorneys and adjusters.
- Property acquisition needs to be talked about in executive session.

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** Melanie Sherer shared Treasurer's reports for previous month with beginning and ending report of December, CD info, and normal reconciliation. Reynolds reported that the letter is ready to go into the paper and will be updated to the new Village Clerks name. **Motion by Seward and second by Delong to approve the Treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. A list of all bills paid was provided and there was nothing out of the ordinary. Board approved paying Deb for her accounting work in the amount of \$647.80. **Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve payment to Deb, all in favor, motion carried. Motion by Seward and second by Delong to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:**

- County Animal Control Municipal Contract for Services. Attorney Granito said Animal control was supposed to have a meeting this month but haven't heard new date
- Streaming services draft sent and submitted. I recommend you hold off on it because there is now some litigation stuff going on so pause and see where it goes.
- Amendments to the employee section of the handbook- because of upcoming changes I think we need to discuss what this is going to look like and what needs to occur.
- **Montgomery Solar Project Agreement:** what was presented tonight the board can take action tonight or table it until next month. Board needs to decide what they want to do. Village is giving up the right to create regulations regarding their project that could affect it. That is what the solar projects advantage is.
- Attorney Granito stated she is researching legislation where the Village can tax for streaming services.
- The ARPA was not on the agenda but it needs to be. Draft is completed. It should memorialize what all money will be used for.
- Water St. Property has been sold and Attorney Granito saw the contract. Good news is it has been sold. Bad news it's from someone in another state. Give them time to make some progress and if they don't then we can move forward with having them do something.
- The other property on East and Hamilton. That one is still on the market and no for sale sign. There is an ordinance violation. Owner has hired Steve Cullison. Attorney Granito has sent him information. Attorney Granito stated if nothing has been done then we will start sending him more ordinance violations.
- The citations against the previous owner on the Water St property. The board is aware of the financial struggles of the previous owner I ask that we drop any violations. **Motion made by Marsh, second by Rufus, all in favor, motion carried.**

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** – Mayor Jackson reports things are moving smoothly but slowly.

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** – Board approved making Katie Flint the primary user of IMRF and removing previous Village Clerk Christine Daniels. **Motion made by Delong, second by Seward, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Auditors Report by Richard Hooper:** Fiscal year ended April 30th, 2024- Two page synopsis of what happened for the year. Overall the audit on their side went very smooth.

- One deficiency noted- segregation of duties but most small local governments have that same problem.
- Good Fiscal shape.
- Initial bid was around \$22,000 for the audit.

- Filing with the treasury for the federal funds-last thing to do- will need to contact the Village Clerk to upload documents.
- Any suggestions for the village moving forward? Rich look at the deficiency of segregation of duties, Have a second set of eyes, board look at monthly reports and ask questions.
- Motion to accept the audit as read- **Motion made by Marsh, second by Delong, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:**

- No new updates

**New Business – Update/Approvals:** Update on how the new diner is going.

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Marsh and second by Seward. All in favor, motion carried. Time 7:17**

**Executive Session: Motion by Delong and second by Seward to enter into executive session for Personnel, property acquisition, and Fire Department payments. All in favor, motion carried. Time 7:20 pm.**

**Motion to come out of Executive session by Delong and second by Marsh. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:12 pm.**

**Motion to come back to regular session by Delong and second by Rufus, all in favor, motion carried. Time 8:15 p.m.**

Property acquisition/zoning board will continue to be talked about in future meetings

Paying Fire Department volunteers a \$5 stipend

Paying the Fire Department volunteers with the checks as written out for the 6 months for July-December 2024. Further payouts will continue to be discussed.

**Motion by Delong and second by Seward, all in favor motion carried.**

**Motion by Delong and second by Marsh to move the Safer grant money when it comes in from the General Fund Account to the Volunteer Fire Department Account. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval:** Nothing further

**Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval:** Nothing further

**Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals:**

Nothing further

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Rufus and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.**

TIME: 8:25 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Katie Flint

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:01 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Linda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff and Wally Delong

Others Present: Alicia Granito Kane Harrell, Brian Redman, Melanie Sherer and Warren Hall.

**Guests:** Tyson Holshouser

**Public Comments:** Tyson spoke about the options the village had regarding hiring a part-time police officer from the county, hiring an officer that was not part of the county, and not hiring an officer at all and relying on the County and State to help. Tyson explained the pros and cons to all.

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of January 21, 2025**– Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve the minutes from January 21, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

The Civility Pledge was read.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** None

**Public Works Department Report** Kane Harrell shared his monthly written report.

- Generators Update- should be here in a few weeks. Russ is already working on it. Kane will pour the concrete pads. Kane is also getting bids on propane. Add motor fuel update to next months agenda.

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:** – Fire Chief shared his monthly written report. Update given on the small equipment grant- shouldn't hear anything until November. The Safer Grant is good and we have one more year of it. Update on the \$7,500 training money- Chief Redman is trying to find someone to pay but everyone wants to do it for free.

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly written report and spoke to the board regarding the house on Hamilton and East St. Alicia confirmed that the house has been bought and they have already started working on it. Chief Hall recommended that when they start looking for someone to replace him that Attorney Granito do all of the investigating, interviews, etc. for the new officer.

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** Melanie Sherer shared Treasurer's reports for previous month. Sherer stated that she would need a copy of the approved minutes to close the ARPA money class. Motion to approve the closing of the ARPA money account- **Motion to approve by Marsh and 2nd by Seward. All in favor, Motion carried.**

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report . **Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve the Treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills **Motion to approve payment of regular bills by Marsh and second by Rufus, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:**

- County Animal Control Municipal Contract for Services- still no update on meeting
- Montgomery Solar Project Agreement- public hearing scheduled for March 18th at 5:45 with Sido Shira
- ARPA Ordinance #660- **Motion made by Rufus, 2nd by Reynolds, All in favor, motion carried**
- The property on East and Hamilton have been sold and the couple is already working on cleaning it up.
- Gave the board an update on the process for a zoning board.

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** – No updates.

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** –gave update on her Village Clerk position and everything she is trying to fix from the previous village clerk. Explained to the board that I have reached out to the Mayor and attorney on help getting in contact with the previous clerk on getting logins and passwords to grants, treasury, etc.

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:**

- No new updates

**New Business – Update/Approvals:**

- No new updates

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Marsh and second by Seward. All in favor, motion carried. Time 7:56 p.m.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to enter into executive session for Personnel issues. All in favor, motion carried. Time 8:01 pm.

**Motion to come out of Executive session by Delong and second by Marsh. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:09 pm.**

**Motion to come back to regular session by Reynolds and second by Rufus, all in favor, motion carried. Time 9:10 p.m.**

**Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval:** Nothing further

**Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval:** Nothing further

**Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals:** Marsh and Reynolds want to purchase soccer nets and goals from the Parks and Recreation Fund. No motion needed to purchase these.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn by Reynolds and second by Rufus. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 9:11 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Katie Flint

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board, held at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Melinda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus, Wally Delong, Joann Seward  
Absent: Elwin Saathoff

**Guests:** EPA (Sido) She explained the Solar Project and the board approved the project. Sido stated that she would be in town the week of 3/24/2025 for further questions. **Motion by Seward to approve, and a second by Delong in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18th, 2025.**

**Motion by Marsh and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.**

The Civility Pledge was read by Marsh.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** None

**Public Works Department Report:** Kane Harrell stated generators were ready to install and ground ready for concrete. Board approved to move money from the Water account to the General Fund to cover the cost of concrete.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief shared his monthly written report. The fire chief stated that the department received a Small Equipment Grant from the State Fire Marshall for 5 uniforms. The grant amount is \$23,000.00.

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** Melanie Sherer, treasurer, shared Treasurer's report for the previous month. She talked about setting up a direct deposit and the board was in agreement. **Motion to approve by Marsh and second by Seward. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. **Motion to approve payment of regular bills by Marsh and second by Rufus, all in favor, motion carried.** Melanie Sherer also turned in a resignation, with May 1st, 2025 as an end date of employment.

**Attorney Granito's Report:**

- County Animal Control Municipal Contract for Service no update on meeting.
- The property on East and Hamilton have been sold and the new owners are working on cleaning the properties up.

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** No updates

**Village Clerk Report, Updates and Approvals:** Currently trying to get information from the previous clerk, such as logins, passwords to grants, treasury, etc. Delong stated he is working on getting the information.

**Old Business-Update and Approvals:** No new updates

**New Business-Update/Approvals:** No new updates

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Marsh and second by Seward. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:01pm.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to enter into Executive Session for personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:15 pm.

**Motion to come out of Executive Session** by Delong, and second by Marsh. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:00 pm.

**Motion made to come back onto regular session** by Delong and second by Steward, all in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:01 pm.

**Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update and Approval:** Nothing further

**Fire, Police, Public Safety and Health and Welfare Committee Report Update and Approval:** Nothing further

**Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Sewer, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approval:** Marsh stated Soccer Goals are in, but missing a box of parts.

Announcements: None

Schedule Changes: None

Appointments: None

Public Comments: None

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Marsh, and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:05 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Village President; Harry Jackson

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board, held at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Melinda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds, Wally Delong, Joann Seward, Elwin Saathoff  
Absent: Patty Rufus

**Guests:** Sandy SIngleterry. Sandy voiced her concern about the unkept properties on Division and Water Street, as well as other properties in the village. She stated the town is starting to look like a ghetto. Another community member was concerned about the rats and biohazard materials on the unkept properties on Water St. in Taylor Springs. Wally Delong suggested forming a committee that would address the problem by getting volunteers to clean up the town.

The Civility Pledge was read by Marsh.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** None

**Public Works Department Report:** Kane Harrell stated the generator project will be complete by the end of the month. Automatic Water Meter Readers were discussed, with a price of \$84,000.00. Kane also shared that ditches and culverts need to be cleaned out.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief shared his monthly written report.

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** Melanie Sherer, treasurer, shared Treasurer's report for the previous month.

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. **Motion to approve payment of regular bills by Marsh and second by Delong, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:**

- County Animal Control Municipal Contract for Service no update on meeting.
- Gave an explanation on the process of zoning

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** President Jackson presented Elwin Saathoff with a certificate for 32 years of service to the village. Trustee Saathoff gave a parting speech.

**Village Clerk Report, Updates, and Approvals:** No updates

**Old Business-Update and Approvals:** No new updates

**New Business-Update/Approvals:** No new updates

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Marsh and second by Seward. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:58 pm.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to enter into Executive Session for personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:00 pm.

**Motion to come out of Executive Session** by Delong, and second by Marsh. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:45 pm.

**Motion made to come back onto regular session** by Delong and second by Steward, all in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:46 pm.

**Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update and Approval:** Nothing further

**Fire, Police, Public Safety and Health and Welfare Committee Report Update and Approval:** Nothing further

**Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Sewer, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approval:** Marsh mentioned a video poker game annual fee.

Announcements: None

Schedule Changes: None

Appointments: None

Public Comments: See above

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Marsh, and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:55 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Village President; Harry Jackson

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For Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, 5:15 PM**

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The following are the minutes of a special meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 5:15 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff, Patti Rufus

Others Present; Alicia Granito, Melanie Sherer, and Chris Sherer.

**Oath of Office:** Chris Sherer swore in the new trustees; William Wright, Alisha Roller, and Jody Jackson, and President Jackson. Karli Hanner was absent and will take the oath Monday. All trustees received information to complete the Open Meetings Act training. They will present certificates when completed.

**Guests:** Citizens questioned the progress concerning properties on Water, and Hamilton. According to a neighbor, one property is leaning due to fire and the structure is compromised. Owners have until Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to clean up said property. Delong met with the owners of another property on Water. The owner is in the process of taking down a dog pen, and cleaning debris from the yard. The owner will contact the owners of vehicles on property to have vehicles removed. Property on Hamilton has been sold, and new owners are in the process of remodeling the home.

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the minutes from March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.**

The Civility Pledge was read by Melinda Marsh.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** None

**Public Works Department Report:** None

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:** None

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** None

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** None

**Attorney Granito's Report:** None

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** President Jackson invited the board to a reception for Trustee and past President Elwin Saathoff. The reception will be held at the Village Community Building on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 10:00-11:00 am.

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** None

**Old Business – Update/Approvals:** None

**New Business – Update/Approvals:** None

**Executive Session: Motion by Marsh and second by Jackson to enter Executive Session for Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. 5:48 pm. Roll Call:** Jody Jackson, William Wright, Wally Delong, Joann Seward, Alisha Roller, Melinda Marsh, and Sherri Reynolds.

**Motion by Delong and second by Reynolds to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time 6:39 pm.**

**Roll Call:** Wally Delong, Joann Seward, William Wright, Alisha Roller, Melinda Marsh, Sherri Reynolds, Harry Jackson, and Jody Jackson.

**Action:** President Jackson will verify references. A special meeting will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 pm, and another on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 pm, to discuss Personal.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Sherri Reynolds, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joann Seward. All in favor, motion carried. Time 6:41**

Until the next special meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Sherry Reynolds, Jody Jackson, Alisha Roller, and Karli Fenwick (arrived 6:15 p.m.).

Absent: Phil Wright

Others Present: Kane Harrell and Brooke Furlow

**Motion to approve the April 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes made by Reynolds second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Guests:** Sandy Singleterry, Trevor Klump, and Chris Daniels.

The Civility Pledge was read by Village Clerk Amanda Daniels.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval: None**

**Public Works Department Report** Kane Harrell shared his monthly written report and stated that copies of the 2025 MFT Resolution given to the board for approval. Discussion took place to approve the amount of the MFT funding in the amount totaling \$49,000. **Motion by Jody Jackson and second by Reynolds to accept Resolution 2025-02 for the expenditure of MFT funding in an amount not to exceed \$49,000.**

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – None.**

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – None.**

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** Trustee Reynolds introduced the new Treasurer Brooke Furlow who will have her reports prepared for the June meeting.

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills as provided by former Treasurer Sherer. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Delong to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:** Attorney Granito was excused from the meeting. No report given.

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** – President Jackson and Chris Daniels reported that the County EPA inspector, Dan Hough, has inspected the derelict properties on Water Street and is preparing reports to send to the property owners and IEPA.

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** – Clerk Daniels reported that the IML Bonding list has been updated with the new Clerk and Treasurer positions being filled. Retired Trustee Elwin Saathoff was removed. Clerk Daniels also reported that the DCEO Energy Transition Grant for park upgrades has

been submitted and the DCEO Grant Manager replied that it looks good. We are awaiting DCEO Grant agreement for Board approval and signatures.

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:**

- ASARCO update/approval: None.
- Taylor Springs Lagoon: None.
- Claims with trucking company for damage to city signs: Per Kane Harrel the issues have been resolved and no further action is required.

**APEX Energy – Montgomery Springs Solar Project Resolution:**

The board reviewed Resolution 2025-01 provided by APEX Energy confirming the construction and operation of the Montgomery Springs Solar as a prior non-conforming use in the Village of Taylor Springs.

**Motion by Delong second by Reynolds to approve Resolution 2025-01 provided by APEX Energy confirming the construction and operation of the Montgomery Springs Solar as a prior non-conforming use in the Village of Taylor Springs. All in favor, motion carried.**

**New Business – Update and Approvals:**

**Request from Whiskey Throttle for an event on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.** Alisha Roller and Trevor Klump, owners of Whiskey Throttle, addressed the board with a request to rope off a section of Main Street in front of the business and provide porta potties for a Motorheads Bike Run scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. They stated there is a potential of 15,000 participants expected to attend the event throughout the day. Discussion took place regarding how this variance in the Ordinance has taken place in past years; however, the Board wants to obtain a recommendation from Attorney Granito. **Motion by Jody Jackson second by Reynolds to approve the request to rope off a portion of main street and allow porta potties pending Attorney Granito's review and recommendation. Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Jody Jackson, Sherry Reynolds, Wally Delong, and Karli Fenwick. Abstain: Alisha Roller.**

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval:** None.

**Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval:** None.

**Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals:** None.

**Executive Session: Motion by Reynolds and second by Delong to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel.**

**Motion by Delong and second by Fenwick to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried.** No action was taken. Clerk Daniels will follow up with The Job Center for summer help. Clerk Daniels also agreed to assist with mowing Village properties until summer help is hired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nothing at this time.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: No Changes to report.

APPOINTMENTS: None

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Jody Jackson and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.** TIME: 7:21 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

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For Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Sherry Reynolds, Jody Jackson, Alisha Roller, Phil Wright, and Karli Fenwick

Absent:

Others Present: Elwin Saathoff, Kane Harrell, Brooke Furlow, and Brian Redman.

**Guests:** Sandy Singleterry and Norma Sharp

The Civility Pledge was read by Village President Harry Jackson.

Public comments: Norma Sharp expressed a concern about rain water running down Adam Street onto her property at 611 Seyborn Avenue and flooding her basement. President Jackson stated he would check with Attorney Granito on the issue.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval: None**

**Public Works Department Report:** Kane Harrell shared his monthly written report and stated that the generator on Hill Street is in service but the generator on West Street was not working and was sent back for warranty replacement.

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:** – 3 fire calls and 2 medical calls.

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** – None.

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** Trustee Reynolds discussed a letter and information received from First Community Bank which is believed to be associated with the Centennial account. Brooke will call the bank and get more information for discussion at the July meeting. Property tax bills have been received and discussion took place to pay the entire amount or just pay the first installment. **Motion by Delong and second by Reynolds to pay the first installment. All in favor, motion carried.**

Reynolds stated that the Village has CDs that are due for renewal. Discussion to renew the CDs and make changes to the names on them took place. **Motion by Delong second by Reynolds to approve renewal of the CDs for any term not to exceed 2 years at the highest rate and to remove former Clerk and former Treasurer adding the new Clerk (Amanda Daniels) and new Treasurer (Brooke Furlow). All in favor, motion carried.**

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills as provided by Treasurer Furlow. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Delong to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:** Attorney Granito was absent but was called by President Jackson for updates on the properties at 111 and 116 Water Street. A dumpster has been delivered but no work has

been done as of today. Attorney Granito stated that a nuisance ordinance violation needs to be prepared and sent by Clerk Daniels. Clerk Daniels stated she will get that drafted right away and email it to Attorney Granito for review prior to being sent.

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** – President Jackson has been speaking with two individuals who have expressed interest in building businesses within the Corporate limits of Taylor Springs and hopes to have more information for next months meeting. He is also looking into electronic water meters and will see if Kane can have someone do a presentation including costs at next months meeting. Committee assignments were discussed and committee appointments made. It was also discussed reaching out to the community for volunteers to form an event adhoc committee.

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** – Clerk Daniels also reported that the DCEO Energy Transition Grant for park upgrades has been submitted and we are awaiting DCEO Grant agreement for Board approval and signatures. Clerk Daniels also discussed getting a Municipal Clerks of Illinois Membership to benefit from a state wide network of resources and trainings.

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:** None

**New Business – Update and Approvals:** None

**Executive Session: Motion by Delong and second by Jody Jacson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Delong and second by Jody Jackson to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried.** No action was taken. Discussion on properties took place and will be re-addressed at next month's meeting.

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Reynolds and second by Jody Jackson. All in favor, motion carried.** TIME: 8:02 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
T.S. Community Building  
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson (via phone). Trustees: Wally Delong, Sherry Reynolds, Jody Jackson, Alisha Roller, Phil Wright, and Karli Fenwick

Absent:

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Kane Harrell, and Brooke Furlow.

**Guests:** Sandy Singleterry, Norma Sharp, Wally Martin, Derek Martin, Tina Janses, Wayne Jansen, Travis Norris, and Trevor Kinkel.

Approval of the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. **Motion by Alisha, Second by Karli, All in favor motion carried.**

The Civility Pledge was read by Village Clerk Amanda Daniels.

Public comments:

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** A list of current hall rental prices were handed out to the board for a one-month review and to be discussed at next month's meeting.

**Public Works Department Report:** Travis Norris and Trevor Kinkel with Schulte Supply gave a booklet and presentation on electronic water meters. Questions from the board were answered and discussion took place. To be further discussed and decided on moving forward at a special meeting scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:** – None

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** – None.

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** Brooke contacted the bank regarding the documents that were sent that could possibly be from the Centennial Account. It was verified that the documents were sent to the Village by error and no further action is required. The first installment of the property taxes have been paid. The Village has received their first property tax disbursement. Trustee Reynolds stated that the Audit is going well and is on track.

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills as provided by Treasurer Furlow. **Motion by Fenwick and second by Reynolds to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:** Attorney Granito reported that the property with the burnt structure has been sent letters, but the owners live out of the Country. They did have a dumpster at the property for 3 weeks and had someone working on abating the issues, but that individual has since been injured and no longer able to do the work. Attorney Granito stated that she will contact the property owner and

follow up. Members of the public expressed their concerns with the dilapidated property and stated something needs to be done. The properties on Water Street will be discussed further at the Special Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** – The Old Y Diner has an application for a liquor license and it will be discussed and approved at a future meeting once it has been completed and returned. Clerk Daniels gave the board a copy of reasons for going into closed session for their information and review. The lots on Division street need to be sold and further discussion will take place at the Special Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** – Clerk Daniels also reported that we are still awaiting DCEO Round 2 Grant agreement for Board approval and signatures. Clerk Daniels reported that the application for DCEO Round 3 Grant has been submitted. Clerk Daniels discussed the current Village Ordinances and the need for them to be reviewed and updated. The Board agreed and decided to put it on the Agenda for the Special Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:** None

**New Business – Update and Approvals:**

Tina & Wayne Jansen have plans to build a Coffee Shop next to The Awning off Route 127 and will need to run water and sewer lines. Kane Harrell Stated it would be a \$2,000 tap on fee and asked them to notify him when they are ready to proceed with installation of a meter and pit for the business. Phill Wright asked if he could place a Slow Children Sign up and after a brief discussion it was decided to put on the Agenda for the August Meeting.

**Special meeting – Motion by Delong, Second by Reynolds to have a special meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6 pm to further discuss and approve items. An agenda will be posted on the door of Village Hall by Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Executive Session: Motion by Jody Jackson and second by Delong to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property. Time 7:21 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Reynolds and second by Jody Jackson to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried.** Discussion on items took place and will be re-addressed at the Special Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. **Motion by Reynolds, Second by Fenwick to move the VFW (Outpost) memorials to the corner by the Community Center. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Reynolds and second by Jody Jackson. All in favor, motion carried. TIME: 8:02 PM.**

Until the Special Meeting scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6 pm. Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
T.S. Community Building  
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson (via phone). Trustees: Wally Delong, Sherry Reynolds, Jody Jackson, Alisha Roller, Phil Wright, and Karli Fenwick (arriving at 6:08 pm)

Absent:

Others Present: Alicia Granito and Kane Harrell

**Guests:**

Approval of the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. **Motion by Wright, Second by Fenwick, All in favor, motion carried.**

Public comments:

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Lots on Division Street:** Discussion in closed session. **Motion by Reynolds that once Attorney Granito has drafted the ordinance, to put (4) four lots on Division Street out for bid, second by Jody Jackson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Electronic Water Meters:** Brief presentation from Midwest Meter, Inc. Further discussion in closed session. **Motion by Jody Jackson to prepare a request for bids for electronic water meters with a September 1<sup>st</sup> submission deadline, second by Fenwick, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Water Supply:** awaiting further information for discussion at a later date.

**Dilapidated Properties at 111 Water Street and 116 Water Street.** Rosalynde Thompson, property owner of 116 Water Street, was present and asked for a 4 month extension to remove the vehicle. She stated that it belongs to her friend who is presently saving money to get the vehicle fixed at Roger Jennings. Further discussion in closed session. Attorney Granito will follow up with the Court order. Delong and Reynolds will contact the individual hired to abate 116 Water Street.

**Ordinance:** further information needed. To be discussed at a later date.

**Appropriation Ordinance/Budget:** Attorney Granito to prepare a draft for presentation at the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Memorial Monuments – Outpost:** None

**Credit Card:** Treasurer Furlow is following up with TCM Bank for issuance of new card.

**Outpost:** Discussion of lease and survey in closed session. **Motion by Jody Jackson to allow negotiations in preparation for a 1 year lease of \$1,250 per month with a \$5,000 deposit to dance group, second by Wright, all in favor, motion carried. Motion by Reynolds to have the**

**Outpost property surveyed and split into (2) two parcels of equal size, second by Roller, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Community Center – Remove Horseshoe Pits:** Delong stated that the horseshoe pits at the Community Center are never used and pose a public safety hazard and should be removed. **Motion by Jody Jackson to have Village staff remove the old horseshoe pits at the Community Center Property, second by Wright, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Fire Department:** Chief Redman asked for an extension to replace oxygen filters on equipment. They have only been used 3 times and are still in good condition.

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:** CD renewals at 4.2% for 5 months are nearly complete. Delong and Treasurer Furlow will finish up tomorrow (July 30<sup>th</sup>).

**New Business – Update and Approvals:** None.

**Executive Session: Motion by Jody Jackson and second by Wright to enter Executive Session. Time 6:25 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Reynolds and second by Jody Jackson to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time 7:40 pm.** Discussion on items took place. **Motion by Jody Jackson for Attorney Granito to draft a new lease for Charlie Page fireworks at the Outpost on Route 127, second by Reynolds, all in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Jody Jackson. All in favor, motion carried. TIME: 7:56 PM.**

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
T.S. Community Building  
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Sherry Reynolds, Jody Jackson, Alisha Roller, Phil Wright, and Karli Fenwick (arriving at 6:13 pm)

Absent:

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Kane Harrell, Brian Redman, and Chris Daniels.

**Guests:** Sandy Singleterry and Norma Sharp.

Approval of the July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. **Motion by Roller, Second by Jody Jackson, All in favor motion carried.**

The Civility Pledge was read by President Jackson.

Public comments: Norma Sharp asked if there was any discussion or action has taken place on the drainage issue near her property. She asked if there was any documentation as to who installed the pipe in front of her property. Public Works Supervisor Kane Harrel stated that it is most likely at least 50 years old. Norma asked if documentation could be found for her to review at City Hall. President Jackson stated that Kane would see what records are on file when time permits then contact her to review.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** - None.

**Public Works Department Report:** The Village is accepting bids for electronic water meters until September 1<sup>st</sup>. Review of the bids will take place at the September 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Delong stated that the Water Department truck is in bad condition and needs to be replaced soon. Kane will get specifications and bids to present at the September meeting.

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:** - This month - 7 medical calls, 3 fire calls. Year to date - 80 calls. FEMA Safer Grant has been extended an additional 4 years. Grant has been awarded in the amount of \$22,890 and receipts for turn out gear can be submitted for payment. **Motion by Jody Jackson to pay receipts for turnout gear to ADC to be paid out of grant, second by Reynolds. All in favor, motion carried.**

Chief Redman reported that the application for the FEMA Safer Grant was submitted approximately 3 weeks ago. Trustees Delong and Reynolds stated that all Grant applications are to be reviewed by the board and Attorney Granito prior to being submitted.

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** - None

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** Reynolds stated that the Audit is complete. Discussion took place regarding Payroll Dates which are stipulated in the Ordinance. Delong and Reynolds will check with employees regarding interest in Payroll Direct Deposit.

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills, as provided by Treasurer Furlow. **Motion by Jody Jackson and second by Roller to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:** Reynolds stated that the individual who was hired to clean the property at 111 Water Street was injured and can no longer do the work. Reynolds asked citizens in attendance of the meeting if they knew anyone that would do the work, and she could provide them with the property owner's information. Attorney Granito stated that Violation Notices should be sent. Clerk Daniels stated that she would prepare the documents and email them to Attorney Granito for review prior to being signed and mailed. Delong asked Wright if he had been in contact with the property owner at 116 Water Street. Wright stated he had not heard from her. Attorney Granito stated that additional citations will need to be sent. Clerk Daniels to prepare the documents for review and signature. Violation Notices were sent to 1910 Vandalia Street on 8/5/25 with abatement to be completed by 8/10/25. If no corrective action has been

taken by the property owner Clerk Daniels will send the information to Attorney Granito for review and citation issuance.

The appropriations ordinance was prepared by Attorney Granito for review. A brief discussion took place. **Motion by Delong to pass the Annual Appropriations Ordinance, Second by Reynolds. All in favor, Motion carried.**

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** – None

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** – Clerk Daniels discussed the Ordinance book and the need for review and updating. She stated it would be quite a daunting task to do all at once and recommends the board review one section at a time. Clerk Daniels stated she is willing to read through the ordinance sections and make notes of potential sections that need to be revised. Delong stated that discussion needs to take place about appropriate compensation for such a task at the September meeting. Clerk Daniels stated the Website annual fee is due and President Jackson stated to pay the fee so we can continue to utilize the website. Delong stated that he would like to have all paperwork and forms associated with Grants for the Village and Fire Department kept on file at Village Hall.

DCEO Grant Round 2 has been approved and signed for. The funds are expected to be disbursed in the next few weeks with a project completion date of October 31<sup>st</sup>.

DCEO Grant Round 3 for updated playground equipment and pickleball courts has been accepted and will be moving to the next application phase within 4 to 6 weeks.

Clerk Daniels asked the Board if they would like to decide on the fall dumpster days at this meeting to avoid a rush in advertising after the September meeting. The board discussed having the annual fall dumpster days at the Community Center Parking Lot. Clerk Daniels to prepare the advertisement and contact DC Waste for dumpsters. Discussion took place to potentially have a business appreciation event that same weekend inside the Community Center. **Motion by Delong, Second by Reynolds to have the annual fall clean up days on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:** None

**New Business – Update and Approvals:**

Whiskey Throttle Saloon, per Village Ordinance, is requesting to be open 2 days coming up in September and October. Discussion took place. **Motion by Delong to allow Whiskey Throttle Saloon to be open for business until 3:00 am the morning of 9/28/25 and until 3:00 am the morning of 10/26/25. Second by Jody Jackson. All in favor, Roller Abstain, motion carried.**

Discussion of the Village hosting a Trunk or Treat Event again this year. **Motion by Reynolds for Roller to start preparation and advertising for trunk or treat event on October 25, 2025. Second by Fenwick. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Executive Session: Motion by Jody Jackson and second by Delong to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property and personnel. Time 7:57 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Jody Jackson and second by Reynolds to come out of Executive Session. Time 8:47 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Reynolds, Second by Fenwick to accept the Outpost lease agreement as prepared by Attorney Granito and propose said lease to the lessees. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Jody Jackson for Clerk Daniels to prepare an advertisement for bid for the Part Time Police Officer position for review by the board, second by Wright. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Reynolds and second by Wright. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:52 pm.**

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Village Hall  
626 East Main Street, Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -- 6:15 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:15 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Sherry Reynolds, Jody Jackson, Alisha Roller, Phil Wright, and Karli Fenwick

Absent:

Others Present: Alicia Granito

**Guests:** None

Approval of the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. **Motion by Delong, Second by Fenwick, All in favor, motion carried.**

Public comments: None

**AGENDA:**

Outpost Lease Agreement - **Motion by Delong to approve Ordinance #662 with the attached Outpost Lease Agreement, second by Reynolds. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Delong and second by Jody Jackson. All in favor, motion carried. TIME: 7:32 PM.**

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
T.S. Community Building  
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:01 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Trustees: Wally Delong, Sherry Reynolds, Jody Jackson, Alisha Roller, Phil Wright, and Karli Hanner (arriving at 6:10 pm)

Absent:

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Kane Harrell, Brian Redman, and Amanda Daniels.

**Guests:** Chris Daniels, Alan Pretnar, Katie Hanner, Linda Klotz, Ron Gazda, John Michaelis, & Chris Payne.

**Appointment of Temporary Chairman – Motion by Wright to nominate Jody Jackson as Temporary Chairman, Second by Roller. Roll Call Vote. All in favor, motion carried.**

Public comments: Chris Daniels addressed the Board expressing her concerns of transparency and board communication regarding two non-sales tax generating business being brought to our community. She stated that it seemed to be that only a few of the board members were involved in recent developments of two service only providing businesses coming to town. She was disappointed to learn that most of the board were unaware of these issues and felt as the board could have played a more instrumental role in promoting retail businesses to those properties to benefit the Village. Trustees Reynolds and Hanner replied to Mrs. Daniels' concerns.

Alan Pretnar addressed the board and provided copies of a letter of support from his daughter for the Taylor Springs Fire Department. He stated that the Fire Department does a great job and that he would like to see it stay operational. However, if the board decided to disband it the Coffeen Fire Protection District would be interested in covering the area at a cheaper rate than Hillsboro. Mr. Pretnar then shared that if something were to happen, the Coffeen Fire Protection District has voiced an interest to take over the area.

Three employees of the Hillsboro Ambulance Service attended the meeting. Chris Payne, Interim Director of Hillsboro Ambulance Service, addressed the board stating that the Taylor Springs Fire Department has been a key component to quick response times for medical emergencies with their trained staff. Due to only having 2 crews during the day and only 1 crew at night, response times could be 30 to 40 minutes depending on what they are currently responding to in Hillsboro which could potentially jeopardize someone with a medical emergency within Taylor Springs.

**Appointment of Acting Village President:**

**Motion by Roller to appoint Jody Jackson as Acting Village President, second by Wright.**

**Motion by Reynolds to appoint Wally Delong as Acting Village President, second by Hanner.**

**Roll Call Vote: Voting for Jody Jackson – Roller, Jackson, Delong, & Wright. Voting for Wally Delong – Reynolds & Hanner.**

**Majority vote electing Jody Jackson as Acting Village President. Motion Carried.**

**Acting Village President Jody Jackson takes the floor and states that she declines to resign her position as Trustee at this time.**

Approval of the August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. **Motion by Reynolds, Second by Delong, All in favor motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** - None.

**Public Works Department Report:** Electronic water meter bids were opened by Attorney Granito. Three companies submitted a total of 5 different options, therefore the Board decided to review the bids and further at the October meeting.

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:** – Fire Chief Redman submitted his report. This month – 13 medical calls, 2 fire calls.

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** – None

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** Reynolds asked if the board could vote to pay the Audit expense.

**Motion by Roller to pay the audit expense bill, second by Wright. All in favor, motion carried.**

Discussion on changing signatories on Village and Fire Department accounts, Certificates of Deposits, Lock box, and Bonding.

**Motion by Reynolds to correct signatories on the Taylor Springs Fire Department Checking Account, Second by Delong. All in favor, Motion Carried.**

**Motion by Reynolds to correct signatories on the Village of Taylor Springs Checking Accounts, Certificates of Deposits, and Security Lock Box, Second by Delong. All in favor, Motion Carried.**

**Motion by Reynolds to correct individuals bonded for the Village of Taylor Springs, second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills, as provided by Treasurer Furlow. **Motion by Roller and second by William to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:** Attorney Granito briefly went over the 2026 Levy Ordinance Number 663. Acting President Jackson stated that there were some corrections that needed to be made on the document including the current Clerk's name for signature as well as her name for Acting President signature. Trustee Hanner stated that her maiden name of Hanners needed to be corrected to Hanner. Attorney Granito stated that she would make those corrections and forward to Clerk Daniels for signatures.

**Motion by Delong to approve Levy FY 2026 – Ordinance Number 663 with the noted changes. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney Granito stated that she was waiting on additional information regarding Charlie Page's storage containers and asked to re-address at the October meeting.

**President's Report, Update and Approvals:** – None

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** – Clerk Daniels reported that the Illinois Commerce Commission informed the Village that the contract was approved at their hearing on September 18<sup>th</sup> to perform upgrades to the railroad crossings on Main Street and near Ameren. The upgrades are required to be completed within 18 months at no cost to the Village.

DCEO Grant Round 2 has been approved and signed for and we are awaiting fund disbursement.

DCEO Grant Round 3 Application has been approved and we are awaiting the award amount and further application instructions from our grant administrator.

Clerk Daniels reported that she has been proactive in updating the Village Facebook Page and in the last month we have had 54 new followers, 10,721 views, & 178 new interactions.

Village Hall is in desperate need of improvements to freshen it up and make it look more presentable. Clerk Daniels stated that she had gotten a bid for painting the walls which came in at \$3,000 and that she could get the paint and do the work as time permitted. She also stated that the floor was in desperate need of cleaning or resurfacing and could seek bids for those services to bring to the board next month.

Clerk Daniels feels that in order to ensure that the Village employees and elected officials are properly communicating with its citizens when issues arise, documentation of such should be done. Clerk Daniels stated that she had drafted a

communication record for such purpose and asked if the board was okay with implementing it. Acting Village President agreed and asked to please do so.

Clerk Daniels discussed the Ordinance book and stated that she is in the process of reading through the current Code of Ordinances book and will be highlighting or making note of items that may need to be addressed and updated and will provide the board with copies of the marked up ordinance at a later date.

Clerk Daniels stated that the Trick or Treat hours are typically October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm. **Motion by Roller to set the Trick or Treat schedule to October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm, Second by Reynolds. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:**

Trustee Roller stated that she currently has 10 to 15 people interested in participating in the Trunk or Treat scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm. Taylor Springs businesses will be welcome to set up tables with information as well. **Motion by Delong to host a Trunk or Treat & Business appreciation on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 2 pm to 4 pm., second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried.**

Chris Daniels addressed the board to discuss having a Senior Citizen Appreciation at the Taylor Springs Community Center October 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm to coincide with the Trunk or Treat at the Park for the kids. Discussion took place and Daniels can coordinate with Trustee Roller for planning and advertising. **Motion by Delong to host a Senior Citizen Appreciation at the Community Center on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 2 pm to 4 pm, second by Roller. All in favor, motion carried.**

Discussion regarding the properties on Division Street being placed up for sale. **Motion by Delong to Draft put the properties on Division Street out for bids, second by Reynolds. All in favor Motion carried.** Clerk Daniels to prepare a draft publication and forward to Attorney Granito for review.

**New Business – Update and Approvals:** None

**Executive Session: Motion by Delong and second by Reynolds to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property acquisition, personnel, & litigation. Time 7:43 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Delong and second by Reynolds to come out of Executive Session. Time 8:14 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Hanner and second by Wright. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:18 pm.**

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
T.S. Community Building  
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Jody Jackson, Alisha Roller, Phil Wright, and Karli Fenwick (arriving at 6:08 pm)

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Kane Harrell, Brian Redman, and Amanda Daniels.

The Civility Pledge was read by Clerk Daniels.

Approval of the September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. **Motion by Roller, Second by Wright, All in favor motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** - Clerk Daniels reported that a spreadsheet for hall rentals has been implemented and will continue to be updated as rentals come in. Delong asked if there could be a record presented to the board of the Community Building and Outpost revenues and expenses each month. Treasurer Furlow stated that the information will be on the financial reports submitted to the board each month.

**Public Works Department Report:** The Board will discuss the submitted water meter bids at the November Board Meeting.

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:** - Chief Redman submitted his report to the Board. There were 4 fire calls and 7 medical calls for the past month. Delong asked if a copy of the SAFER grant the Fire Department applied for is on file at Village Hall. Acting President Jackson stated that a copy was provided by Chief Redman and is now on file at Village Hall.

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** - Acting President Jackson stated that advertisements for a Part Time Police Officer have been posted for several weeks and to date none of the applicants are Certified but Hillsboro Police Department and the County Sheriff's continue to cover the area in the absence of a Taylor Springs Police Officer.

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** The current water fund balance is \$850,676.48. Delong asked if the board could be provided with copies of the financial reports as was done in the past. Acting Village President stated that in an effort to decrease the carbon footprint electronic copies will be sent to the board prior to the meeting for board review and any Trustee wanting a hard copy can submit a request to the Clerk who will provide them with those copies.

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills, as provided by Treasurer Furlow. **Motion by Hanner and second by Wright to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:** Attorney Granito stated that the Ordinance to sell the Division Street properties has been drafted and is ready finalize once the Board decides when to place them up for bid. Her recommendation is to wait until after the first of the year to place them up for bids with the Holiday season coming up. Delong suggested to discuss at a later date to tentatively placing them out for bid in February.

**Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:** - Acting President Jackson stated that she has accepted Trustee Reynolds resignation effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Acting Village President Jackson stated she wishes to appoint Jason Caldwell to the Trustee Vacancy for the remainder of the elective term. No motion or second obtained. Delong stated that he would prefer to meet with Jason prior to the appointment to learn more about him and what ideas/goals he has for the Village. Acting President Jackson stated that it would be tabled until all of the current Trustees have had a chance to meet with Jason. The vacancy appointment will be put on the November meeting agenda welcoming anyone who may be interesting in filling the position being taken into consideration.

The revised Committee Structure will be tabled and finalized once the Trustee Vacancy has been filled. Acting President Jackson stated that the current committee assignments are as follows:

- Public Safety – Wally Delong and William Wright
- Infrastructure – Karli Hanner
- Finance – Alisha Roller

Acting Village President Jackson stated that the Board meetings will be held at Village Hall going forward. Members of the public expressed concerns with the limited amount of space to accommodate everyone. Acting President Jackson stated that the intent was to make the Community Center available for potential rental income on meeting days, however, taking the concerns into consideration, it will continue to be held at the Community Center.

Acting Village President Jackson stated that the Village of Taylor Springs would like to recognize Ron Gazda and Linda Klotz for the years of dedicated service to the Taylor Springs Fire Department. Proclamations were read and upon approval will be presented to them on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Fire Department.

**Motion by Delong and second by Wright to approve the Proclamation for Ron Gazda. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Roller and second by Delong to approve the Proclamation for Linda Klotz. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** – Clerk Daniels stated that revisions to the Ordinance book will take time and will require many steps with any necessary revisions presented to the Attorney and Board for review. Clerk Daniels is currently researching and comparing referenced State Statutes in the Ordinance book and noting any updates or changes that need to be made.

**Trustee Reports:** - Trustee Wright had several topics for discussion.

He asked about design plans and restrooms for the Park. Clerk Daniels stated that a grant was submitted for a restroom and walking tract to DCEO. The final grant agreement was submitted this week and we are awaiting disbursement of funds before any work can be completed. Clerk Daniels stated that depending on when the Village receives the funds, depending on the weather, work can begin on those upgrades. Clerk Daniels stated that we are approved to get the funds but there is no specific date on when and with winter coming construction may have to wait until spring. The total amount being awarded is \$55,346.82.

Wright asked about cleaning up the Community Building and having better access. He asked if someone uses the Pavillion, could they have access to the restrooms inside for a small fee. Acting President Jackson stated there is currently no fee or rental agreement required to use just the Pavillion.

Wright stated that he was pleased with how the meeting was going and did not feel discussion about the guest policy modification needed to take place.

Wright asked if there were any policies in place for requests being made by the public for issues to be addressed and documentation of work to resolve those issues being completed by Village employees. Acting Village President stated that concerns with employees will be discussed in closed session.

Wright asked if anything could be done about better internet service in the Village. Members of the public stated that the Village currently has CTI available for people to utilize. Wright stated that he meant to say better Cellular service for the Village. Members of the public mentioned that petitions to get a cell tower in the area have gone around in the past. Acting Village President Jackson stated that unfortunately the Village has been told that the population in this area is not enough for Corporations to consider putting in an additional cellular tower in this area. Members of the public mentioned that Wi-Fi calling and mobile hot spots are an option for people to get for their homes or businesses. Chris Daniels with the Montgomery County Board stated that Kaitlyn Fath with the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation is aware of the poor cell service issue and is looking into it. She also stated that Kaitlyn Fath would be willing to attend the November meeting to address the board regarding the issue.

Trustee Wright asked if the Village could designate a spot for burning. Attorney Granito stated that there are State and Local Ordinances governing items being burned. Wright stated that it would be for yard waste. Members of the public expressed concern for the potential of open dumping and having to closely monitor it and suggested burning yard waste at one's private residence in accordance with the Taylor Springs Ordinance.

Trustee Wright asked that the Village consider doing two meetings a month with the amount of issues that need to be addressed. Members of the public felt that two meetings a month would be difficult to do and it appears that topics are being discussed and addressed appropriately with one meeting per month.

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:** Acting Village President Jackson stated that the Trunk or Treat will be held this coming Saturday from 2 to 4 pm. She stated that Chris Daniels will be providing cake and punch for the seniors at the Community Center at that time. A member of the public asked what Chris Daniels' affiliation with the Village was. Acting Village President Jackson stated that she was volunteering her time to put together this event for any Senior that lives or has ever lived in Taylor Springs.

**New Business – Update and Approvals:** None

**Public Comments:**

- Sandy Singleterry asked what is being done with the properties on Water Street as the issues have been going on for several months. Attorney Granito stated that contact has been attempted with the owners that live out of state to no avail and serving them with documents would be difficult. Other members of the public expressed their concern for the length of time it is taking the Village to correct these issues.
- Cindy Laurent read a document she had prepared which expressed a concern for the Clerk making revisions to the Ordinance Book instead of hiring a codification service, agendas not being posted to the website in accordance with State Statute, the Village Clerk printing water bills instead of decorating Village Hall, and overall transparency by the Village Board and trustees. Clerk Daniels stated that the agendas not being posted to the website was a minor oversight and they will be posted by the end of the week. Other members of the Public asked if the Water Clerk Position will be advertised. Acting Village President Jackson stated that the water clerk position would be discussed in closed session. Other members of the public also asked about the minutes being posted in the newspaper. Acting Village President Jackson stated that an invitation to the newspaper to attend the meetings has been extended but based on the tension at meetings previous years no one wanted to attend them.
- Melinda Marsh stated that her questions regarding the park grant had already been answered but wanted to know about Charlie Page's trailers at the Community Center and at the Outpost. Attorney Granito stated that she does not believe a lease agreement was ever executed between the Village and Charlie Page, but a rental payment in the amount of \$1,400 should have been received from him. It will be looked into and contact will be made with Charlie Page to get them moved in the near future. She asked if the Water Clerk Job was going to be posted in the newspaper as she had a couple people that would be interested in applying.
- Patty Rufus stated that she didn't feel the need to read what she had written but wanted to ask the Village to consider contracting with Hillsboro and/or Coffeen for mutual aid as a house can burn down in 7 minutes and she doesn't feel that the Volunteers with the Taylor Springs Fire Department could respond in a timely manner depending on when the fire occurred. She also feels that citizens should be offered a choice to pay for additional services from other Fire Departments.
- Warren Hall expressed concern with Village position vacancies being filled by people who do not live in Taylor Springs. He stated that the last several positions have been filled by people who reside in Hillsboro when they need to go to people who are lifelong residents with history in the Village.

**Executive Session: Motion by Wally and second by Roller to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 8:14 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**15 Minute Recess Break**

**Motion by Roller and second by Wright to come out of Executive Session. Time 9:38 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Alisha and second by Wright to appoint Amanda Daniels as interim Water Billing Clerk at a rate of \$15 per hour until the position is filled by the Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to advertise seeking to hire a Water Billing Clerk/Ordinance Officer for 20-30 hours per month at a rate of \$15 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by DeLong. All in favor, motion carried.** Time: 9:45 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th, 2025.

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
T.S. Community Building  
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Alisha Roller, Phil Wright, and Karli Hanner.

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Kane Harrell, Brian Redman, and Amanda Daniels.

The Civility Pledge was read by Clerk Daniels.

**Public Comments:**

- Barb Cass suggested the Village look into holding Bingo events to generate revenue. Jody Jackson stated that it is something the Fire Department would have to look into for fundraising as the Village cannot host fundraisers.
- Melinda Marsh asked if the Village could get rid of the Ordinance requiring people to complete a form to speak at the meetings as it was nice for people to come and speak without having to fill out a paper. She also spoke about 111 Water Street and the vehicle sitting there for over a year now and wondered how difficult it was to write a ticket. Attorney Granito stated that the Village has advertised for an Ordinance Officer as well as a Police Officer as there is an investigation process that needs to be completed in order for fines to be issued. The individual has been prosecuted for the issue. The Village is actively seeking an officer to consistently pursue corrective action. She also asked that the speed detectors that the Village got be put back up as people drive really fast down her street. Street Superintendent Harrell stated that one of the devices is not working but the other 3 are and if the board wishes they will get them back up and running. Mrs. Marsh also asked the fund balance of the Park Account. In Treasurer Furlow's absence, Clerk Daniels read the balance from the financial reports provided by Treasurer Furlow. The park fund balance is currently \$3,853.30 and Mrs. Marsh stated that's exactly what she has. She also asked if Josi's Water Clerk job has been discussed. Acting President Jackson stated that it has not and is on tonight's agenda. She asked if the Toy and Food Drive information could be posted to the event page. Clerk Daniels asked if they had a flyer they would like her to use. Mrs. Marsh stated there are applications at Village Hall that can be used.
- Cindy Laurent read a document she had prepared which stated she appreciated the minutes being uploaded to the website as she FOIA requested at the last meeting, however the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes are missing page 2. There are also no minutes for November or December 2024 and asks that they be posted as they should be. She asked that the previous meeting minutes and financial reports be read aloud at each meeting. She also recommends posting the minutes to the bulletin board for those who do not have internet access. She also feels the board should carefully read examine any and all changes the Clerk makes to the Ordinance book and question anything that needs to be addressed publicly before voting to accept it. She also asked for an update on streaming taxes. Attorney Granito stated that historically municipalities received money for cable tv services which is transitioning to streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu, but has been put on hold due to litigation regarding the constitutionality of the way that law was written.
- Patty Rufus expressed concerns regarding how the board has been conducting business in the last few years with regards to hiring employees, ASARCO Tours, the Village Checkbook, and employee retirement recognition. She urges the clerk to do the minutes like they were done up until 2018, as "the former clerk would take those minutes home and copy everything down, everything that was said". She stated that "everything has to be put in there, because the Clerk works for the town".

**Approval of the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes.** William Wright stated that he "has heard several complaints about the minutes that last month's meeting are lacking in very very serious ways and cannot see as how anyone would be happy with them". Patty Rufus clapped for his statement. Attorney Granito stated that the Illinois Statute does not require a verbatim discussion on the minutes. A court reporter would be needed to do so. Reading the statute it says "All public bodies shall keep written minutes of all their meetings, whether open or closed, and a verbatim record of all their closed meetings in the form of an audio or video recording. Minutes shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) the date, time and place of the meeting; (2) the members of the public body recorded as either present or absent and

whether the members were physically present or present by means of video or audio conference; and (3) a summary of discussion on all matters proposed, deliberated, or decided, and a record of any votes taken.

William Wright stated that several people filled out papers to speak at the meeting and none of that was in the minutes. Clerk Daniels assured him that they were included on the minutes in summary form. He stated he did not see it. Patty Rufus interjected and stated that "Cindy did it for years, word for word".

Acting Village President Jackson called for order in the meeting, and said there will not be any speaking out by people who do not have the floor. Going forward everyone needs to be respectful and professional instead of attacking former board members. She stated she has been a lifelong resident of Taylor Springs and is very well aware of how things have been in the Village and how individuals act. She expressed her concern for individuals belittling other people and hopes that everyone can come together to be a united front for the Village and to make it a great community to live in.

Cindy Laurent stated she is not attacking anyone, she just wants what on the papers to be expressed verbally instead of just a rough outline of the Agenda. Acting President Jackson stated that's what the board is going by as well, the agenda. Cindy Laurent stated that she was talking about the minutes. Acting President Jackson stated that going forward the minutes will be read aloud prior to approval and once approved they will be posted within the 10 days. Cindy Laurent stated she was done and left the meeting.

**Motion by Roller, Second by Delong, to approve the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. Voting Yes: Alisha Roller, Karli Hanner, & Wally Delong. Voting No: William Wright. Motion Carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:** - Clerk Daniels reported that a spreadsheet for hall rentals has been implemented and will continue to be updated as rentals come in. Delong asked if there could be a record presented to the board of the Community Building and Outpost revenues and expenses each month. Treasurer Furlow stated that the information will be on the financial reports submitted to the board each month.

**Public Works Department Report:** Discussion took place on purchase of new electronic meters. Superintendent Harrell stated that there are several Neptune meters in the ground already from replacing broken meters over the years. One of which was recently installed at Trustee Wright's residence. Trustee Delong asked Wright if his new meter was working out. Wright stated "not really....in fact there is something a little bit more sinister about that. I myself don't buy tools that have Pegan images or Pegan names on them, and Neptune is basically a Pegan God, and I don't buy any tools whether it come from Harbor Freight or something like that, that has a Pegan name on it. That's just my bottom line, period". Acting Village President asked to move on and called for a motion.

**Motion by Delong, Second by Hanner to accept the low bid for Drive-By Read Electronic Meter and installation from Schulte Supply in the amount of \$104,602.70. Voting Yes: Alisha Roller, Karli Hanner, & Wally Delong. Voting No: William Wright. Motion Carried.**

Clerk Daniels briefly talked about upgrading the Utility billing software LOCiS from Version 7 to Version 8 with a cost of \$448 now and \$1,643 annually thereafter. The board decided to discuss at the December meeting with more information being presented.

Clerk Daniels stated that it would be beneficial to the Village to possibly do a mass mailing to all of the active water customers to verify their correct information as well as a survey to determine if any of them would be interested in receiving their bills electronically or be interested in direct pay. Trustee Hanner stated that could be something that could be printed on the bills for people to contact Village Hall with that information. Further discussion to be at the December Board meeting.

**Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:** - Chief Redman submitted his report to the Board. There were 3 fire calls and 12 medical calls for the past month. Chief Redman stated that November 26<sup>th</sup> will be the annual pump testing. He also presented the box alarm card for the Village as well as a report of the TSFD response time to recent calls. Members of the public asked for an explanation of what Box Cards are Chief Redman and 911 Director Ed Boyd explained them.

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** - Acting Village President stated that the Village will continue to receive coverage from the Hillsboro Police Department and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

**Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:** In absence of Treasurer Furlow, Clerk Daniels read the account balances from the reports submitted by Treasurer Furlow.

- Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of \$88,848.94.
- The General Fund has a balance of 78,266.82.
- The Water Fund has a balance of \$929,355.67.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of \$10,375.73.
- The Fire Fund has a balance of \$13,386.58.

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** Acting Village President Jackson stated with the new voucher system in place there will be a list of all the bills being paid at each meeting going forward . **Motion by Wally and second by Roller to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Clerk Daniels stated that it would be beneficial to make Treasurer Furlow an authorized IMRF agent for payroll processing. Acting Village President Jackson stated that the goal for the near future is to transition Treasurer Furlow to doing all of the Village Payroll and IMRF reporting to decrease the expense of having a third party company do it each week. Clerk Daniels stated that the board would have to pass a resolution to do so. Attorney Granito stated that IMRF has a resolution template and an application on their website that can be used. Further discussion to take place at the December meeting.

**Attorney Granito's Report:** Attorney Granito stated that Charlie Page has indicated that his trailers will be moved to a different location in the near future. Contact will be made with him to determine when.

**Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:**

Acting Village President will allow each individual interested in filling the Trustee vacancy 5 minutes each to speak about themselves and what they feel they could bring to the board to serve the Village.

- Warren Hall stated that he loves Taylor Springs and would benefit the board to continue serving the townspeople.
- Jason Caldwell spoke at last months meeting but was unable to attend this month.
- Kaydi Hanner stated she has lived in the Village since 1997 and knows everyone. She stated that we need someone that is familiar with businesses and family reunions at the bars like Cobetto's. She also stated that no one cares more about the Village than Warren Hall and it would be a shame not to have him.
- Barb Cass stated that she has lived here since 2000 and believes in what the Village could be.
- Kevin Prickett stated he has lived here most of his adult life and has been on the board before. He believes we have a great Village and he would like to keep it that way.

Acting Village President thanked everyone for speaking and showing an interest but no decision will be made at this time.

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** – Clerk Daniels updated on the three pending grants that have been applied for.

- DCEO Round 2 – we are awaiting disbursement of funds in the amount of \$55,346.82 for the restroom and children's bike path.
- DCEO Round 3 – We have been approved for \$52,690.18 of funding for new playground equipment and refurbishment of the existing basketball court into a multisport court.
- OSLAD Grant – We have passed the first round of approval in the amount of \$600,000 for a concrete or asphalt walking track and utility hook ups for holiday decorations and community events.

Clerk Daniels talked about possibly renaming the Community Center to the Recreational Center for future grant opportunities with the goal of expanding and having an indoor gymnasium for people to use. Further discussion to take place at the December meeting. Alan Pretnar stated that with the amount of property the Village has there, an option for additional housing should be considered for where the old school was. With the amount of ground that is to the east of the old school property at the existing park and baseball field is sufficient for a community this size. Attorney Granito asked if there were stipulations placed on the school property for residential development. Research and further discussion to take place at a later date. Trustee Delong asked if the school property had been tested by the EPA. Research and further discussion to take place at a later date.

Clerk Daniels presented the board with information about becoming a Notary Public for the Village. She stated that it would be beneficial for the Village to have direct access to a Notary for business use. The cost for training, certification, and supplies is \$89.

**Motion by Delong, Second by Roller to approve Amanda to become a Notary Public at the cost of the Village. All in favor, motion carried.**

Clerk Daniels read a Proclamation that was prepared for late Village President Harry Jackson.

**Motion by Wally, second by Roller to approve the Proclamation for late President Harry Jackson. Voting Yes: Karli Hanner, Wally Delong, & Alisha Roller. Voting No: William Wright. Motion Carried.**

**Trustee Reports:** - None.

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:** Acting Village President Jackson stated that the properties on Division Street will be placed up for bids in the Spring.

**New Business – Update and Approvals:** Kaitlyn Fath, the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) gave a brief presentation about the organization and presented information to the board with membership costs. Further discussion to take place at the December meeting.

**Executive Session: Motion by Wally and second by Roller to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 7:44 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**10 Minute Recess Break**

**Motion by Hanner and second by Wright to come out of Executive Session. Time 9:09 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Hanner and second by Wright to pay Josi Witt 20 hours of PTLA time. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Wally and second by Hanner to send a notice to Cobetto's Tavern to have board approval prior to shutting down any streets in town. Voting Yes: Karli Hanner, Wally Delong, & Alisha Roller. Voting No: William Wright. Motion Carried.**

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Wright. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:15 pm.**

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Village Hall  
626 East Main Street, Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -- 4:30 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 4:32 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Acting Village President Jody Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Alisha Roller, and Karli Hanner

Absent: William Wright (Unexcused Absence)

Others Present: Alicia Granito & Amanda Daniels

**Guests:** None

**AGENDA:**

**Executive Session**

**Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. All in favor, motion carried. Time 4:33 pm.**

**Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to exit Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time 5:54 pm.**

**ADJOURN: Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. TIME: 5:56 PM.**

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
T.S. Community Building  
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
For Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Community Building. The meeting started at 6:02z pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Alisha Roller, and Karli Hanner.

Absent: William Wright (Unexcused Absence)

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Brian Redman, and Amanda Daniels.

The Civility Pledge was read by Clerk Daniels.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes.**

**Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Community Building Report Update and Approval:**

Clerk Daniels reported that in the last month the Community Center has been rented 11 times with a total of \$1,250 in rental fees collected. The Outpost was rented once in the amount of \$475.

Clerk Daniels presented a template for the revised Community Center Lease Agreement which would be printed on 4 part carbon paper which would provide a receipt to the Lessee as well as copies to be retained by the Treasurer and the Village Clerk. Attorney Granito reviewed the document and made some minor revisions. **Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the new lease agreement template with Attorney Granito's noted changes. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting President Jackson reported that the current practice of holding rental deposits at Village Hall in the safe needs to be addressed. In most cases the deposits are several months prior to the date of the actual rental which causes the payments to be retained at Village Hall until the post-rental inspection is completed. Clerk Daniels stated there are deposits currently dating back to January and August and asked the board about depositing them into the General Fund then reimbursing the Lessees with a Village check once the post-rental inspection has been completed and no damages are found. Attorney Granito stated that if the board wishes to do that the Lease Agreement would need to be revised to state the Deposit would be retained as working capitol. Clerk Daniels stated that could easily be changed. **Motion by Hanner second by Roller to approve depositing all Community Center Lease deposits upon receipt into the Village General Fund with reimbursement to the Lessee upon completion of a no damages post-rental inspection. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting Village President Jackson reported that the Inspired Movement Academy renting the Outpost asked if they could paint the inside of the building warm neutral colors. **Motion by Hanner second by Roller to allow the Inspired Movement Academy to paint the interior of the Outpost. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting Village President Jackson brought up for discussion the Inspired Movement Academy's Rental Deposit. Discussion took place and it was decided by the board to take no action and to leave the status of the deposit as it stands.

**Public Works Department Report:**

In the absence of Superintendent Harrell, Clerk Daniels reported that the installation of the meters is tentatively scheduled for after the first of the year pending weather. Schulte Supply plans to have a 8-10 man crew installing the meters with a projected completion time frame of one to two weeks based on cooperation of weather.

Brown and Roberts Engineering has reached out to pursue an IEPA Loan for Phase 4 water upgrade project. Attorney Granito has reviewed the Ordinance submitted by Brown and Roberts and it looks good. Clerk Daniels stated it would be Ordinance Number 664. **Motion by Delong second by Roller to approve and pass Ordinance Number 664 authorizing the Village of Taylor Springs of Montgomery County, Illinois to borrow funds from the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Public Water Supply Loan Program. All in favor, motion carried.**

Clerk Daniels reported that the maintenance guys inquired about purchasing a new One Ton 4x4 truck for water and street maintenance purposes. Kaydi Hanner, without having the floor, asked if there were any grants available to help with that purchase. Clerk Daniels stated that she has looked into grants but the only ones available are for the purchase of Electronic vehicles. Clerk Daniels light heartedly chuckled stating that a 4x4 Tesla may not be best suited for plowing snow. Kaydi Hanner interrupted asking "why wouldn't it". Clerk Daniels stated that in recent years Electric vehicles have had issues with operating in cold temperatures. They may also not have a One Ton 4x4 option available which is what the Village needs. Acting President Jackson stated that she knows they can be unreliable. Kaydi Hanner interrupted again asking if Clerk Daniels had an electric vehicle, who responded "no. Ms. Hanner then asked who's electronic vehicles did Clerk Daniels specifically know of that had issues. Acting President Jackson stated she has used one at her place of employment and in frigid temperatures the battery life of the vehicle is cut in half and there is also the cost of the battery replacement and special charging station. Clerk Daniels stated that it was not something that needed to be done right away but to be put on the Board's radar for the future and would continue to search for grant opportunities.

Clerk Daniels briefly talked about upgrading the Utility billing software LOCiS from Version 7 to Version 8 which will give Water Customers the ability to set up Direct Pay for their water bills. Trustee Delong asked what the cost difference is between what we currently have and the new one. Clerk Daniels stated it would be an annual cost difference of \$448. **Motion by Hanner second by Roller to purchase Version 8 of the LOCiS Utility Billing Software. All in favor, motion carried.**

Clerk Daniels stated she has revised the New Water Customer Application which will be printed on 3 part paper to provide copies to the water customer and the Village Treasurer for their records. Attorney Granito will review the template and communicate with Clerk Daniels on any changes that need to be made. It will be further Discussed at the January Board Meeting.

Clerk Daniels stated that the current printer at Village Hall is much larger than what is actually needed. In order to save on the General Fund Budget there are options of purchasing a smaller unit with only the expense of toner. Trustee Hanner stated that there may be issues with maintenance and that contracting with a company ensures that repairs and/or replacement is done. Clerk Daniels stated that she can contact Tom Day Business Machines to inquire about smaller units and report the information at the January meeting. Kaydi Hanner interjected with questions about the replacement of the unit if it breaks. Acting President Jackson stated that she appreciates Ms. Hanner's input but going forward she asks that there be no further interruptions and by sampling raising a hand to be called upon would be a much more professional way of expressing input or questions.

#### **Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:**

Chief Redman submitted his report to the Board. There were 0 fire calls and 19 medical calls for the past month.

Acting Village President Jackson brought to the board Certificates of Appreciation for the current Volunteer Fire Fighters. She stated the Certificates acknowledge their service from each individuals start date and she would like to present them at the next Fire Department meeting. **Motion by Delong second by Roler to approve the Certificates of Appreciation for the Taylor Springs Fire Department Volunteers. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Police Department Report Update and Approvals:** – Acting Village President stated that members of the Community asked if the speed monitoring signs could be reinstalled. **Motion by Roller second by Delong to re-install the speed signs. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:**

Acting Village President Jackson stated that Treasurer Furlow has submitted her resignation to be in effect February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. **Motion by Hanner second by Roller to advertise for a Village Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.**

In the absence of Treasurer Furlow, Clerk Daniels read the account balances from the reports submitted by Treasurer Furlow.

- The General Fund has a balance of 86,099.86.
- The Parks & Recreation Fund has a balance of \$3,853.30.

- The Outpost income from 9/1/25 to 11/17/25 is \$6,050.00
- The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of \$87,272.66.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of \$10,398.72.
- The Water Fund has a balance of \$930,198.49.
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of \$6,287.45.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of \$7,311.88.

**Review and Approval of Village Bills:** Acting Village President asked for a motion to pay the regular monthly bills. **Motion by Roller and second by Delong to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting Village President Jackson stated that Constitution Bank has notified us of CDs that are due to be renewed by the end of December. Attorney Granito recommended renewing them at the highest rate for a longer period of time. **Motion by Delong second by Roller to renew the CDs for any term not to exceed 2 years at the best rate. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Attorney Granito's Report:**

Attorney Granito stated that Charlie Page has moved one of his trailers from the Community Center parking lot and hopes that the others will be moved in the near future.

Attorney Granito says she wanted to inform the Board that she will raise her hourly rate from \$125 to \$150 effective January 1<sup>st</sup> to be consistent with the standard minimum hourly rate for Municipal Attorneys.

**Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:**

Acting Village President Jackson stated she would like to appoint Jason Caldwell as Village Trustee for the remainder of the elective term. Kaydi Hanner raised her hand and was called upon by Acting President Jackson. She asked why Mr. Caldwell was being appointed over our decades long former Police Chief and what qualifications he has. Acting President Jackson explained that her decision is not solely based on qualifications but he is the candidate that would bring the most to the board in order to move forward as a Village with new thought processes instead of the living in the past with prejudiced mindsets.

Acting Village President asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Jason Caldwell. **Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve Acting Village President Jackson's Appointment of Jason Caldwell as Village Trustee for the remainder of the elective Term. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Jason Caldwell's Oath of Office was administered by Village Clerk Daniels.**

Acting Village President Jackson stated that it has been discussed by previous Village Boards to allow Village Employees to live 10 miles outside Village Limits. Jackson asked for a motion. **Motion by Delong second by Hanner to allow Village Employees to live 10 miles outside the Village of Taylor Springs Corporate Limits. All in favor, motion carried.**

Clerk Daniels read allowed the proposed 2026 Village Board Meeting dates. **Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the 2026 Village Board Meeting dates. All in favor, motion carried.**

Clerk Daniels read allowed the proposed 2026 Holiday Schedule which according to the Village Ordinance coincides with the Montgomery County Holiday Schedule. **Motion by Hanner second by Roller to approve the 2026 Village Holiday Schedule. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting President Jackson stated that Beth White, owner of Elizabeth Marie Photography is planning and organizing a Community Christmas Dinner at the Taylor Springs Community Center from 2 pm – 8 pm on December 25<sup>th</sup> to offer a warm place for people in the community to eat and enjoy good company for the Holiday. Clerk Daniels stated that Beth has been working very hard and has received promises of food donations from several local restaurants and businesses and hopes for a good turnout to potentially make this an annual event. Acting President Jackson asked the Board if they would consider waiving the rental fee since it is an event to benefit the community. **Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to waive the rental fee for the Community Christmas Dinner being hosted by Elizabeth Marie Photography. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting Village President Jackson stated that the floors at Village Hall and the Community Center are in desperate need of being stripped and waxed and a quote of \$800 had been received to get the work done within the next couple of

weeks. **Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the floors at Village Hall and Community Center be stripped and waxed for \$800. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting President Jackson asked for a motion to fill the Water Clerk/Ordinance Officer position. **Motion by Roller second by Hanner to appoint Rachel Beckett to the position of Water Clerk/Ordinance Officer at a rate of \$15 per hour for 20 to 30 hours per month as advertised. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals:** – Clerk Daniels reported on the following:

- DCEO Round 2 – Funds have been received in the amount of \$49,270.00. As required by the Grant Agreement the Village has opened a new account at the bank specifically for Grants. The remaining grant award of \$6,076.82 is to be spent from Village funds and submitted for reimbursement.
- DCEO Round 3 – Approval of \$52,690.18 for new playground equipment and refurbishment of existing basketball court. The documents for Phase 2 of the application will be submitted by the end of the day Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- OSLAD Grant – Passed first round of approval in the amount of \$600,000 for a concrete or asphalt walking track and utility hook ups for holiday decorations and community events.
- Facebook and Website updates since the start of my employment
  - 44,101 views
  - Engagement is up 249.7% with 555 Reactions, 111 Comments, 223 Shares
  - Followers are up 39.7% with 106 New followers, 18 unfollows – 313 Total Followers.
- Text My Gov – A potential information service disbursement service via text for in the future.
- Personnel Manual has been emailed to all the Board Members for review with discussion at January Meeting.

**Trustee Reports:** - None.

**Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:**

**New Business – Update and Approvals:**

**Executive Session: Motion by Delong and second by Hanner to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 7:26 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Short Break – Executive Session began at 7:31 pm**

**Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to exit Executive Session. Time 7:52 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Delong and second by Hanner to give Full Time Village Employees John Michaelis and Kane Harrell \$275 year-end bonuses and Park Time Village Employees Brooke Furlow and Amanda Daniels \$175 year- end bonuses. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Delong and second by Roller. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:58 pm.**

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels