

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
Village Hall
626 East Main Street, Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Monday, January 19, 2026 -- 5:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 5:00 pm on Monday, January 19, 2026 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 5:02 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President Jody Jackson. Trustees: Alisha Roller, Karli Hanner, and Jason Caldwell.

Absent: Wally Delong (Excused Absence), William Wright (Unexcused Absence)

Others Present: Alicia Granito & Amanda Daniels

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 5:10 pm.

Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to exit Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time 5:20 pm.

Motion by Roller and second by Caldwell to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. All in favor, motion carried. Time 5:25 pm.

Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to exit Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time 6:00 pm.

AGENDA: Noah Gallion - Shed Business on Illinois Route 127

Discussion took place with Guest Noah Gallion whom is interested in leasing the southern portion of the Outpost building for a portable shed display lot. Upon looking at the recent survey of the property which split the property into two parcels, there may need to be some adjustments to the survey before negotiations can proceed. Mr. Gallion asked about the rental fee potentially being based on a percentage of sales, approximately 3%. As well as potential property improvements such as a culvert and larger driveway and gravel placed for parking. Attorney Granito stated that once the property boundaries are fixed on the survey negotiations on a 1 year lease could commence.

ADJOURN: Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. TIME: 6:27 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

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, January 20th, 2026 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, at the Community Building. The meeting started at 6:01 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson. Trustees: Alisha Roller, Jason Caldwell, and Karli Hanner.

Absent: Wally Delong (Excused Absence), William Wright (Unexcused Absence)

Others Present: Alicia Granito and Amanda Daniels.

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

Public Comments: Melinda Marsh attended the meeting and spoke about local citizens collecting funds to purchase a bench and plaque in honor of Elwin Saathoff and his 39 years of service. Clerk Daniels has been working with Mrs. Marsh to get a reasonably priced bench and was able to find one at an online auction for \$50 which will be picked up this weekend and stored at Village Hall until it is time to present it to Elwin's wife and family. Mrs. Marsh stated that she will research the costs of plaques but asked the board what should be written on it and was discussed for it to read "Elwin Saathoff 39 Years of Service to the Village". Mrs. Marsh also inquired about motorized bicycles on the roadways and if they are required to have a Permit and proof of insurance. Attorney Granito stated that the Illinois Motor Vehicle laws are specific to the size motor on the bikes before requiring a valid driver's license and insurance which those bikes unfortunately do not meet those minimum requirements.

Approval of the December 16th, 2025 regular and special meeting minutes.

Motion by Hanner second by Roller to approve the December 16th regular and special 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 5 times with a total of \$500 in rental fees collected.

Clerk Daniels also reported that the side door of the Outpost was rusted out and the Lessee's asked for it to be repaired. Kane Harrell purchased a door sweep at the bottom of the door which will keep the cold air from blowing inside. The Lessee's also reported that after the last heavy rain/wind storm the garage door was leaking. Kane Harrell has ordered a door seal from the manufacturer and it should be delivered within 1-2 weeks.

Acting Village President Jackson stated that a survey of the Outpost property was completed and it was split into 2 parcels.

Public Works Department Report:

Superintendent Harrell stated that with the frigid temperatures recently and expected to continue, installation of the new meters has been put on hold pending weather conditions but he hopes it will begin in a couple of weeks.

Clerk Daniels reported that a demo version of the new software has been installed at Village Hall and it has more capabilities than just Water Billing. It also has options for Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, General Ledger, Ordinance Violations, and Permits. Each of those modules has a one-time cost to purchase and a minimal annual subscription thereafter. Information and pricing have been emailed to the board for review and discussion at a future meeting.

Acting Village President Jackson stated that a water rate increase needs to be discussed. Superintendent Harrell stated that the fee structure for the Village is far behind other local municipalities and a general percentage increase will not bring us up to common rates. He will do more research and prepare a report with adequate figures for next month's meeting. Attorney Granito reminded the Board that the City of Hillsboro will be increasing their rates for purchasing

water for distribution to Village Residents so that will need to be taken into consideration and a Village rate increase should be done soon.

Acting Village President Jackson asked Superintendent Harrel if Tap-On Fees needed to be raised as well. Harrell stated that with the rising costs in rock and other supplies/equipment raising it to \$500 would be more cost effective for the Village.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:

In the absence of Chief Redman, no report was given.

Ordinance Enforcement Report Update and Approvals: – None.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:

Finance Chairperson, Alisha Roller read the account balances from the reports submitted by Treasurer Furlow.

- The General Fund has a balance of \$90,406.10.
- The Parks & Recreation Fund has a balance of \$3,853.30.
- The Outpost income from 9/1/25 to 11/17/25 is \$10,275.00.
- The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of \$90,327.67.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of \$10,425.83.
- The Water Fund has a balance of \$939,730.05.
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of \$6,287.45.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of \$8,894.76.

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 Hanner to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney Granito's Report:

Charlie Page has moved the two trailers that were located at the Outpost. One trailer still remains at the Community Center parking lot but hopes it will be moved in the near future.

Clerk Daniels submitted a revised new water customer application last month for review. Attorney Granito suggested adding Employer and Emergency Contact information to the form, otherwise it looks good. **Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to approve the revised new water customer application with Attorney Granito's suggested revisions. All in favor, motion carried.**

Clerk Daniels emailed the board information on an Ordinance that was passed by the Board in April of 2012 regulating Video Gaming within Village Limits. Discussion took place regarding other municipalities' fees for gaming terminals but the Ordinance would have to be amended so they \$25 fee will remain in place and revisited next year. **Motion by Hanner second by Caldwell to have Clerk Daniels send letters to Village businesses with video gaming terminals requesting payment of fees set forth in Ordinance No. 514. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:

MCEDC Director Kaitlyn Fath addressed the Board asking them to consider becoming a member of MCEDC at a cost of \$724 (per capita) annually. Trustees Hanner and Roller agreed that it would be beneficial to the Village to become a member with the opportunities for economic growth within the community. **Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the MCEDC membership fee of \$724. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting Village President Jackson stated that the floors at the Community Center and Village Hall have been stripped and coated with wax. The gentleman that completed the work stated that it would be beneficial to do routine maintenance on the floors to keep them maintained and he would do it 2-3 times a year for around \$200. **Motion by Caldwell second by Roller to have Corey Beatty perform routine maintenance on the floors at Village Hall and the Community Center every 6 months at a cost not to exceed \$200 each time. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting President Jackson went over the Committee assignments with Wally Delong and William Wright being on the Public Safety Committee which would oversee the Fire Department, Ordinance Enforcement, Derelict Properties, Emergency Management, and Zoning. Karli Hanner and Jason Caldwell will be on the Infrastructure Committee with will oversee Buildings and Grounds, Water/Sewer, Streets, Maintenance, Water Billing, Social Media ,Website, and Parks. Alisha Roller and Jody Jackson are on the Finance Committee which oversees Audits, Budget, Economic Development, and Grants.

Acting Village President Jackson asked Clerk Daniels to clarify the need to discuss Village Hall Hours. Clerk Daniels stated that between herself and the new water clerk, Village Hall hours may need to be revised to make sure someone is there during set days/times. Trustee Hanner asked if information could be provided by the board as to what days/times people tend to come to Village Hall most frequently could be gathered and presented at next month's meeting. Clerk Daniels said she would gather that information for presentation at the February Board Meeting.

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. A progress report is due to DCEO by January 30th and in order to move forward with the project and be able to report progress the Board will need to discuss and vote on purchasing the equipment. Information and pricing were passed around to the board for a handicap accessible restroom as well as a portable bike/walking path. Upon review and discussion, it was decided to proceed with the purchases.

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to purchase a handicap accessible portable restroom from Chery Industrial in the amount of \$9,000 from the Grants checking account. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to purchase an approximate 400 foot long square bike/walking path from WillyGoat Playgrounds in the amount of \$39,173.00 from the Grants checking account. All in favor, motion carried.

- 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 have been submitted and we are awaiting further instructions from DCEO.
OSLAD Grant – Unfortunately, we were not awarded the Grant this year but they will start taking applications for 2026 in July. It would be beneficial to the Community to submit plans for upgrading and expanding the Community Center with the potential for a gymnasium addition. Renaming it to the Recreational Center will make the application process much easier. **Motion by Caldwell second by Roller to rename the Community Center the Taylor Springs Recreational Center for a future gymnasium addition and grant applications. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Facebook and Website updates since the start of my employment
 - 28,623 views
 - Engagement is up 211% with 467 Reactions, 236 Comments, 90 Shares
 - Followers are up 8.8% with 27 New followers, 7 unfollows – 348 Total Followers.

Trustee Reports: - None.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

The Divisions Street Properties will be placed on the Agenda in March to discuss placing them up for bids.

Clerk Daniels will email the Draft Personnel Manual to members of the board for review and discussion at the February Meeting.

New Business – Update and Approvals: None

Executive Session: Motion by Alisha and second by Hanner to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 6:59 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Short Break – Executive Session began at 7:11 pm

Motion by Roller and second by Caldwell to exit Executive Session. Time 7:38 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:39 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th, 2026.

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 Wednesday, January 21, 2026 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President Jody Jackson. Trustees: Alisha Roller, Karli Hanner, and Jason Caldwell

Absent: Wally Delong (Excused) & William Wright (Unexcused Absence)

Others Present: Alicia Granito & Amanda Daniels

Guests: None

AGENDA: Motion to be made based on Closed Session discussion on Monday, January 19th, 2026.

Motion by Roller and Second by Caldwell to appoint Logan Altenberger as Village Treasurer effective immediately. All in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.
TIME: 6:05 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th, 2026.

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 Wednesday, January 29, 2026 -- 6:15 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:15 pm on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:15 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President Jody Jackson. Trustees: Alisha Roller, Karli Hanner, and Jason Caldwell

Absent: Wally Delong (Excused) & William Wright (Unexcused Absence)

Others Present: Alicia Granito & Amanda Daniels

AGENDA:

The Board discussed the Draft Personnel Manual. Attorney Granito recommended waiting until the Village Ordinance was updated as some of the employee policies in it need to be addressed. The Board agreed to wait until Ordinance changes have been made.

Discussion took place regarding implementing welcome letter along with job descriptions for all new Village Employees.

Motion by Roller and Second by Caldwell to create and implement new employee welcome letters and job descriptions upon Attorney Granito's review and approval. All in favor, motion carried.

A survey was completed at the Outpost property and it was split into 2 parcels. The Board discussed the process for what needed to be done for filing the survey with appropriate agencies.

Motion by Caldwell and Second by Hanner to allow Acting President Jackson to take all necessary legal action and complete all necessary paperwork to split the Outpost property into two parcels and to release the mortgage on the southern portion. All in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Motion by Roller and second by Caldwell to enter into executive session. All in favor, motion carried. TIME 6:30 pm

Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to exit executive session. All in favor, motion carried. TIME 7:08 pm.

Motion by Roller and second by Caldwell to advertise for a Code Enforcement Officer/Billing Clerk for 20-30 hours per month with a flexible working schedule at \$15 per hour allowing candidates to live within 10 miles of the Village limits. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. TIME: 7:11 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th, 2026.

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, February 17th, 2026 -- 6:15 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, at the Community Building. The meeting started at 6:15 pm.

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

Absent: William Wright (Unexcused Absence)

Others Present: Alicia Granito – Village Attorney, Amanda Daniels – Village Clerk. & Logan Altenberger - Treasurer

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

GUESTS: Elizabeth White & Jeremy Dean were present to bring community event ideas to the board. They have presented the ideas to the TS Fire Department as well. Clerk Daniels will email the board copies of the event ideas for review.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of the January 19th, 21st, and 29th special meeting minutes & the January 20th regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the January 19th, 2026 special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the January 20th, 2026 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the January 21st, 2026 special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the January 29th, 2026 special 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 14 times with a total of \$700 in rental fees collected.

Public Works Department Report:

Superintendent Harrell stated that meter installation has begun and it is not going very well. Two members of the three man crew sent to do the installation have resigned from the company the first week. One of the newly assigned crew members has resigned as of the end of week 2. Which has been problematic leaving the Taylor Springs Village employees to step in and help when the Village was quoted a price for a 3rd party installation crew to do all the work. Superintendent Harrell stated he has been communicating via email these issues to the meter company as well as keeping track of work that he and John Michaelis perform in

regards to meter installations so an installation invoice adjustment can be made to reflect a decrease with Village Employee work being performed.

Clerk Daniels reported that the new billing software also has options for Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, General Ledger, Ordinance Violations, and Permits which would be very beneficial for the Village to Purchase and would pay for itself in the long run. Each of those modules has a one-time cost to purchase and a minimal annual subscription thereafter. Information and pricing was handed out to the board for review and discussion at a future meeting.

Superintendent Harrell presented the Board with water/sewer rate increases. Attorney Granito stated that an Ordinance to implement the new rates will need to be prepared and voted on at the March meeting prior to implementation of the new rates. She will have the ordinance done for the March meeting. Clerk Daniels will put it on the meeting agenda.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals:

In the absence of Chief Redman, no report was given.

Acting Village President Jackson stated that the annual easter egg hunt is scheduled for March 28th.

Ordinance Enforcement Report Update and Approvals: – None.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:

Finance Chairperson, Alisha Roller read the account balances from the reports submitted by Treasurer Altenberger.

- The General Fund has a balance of \$95,687.12.
- The Parks & Recreation Fund has a balance of \$3,853.30.
- The Grants Fund has a balance of \$1,266.72.
- The Outpost income from 9/1/25 to 11/17/25 is \$10,275.00.
- The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of \$89,875.35.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of \$10,448.55.
- The Water Fund has a balance of \$834,355.39.
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of \$4,442.45.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of \$6,047.81.

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

Attorney Granito's Report:

Charlie Page has one remaining trailer in the parking lot of the Community Center which is in the process of being cleaned out to be moved weather permitting.

A draft solar was prepared by Attorney Granito but there is current State legislation which would require changes to be made to that particular ordinance so she recommends tabling until further notice.

Noah Gallion is still interested in leasing the southern portion of the Outpost property. We are still waiting for a 911 address to be able to proceed with any lease. Once that has been completed lease negotiations can commence.

Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:

Clerk Daniels stated that the current posted hours that Village Hall is open is Monday through Friday 8 am to Noon. Clerk Daniels stated she is starting to feel the effects of working so much at Village Hall and could benefit from limited operating hours at Village Hall, but will accommodate whatever the Board decides. Clerk Daniels stated that the common times for visitors is between 9 am and 2 pm and Superintendent Harrell

agreed. Trustee Hanner made the suggestion of Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am to 1 pm. Superintendent Harrell stated that Village Hall was only open those days at one time. Clerk Daniels will post the new hours to Facebook as well as the bulletin board at Village Hall.

Discussion took place regarding the annual Spring Community Clean-up Days being scheduled for May 1st – 3rd with two 30 yard dumpsters. A form has been completed and submitted to Montgomery County for reimbursement of \$750 towards the cost of the dumpsters. Clerk Daniels stated that in the fall there were several members of the community that expressed interest in volunteering their time to assist with manning the dumpsters. A Volunteer Release is on file at Village Hall and Clerk Daniels will email a copy to Attorney Granito for review and approval.

Motion by Hanner second by Roller to schedule the Spring Community Clean-up Days for Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd. All in favor, motion carried.

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

- DCEO Round 2 – The prefabricated restroom and bike path have been purchased and tentative delivery is 6 to 8 weeks which would be perfect for installation right around Spring.
- DCEO Round 3 – We have passed Phase 2 of the application approval process for \$52,690.18 for new playground equipment and refurbishment of existing basketball court. DCEO anticipates 8 to 10 weeks for further construction documents to be sent to us for completion and submittal to move onto the fund disbursement portion of the process.
- OSLAD Grant – Draft plans will be drawn up and shared with the Board and community for input prior to the 2026 application opening in July.
- Facebook and Website updates for the last 30 days
 - 32,241 views
 - Engagement is up 143.9% with 239 Reactions, 71 Comments, 133 Shares
 - Followers are up 5.4% with 19 New followers, 3 unfollows – 371 Total Followers.

Trustee Reports: - None.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

Linda Marsh updated the board on Elwin’s bench. Jorn Signs has measured for a plaque and will let her know when its completed and deliver it to Village Hall. Clerk Daniels has a check from the First Baptist Church to pay for it. Once it is received and put on the bench a unveiling ceremony will be scheduled inviting Elwin’s family/friends, members of the Baptist Church, and people in the Community with refreshments at the Community Center afterwards.

Attorney Granito presented Ordinance No. 665 authorizing the Village of Taylor Springs to sell real estate on Division Street with advertisement being in the newspaper three consecutive weeks with a bid submittal deadline of April 15th, 2026 and a bid opening at the Regular Board Meeting on April 21st, 2026. A recommendation was made to post signs on the lots for sale with Parcel Numbers and addresses for potential bidders to view, which Clerk Daniels and the maintenance guys will do.

Motion by Roller Second by Hanner to approve Ordinance No. 665 authorizing the Village of Taylor Springs to sell real estate commonly known as 104 Division Street, Division Street, & 212 Division Street accepting bids until April 15th, 2026 and opening the bids at the April 21st Regular Meeting. Voting Yes: Alisha Roller, Jason Caldwell, Karli Hanner, Wally Delong, & Jody Jackson. Absent: William Wright. Majority vote, motion carried.

New Business – Update and Approvals: None

Executive Session: Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 7:17 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Short Break – Executive Session began at 7:21 pm

Motion by Delong and second by Hanner to exit Executive Session. Time 7:55 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Delong to pay Logan Altenberger a prorated amount of \$132.47 before taxes for his time of initial employment January 23rd through January 31st. All in favor motion carried.

Motion by Hanner second by Roller to approve Attorney Granito to prepare an Ordinance combining the Water Clerk and Village Collector with the Village Clerk position at a Salary of \$300 per month in addition to the current Village Clerk Salary to be reviewed and approved at the March 17th Regular Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Delong second by Roller to discuss Employee compensation rates for the Annual Appropriations ordinance at the May 19th Regular Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to authorize Attorney Granito to prepare and mail a Certified Letter to Trustee Wright regarding his unauthorized meeting absences since December 2025 with written communication and clarification of his intentions or the position may be considered abandoned and the Board may take action at the March 17th Regular Meeting. Voting Yes: Alisha Roller, Jason Caldwell, Karli Hanner, & Jody Jackson. Voting No: Wally Delong. Majority vote, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:00 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th, 2026.

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
Village Hall
626 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, March 17th, 2026 -- 6:15 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:15 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson.
Trustees: Alisha Roller, Jason Caldwell, Wally Delong, and William Wright

Absent: Karli Hanner (Excused)

Others Present: Alicia Granito – Village Attorney, Amanda Daniels – Village Clerk.

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

GUESTS:

Public Comments: None.

Approval of the February 17th regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to approve the February 17th, 2026 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Taekwondo Classes have been reduced to two days a week and with summer coming they may go down to once a week. Further updates at a later meeting.

Public Works Department Report:

Superintendent Harrell stated that meter installation is complete and we are working on getting all the data input for remote reading. We've had problems with getting the correct information from the Contractor but it will get straightened out.

Superintendent Harrell reported that the IEPA Phase IV Water Project funding is in the works and we hope to have funding to being the work by July.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: Chief Redman reported that there have been 15 medical calls and 8 fire calls. He also reported that he and Ron Gazda have been attending a incident command training. By the middle of April Chief Redman will be getting a dietary management certification. May 1st through 3rd Chief Redman will be attending a Structures Bootcamp which is paid for by the State Fire Marshalls office.

Two Junior firefighters that have joined the Department will be attending a basics of firefighting class in Coffeen.

With the five new volunteers to the Department Chief Redman reported that new radios and pages will be needed. Five used pagers from Mac's Fire and Safety have been offered at a cost of \$500, Five handheld radios at a cost of \$750, and one mobile radio at a cost of \$150.

Motion by Delong second by Roller to purchase five pagers and five radios from Mac's Fire and Safety at a cost of \$1,250. All in favor, motion carried.

Acting Village President Jackson stated that the Board can approve the bills for fuel and other expenses but would like for the Department to understand that funds are getting low in the Fire Protection Fund and with additional expenses there may be in an issue in the future of being able to pay the Volunteers \$5 per call-out fee and result in moving money from the Volunteer Fire Fund into the Fire Protection Fund to cover those fees and any other expenses.

Ordinance Enforcement Report Update and Approvals: – None.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:

Finance Chairperson, Alisha Roller read the account balances from the reports submitted by Treasurer Altenberger.

- The General Fund has a balance of \$99,551.04.
- The Parks & Recreation Fund has a balance of \$3,853.30.
- The Grants Fund has a balance of \$1,310.54.
- The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of \$92,981.48.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of \$10,469.73.
- The Water Fund has a balance of \$837,037.46.
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of \$5,636.45.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of \$6,048.27.

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

Attorney Granito's Report:

Attorney Granito reviewed the Volunteer Agreement/Release that was on file at Village Hall and stated that it is sufficient to continue using for anyone whom wishes to volunteer for the Village.

The solar Ordinance has been tabled until further notice pending State/Federal litigation.

Attorney Granito presented the following Ordinances for review and approval:

- Ordinance No. 666 – Authorizing the Clerk to also be the Village Collector with an additional monthly salary of \$300 starting April 1st, 2026. **Motion by Wright, second by Caldwell. Roll call vote – Voting Yes: Wright, Roller, DeLong, Caldwell. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Ordinance No. 667 – Increasing the New Water Customer Tap-On Fee to \$2,500. **Motion by Roller, Second by DeLong. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Ordinance No. 668 – Increasing the Turn-On fee for delinquent customers to \$40. **Motion by Roller, Second by Caldwell. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Ordinance No. 669 – Increasing the Water Usage Rates. **Motion by Roller, Second by DeLong. All in favor, motion carried.**

Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:

The Division Street Properties bid opening will be at the April 21st meeting.

Superintendent Harrell stated that there is a slight roof leak at the Outpost building which they are monitoring.

Trustee Wright asked if any of the Village Buildings sustained any damage during the last thunderstorm. Superintendent Harrell stated that thankfully none of the Village Buildings or properties were damaged.

Acting Village President stated that the shop door located in the vestibule at Village Hall which is not used and is an eyesore will be enclosed and made into a Memorial wall by Ron Gazda whom will also replace the lighting so residents may see better if using it at night. The memorial plaque from the Community Center

will be moved over to the new location once completed. He will also refurbish the wooden bench currently in front of Village Hall into a memorial for Harry Jackson and Elwin Saathoff. **Motion by Delong, Second by Caldwell to approve the improvements to the Village Hall Vestibule and memorial bench with an amount for materials not to exceed \$500. All in favor, motion carried.**

Discussion took place regarding a municipal contract with Montgomery County Animal Control in the amount of \$1,448 which is renewed annually. Members of the Board felt as though for the very few animal related issues we have within the Village it would not be practical to have the expense. It may be something to look at in the future based on needs that may or may not arise. **Motion by Caldwell, second by Wright to not enter into a contract with Montgomery County for Animal Control Services at this time. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

- DCEO Round 2 – The prefabricated restroom and bike path have been purchased and delivered. Installation is pending weather and staff/volunteer availability. Trustee Delong asked if the Village staff will be paid prevailing wage for installation and who will keep track of that. Clerk Daniels stated that it is required by the grant issuer that Village staff be paid prevailing wage for any work completed on the project. She stated that the Village maintenance staff are aware of the requirements and will track their time and report it to Clerk Daniels for the mandatory grant progress reporting that is due each quarter.
- DCEO Round 3 – We have passed Phase 2 of the application approval process for \$52,690.18 for new playground equipment and refurbishment of existing basketball court. DCEO will be sending out additional documents for design/construction specifications which Clerk Daniels will update and send back at that time.
- OSLAD Grant – Draft plans will be drawn up and shared with the Board and community for input prior to the 2026 application opening in July.
- Discussion took place about replacement of the copier at Village Hall. Clerk Daniels stated that it was broken for a few weeks making it difficult to complete necessary office work. A quote from Tom Day Business machines was received for a much smaller economical unit in the amount of \$1,750 which includes a discount for trade-in on the current unit. The monthly maintenance agreement fee will also be reduced from \$30 a month to \$20 per month. **Motion by Roller, second by Caldwell to approve purchase of the new copier from Tom Day Business Machines with trade-in of old unit in the amount of \$1,750. All in favor, motion carried.**

Trustee Reports: - None.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

Acting Village President updated that the plaque for Elwin Saathoff’s memorial bench has been received and installed on the bench. Clerk Daniels reported that members of the Taylor Springs Baptist Church and Elwin’s family are available on Saturday, March 28th at Noon to attend an unveiling at Village Hall. Refreshments will be available afterwards at the Community Center.

New Business – Update and Approvals: None

Trustee Roller asked the board if handicap parking spaces can be placed in front of Whiskey Throttle. Attorney Granito stated that it would have to be in compliance with State Motor Vehicle regulations. **Motion by Delong, second by Wright to approve one State Compliant handicap parking space in front of Whiskey Throttle. All in favor, motion carried.**

Executive Session: Motion by Delong and second by Roller to enter Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 7:30 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Short Break – Executive Session began at 7:35 pm

Motion by Delong and second by Caldwell to exit Executive Session. Time 8:06 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to send a letter to LEADS Director Dustin Carlock stating that the Village of Taylor Springs Police Department has been disbanded until a Certified replacement can be found. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Wright second by Roller to approve Ordinance Number 670 increasing the Treasurer and Clerk Salaries to \$6,160 annually. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Wright to start the bid process for the Outpost Property located at 8354 Illinois Route 127 for sale with bids being opened at the July 21, 2026 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Caldwell. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:15 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st, 2026.

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
Village Hall
626 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 -- 6:15 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:15 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson.
Trustees: Alisha Roller, Jason Caldwell, Wally DeLong, William Wright,
and Karli Hanner (arriving at 6:55 pm)

Absent:

Others Present: Alicia Granito – Village Attorney, Amanda Daniels – Village Clerk.

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

GUESTS:

Public Comments:

Melinda Marsh wanted to let the Board know that either Witt or Irving is hiring for a Part Time Police Officer and thought the Village could reach out to see if that individual would be interested in doing part time here. She also gave the board information about new legislation regarding E-Bikes requiring anyone operating them to have a valid drivers license and insurance. She asked if the Board would reconsider putting Elwin's bench in front of Village Hall where he spent most of his time during the 39 years he served on the Board and as Village President.

Jeff Parks expressed his concern for the deteriorating Grain Elevator which has large pieces of sheet metal falling from it and is posing a real danger to people in its vicinity. Attorney Granito stated that a Notice to Abate with a timeframe to correct will have to be sent to the property owner.

Approval of the March 21st regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to approve the March 21st, 2026 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Clerk Daniels reported that in the past Month the Community Center has been rented 14 times with a total of \$850 in rental fees collected. There are a few additional rentals pending completing of the lease agreement and payment of rental fees.

Public Works Department Report:

Superintendent Harrell stated that the new meters and reading system are working very well. He reported that he and John have been busy cleaning ditches/culverts, mowing, and weed eating.

Clerk Daniels submitted information to the board members on additional modules available on the billing software which will make day to day operations more efficient as well as better record keeping and transparency. The board will review the information and discuss at the May meeting.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: Chief Redman submitted his report to Clerk Daniels which stated that there have been 5 medical calls and 3 fire calls. The April 6th training night for vehicles inspections had 10 volunteers attending. They have received all the radios from Macs Fire and Safety and has programmed them for the Department. He also reported that he and Ron Gazda have been attending a

incident command training. Chief Redman has also completed a food manager certification from the Montgomery County Health Department. He also reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success with more attendees than last year with numerous compliments.

Ron Gazda spoke about the classes he and Chief Redman have been attending. The classes cover procedures for major disasters such as train derailment, old elevator collapse, etc. He also stated that Fire Department moral is down due to the unknown if the Fire Department is going to be kept or dismantled by the Village Board. Acting Village President stated that with the closure of Wright Automotive financial stability for the Village and Fire Department is not guaranteed. Trustee Delong stated that there is no plan to do away with the Fire Department but it may come to that financially in the future unless a source of income can be found. He stated that the biggest concern is finding people like Ron who are willing to dedicate themselves to the Fire Department. In this day and age Volunteers are hard to find.

Ordinance Enforcement Report Update and Approvals: – None.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:

Finance Chairperson, Alisha Roller read the account balances from the reports submitted by Treasurer Altenberger.

- The General Fund has a balance of \$109,249.78.
- The Parks & Recreation Fund has a balance of \$3,853.30.
- The Grants Fund has a balance of \$1,310.54.
- The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of \$95,967.47.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of \$10,493.99.
- The Water Fund has a balance of \$843,174.25 .
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of \$6,186.45.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of \$6,419.14.

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

Attorney Granito's Report:

Sealed bids for the Division Street Properties were opened and read.

Parcel ID #16-14-427-015 known as 104 Division Street: Louie and Chris Moore submitted a bid for \$800. **Motion by Delong second by Wright to accept the bid of \$800 for Parcel No. 16-14-427-015, 104 Division Street. Roll Call Vote, All Ayes.**

Parcel ID #16-14-429-016: NO BIDS Attorney Granito will prepare an Ordinance to sell in July. **Motion by Delong Second By Roller to place Parcel No. 16-14-429-016 up for bids along with the Outpost Building in July.**

Parcel ID #16-14-429-017 known as 212 Division Street: Sharon Richardson submitted a bid for \$1,000. **Motion by Delong second by Caldwell to accept the bid of \$1,000 for Parcel No. 16-14-429-017, 212 Division Street. Roll Call Vote, All Ayes.**

Attorney Granito reported that the Fiscal Year end is April 30th and the appropriations/budget and tax levy will be prepared shortly after for board review and approval.

Attorney Granito presented Ordinance No. 670 – increasing the Clerk and Treasurer Salaries. **Motion by Delong second by Roller. Roll Call vote, all Ayes.**

Attorney Granito presented Ordinance No. 671 – specifying responsibility for any water meter antenna damages. **Motion by Delong second by Roller. Roll call vote, all Ayes.**

Attorney Granito presented Ordinance No. 672 – allowing for an additional Handicap Parking space on Main Street. **Motion by Delong second by Caldwell. Roll call Vote, all Ayes, Roller Abstains.**

Acting President’s Report, Update and Approvals:

The Outpost Property has been split and issued individual Parcel ID’s and the Parcel with the building will be placed up for bids in July with the Bid Opening at the September Board Meeting.

Jackson reported that the interior of the Community Center desperately needs freshened up. Laura Moroney has told her that she may be able to get some volunteers to assist with removing tape from the walls and possibly with painting. Clerk Daniels stated she can post something to Facebook asking for Volunteers to help. Attorney Granito stated to make sure all volunteers have a signed release on file prior to starting any work for the Village.

The Community Clean Up is scheduled for May 1st through 3rd from 8 am to 5 pm. Volunteers are needed to help watch the dumpsters and help unload items people bring. Trustee Delong stated that Kane and John are able to operate the backhoe for unloading and asked if they worked during that weekend if they could get compensated. The board agreed that the guys should keep track of their hours that they work that weekend and it would be noted as comp time for them to use at a later date.

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

- DCEO Round 2 – The prefabricated restroom and bike path have been purchased and delivered. Installation is pending weather and staff/volunteer availability. Trustee Delong asked if the Village staff will be paid prevailing wage for installation and who will keep track of that.
- DCEO Round 3 – We have passed Phase 2 of the application approval process for \$52,690.18 for new playground equipment and refurbishment of existing basketball court. DCEO will be sending out additional documents for design/construction specifications which Clerk Daniels will update and send back at that time.
- Clerk Daniels stated that there have been some comments with false information posted to the Village Facebook page regarding the Park Grants and improvements. She stated that comments made depicted the former board being responsible for the new park upgrades. Clerk Daniels reiterated that although the former and current board had discussed the upgrades and made suggestions on the specifications the work of submitting that information and completing the application through the State Agency was done by her. Without that being completed there would be no bathroom or track. Alan Pretnar inquired about the concrete walking track instead of the portable one that was purchased. Clerk Daniels stated that bids were received for concrete and asphalt tracks which were well above the amount of the Grant so a cheaper option was decided on at this time. However, there is a grant opportunity through OSLAD for \$600,000 which would cover a large concrete or asphalt walking track as well as many other upgrades. The applications for that grant open in July and the Village intends on applying.
- Alan Pretnar offered to pay for a tree removal service to remove the sweet gum tree at the park since it creates a mess and safety hazard. He also recommends forming a park committee that oversees memorial trees planted at the park. **Motion by Delong second by Roller allowing Alan Pretnar to have the sweet gum tree at the park professionally removed and cover the cost.**
- Facebook and Website Update: Daniels reported that in the last month Facebook has had 18,828 views, engagement is up 98% with 63 reactions, 35 comments, and 75 shares. Followers are up 4.3% with 17 new follows for a total of 408 followers.

Trustee Reports: - None.

Executive Session: Motion by Roller and second by Hanner to enter Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 7:27 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Wright and second by Caldwell to exit Executive Session. Time 8:15 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by DeLong second by Caldwell to allow Jackson, Roller, and Treasurer Altenburger to obtain a credit card through Constitution Bank and to close the SAMS credit card. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Wright and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:23 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May19th, 2026.

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
Village Hall
626 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, May 4th, 2026 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a special meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 4th, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:15 pm.

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

Absent:

Others Present: Alicia Granito – Village Attorney, Amanda Daniels – Village Clerk.

GUESTS: Jacob Durbin with EJ Water Cooperative attended the meeting to present information to the board about contractual water and sewer services they offer to municipalities. He will prepare several proposals with different scopes of services and possibly present to the board at the May 19th, regular meeting.

AGENDA:

Executive Session: Motion by Roller and second by Caldwell to enter Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 6:36 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller and second by Wright to exit Executive Session. Time 6:57 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to advertise for part-time maintenance assistant at \$17 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Caldwell. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:07 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th, 2026.

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson

Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels