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.

<u>New Business – Update and Approvals</u>: 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 intents 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, May19th, 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, May 19th, 2026 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson.
Trustees: Jason Caldwell, Wally Delong, William Wright, Alisha Roller (arriving at 6:08 pm) and Karli Hanner (arriving at 6:16 pm)

Absent:

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

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

GUESTS:

Public Comments:

Brett Seward attended the meeting and inquired about the park grant which included the bathroom and walking track. He asked what funding has already been used and what amount is left. Clerk Daniels gave a cost breakdown as follows: The total grant amount awarded was $55,346.82, $49,332.24 of which was disbursed to the Village up front and placed into a Grants account at the bank. As of today $48,173 has been spent on equipment purchases leaving $1,266.72, of which $107.48 is interest that must be tracked separately and the total interest accrued is required to be paid back to DCEO upon project completion. There is $6,014.58 in total grant funds left, $4,855.34 of which will be paid for from Village General funds and documentation submitted to DCEO for reimbursement. Mr. Seward asked when and why it was decided to switch from a concrete walking track to a plastic walking track. Acting President Jody Jackson stated that with the amount of grant funds available at the time it would not have been possible to completely encircle the entire park. It was also a concern that with many of the Village sidewalks in disrepair that a new "sidewalk" put into the park was not a practical option. Future grants with larger funding amounts will allow for a complete walking path which will surround the entire park area. Clerk Daniels also stated that the Village has been awarded a one-year extension to complete the current park project to give the board time to take suggestions and determine how to move forward with the current bathroom and track that has already been purchased.

Melinda Marsh asked if there was a status on the trailer sitting in the Community Center Parking lot. Jackson stated that an attempt to move it was done on May 1st but it exceeded the weight limit with the interior contents so the owner plans to empty it and move it in the near future. She also asked about the dilapidated properties that have been an ongoing concern for several years. Clerk Daniels stated that she would address that issue during her report later in the meeting. She also asked if the Board would consider making the monthly financial reports available for citizens to review. Jackson stated that going forward financial reports will be made available on the Village website.

Approval of the April 21st regular meeting minutes and the May 4th special meeting minutes

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to approve the April 21st, 2026 regular meeting minutes and the May 4th, 2026 special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Clerk Daniels reported that a post was put on the Village Facebook page looking for volunteers to assist in cleaning and painting the interior of the Community Center but there has been no takers. Jackson stated that paint was purchased a couple years ago with the intent of painting the inside, but was never completed. Alan Pretnar offered to reach out to some of his contacts which have experience and knowledge with painting to see if they can assist in getting that completed and keep the board informed of what he comes up with.

Public Works Department Report:

Acting President Jackson stated that Superintendent Kane Harrell has submitted his resignation effective today and asked for a motion to accept that resignation.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to accept Kane Harrel's resignation effective May 19th, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Jackson reported that EJ Water Cooperative which attended last month's meeting has submitted a proposal to complete ROINC & Sample collecting for Water and Wastewater in the amount of $1,875 per month. Since the Village no longer has a person certified to complete sampling and adhere to EPA requirements the Village will need to act on this proposal immediately.

Motion by Delong second by Roller to contract with EJ Water Cooperative for ROINC and Sample Collection in the amount of $1,875 per month. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion and action on additional software through LOCiS has been tabled until further notice.

Clerk Daniels presented information regarding the MFT fund. According to former Superintendent Harrell all MFT expenses are required to get pre-authorization from IDOT. Several invoices were vouchered from the MFT account without prior authorization and IDOT has requested that the Village reimburse the MFT account in the amount of $9,458.67 from the General account and once the transfer is complete documentation will need to be sent to IDOT.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to transfer $9,458.67 from the General Fund to the MFT Fund as reimbursement for invoices unapproved by IDOT. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: Trustee Delong stated he has not received any report from Chief Redman to report on.

Jackson stated that there has been inquiry about the Fire Department revenues and expenses. Clerk Daniels stated that she put together a rough estimate based on reports received from Treasurer Altenberger dated May 2024 to January 2026 which came to $30,915.93 in Expenses and $21,320.23 in Revenues.

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 $113,083.55.
- 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 $98,549.52.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of $10,516.78.
- The Water Fund has a balance of $844,865.62 .
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of $5,118.76.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of $6,316.66.

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:
An update on the Page trailer at the Community Center was addressed during public comments.

The appropriations/budget will be prepared once the audit is completed. Then the tax levy will be prepared 30 days after the passage of the appropriations ordinance.

Ordinances for the sale of the Outpost property and a lot on Division Street will be presented at the June meeting once a 911 address for the Outpost property split is assigned. The board plans to advertise seeking bids following the June meeting with sealed bids being opened at the September regular board meeting.

The grain elevator in disrepair will be addressed during Clerk Daniels' report.

Attorney Granito stated that reports of dogs at large have been reported, however, in order to appropriately address the issue from a legal standpoint, sufficient evidence of violation such as photos or videos need to be submitted.

Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:

Superintendent Harrell was the only employee participating in the employee insurance and with his resignation the policy will need to be canceled through Brown's Insurance.

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. A one year extension to complete the project has been granted giving the Village until June 30, 2027.

- 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 are several grant opportunities available at this time for community and housing rehabilitation, public infrastructure improvements, and business attraction/job creation with application deadlines of June 16th through August 27th. She asked the board if they would like for her to submit applications with basic specifications/requests to get the Village on the list with the hopes of being approved for funding and advancing to more specific design stages. The board agreed that it does not hurt to apply and see what comes of it. Daniels spoke specifically about 2 grants that the Village could greatly benefit from with abandoned or dilapidated properties and asked the board if a Facebook post to get residents feedback would be beneficial. They agreed that reaching out to citizens of the community would be valuable but for privacy purposes comments on the post should be turned off asking people to contact Village Hall directly with specific properties which may qualify for this specific grant. Daniels also stated that these grants may aide in the replacement/repair of sidewalks throughout town and she will gather photos and information of areas in need to submit with the application.

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 7:07 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Roller second by Delong to hire a part-time maintenance worker at $17 per hour not to exceed 30 hour per week on an as needed basis. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Delong to pay Kane Harrell his 3 weeks of accrued vacation time as well as 1 additional week of prorated vacation time. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to remove Kane Harrell from all business charge accounts including but not limited to RP Lumber, ACE Hardware, Rural King, Harbor Freight, IGA, and NAPA and to add John Michaelis and Amanda Daniels as authorized users. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Delong second by Caldwell to allow Trustee Roller and Acting President Jackson to obtain a credit card through Constitution bank with Amanda Daniels being the primary authorized user for building/office supplies and postage. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Delong second by Hanner to increase John Michaelis salary from $16.86 per hour to $20 per hour effective June 1st, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Caldwell and second by Roller. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:21 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th, 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, June 2nd, 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 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: Jason Caldwell

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

GUESTS: Shanna Connor, Inspired Movement Academy, Inc.

AGENDA:

Discussion took place on the bidding process for the Outpost property located at 8354 Illinois Route 127 which is currently being leased by the Inspired Movement Academy. Once Ordinance No. 673 is passed by the Village Board the ad seeking bids will be published in the Journal-News for three consecutive weeks as well as on Facebook and the Village website. Sealed bids will be accepted until July 20th, 2026 with the bids being opened and reviewed at the July 21st, 2026 Board meeting. All bidders will be invited to attend and given the opportunity to increase their bids at that time. The lease with the Inspired Movement Academy expires on August 31st, 2026 and the successful bidder will be subject to that lease agreement.

Motion by Roller second by Delong to pass Ordinance No. 673 for the sale of Parcel ID #16-24-127-011 commonly known as 8354 Illinois Route 127 and Parcel ID #16-14-429-016 commonly known as No #_Division Street. All in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session: None.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Wright. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 6:15 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th, 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, June 16th, 2026 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson.
Trustees: Jason Caldwell, Wally Delong, William Wright, Alisha Roller, and Karli Hanner (arriving at 6:10 pm)

Absent:

Others Present: Amanda Daniels – Village Clerk

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

GUESTS:

Public Comments:

Brett Seward attended the meeting and inquired about the park grant which included the bathroom and walking track. He asked what funding has already been used and what amount is left. Clerk Daniels gave a cost breakdown as follows: The total grant amount awarded was $55,346.82, $49,332.24 of which was disbursed to the Village up front and placed into a Grants account at the bank. As of today $48,173 has been spent on equipment purchases leaving $1,266.72, of which $107.48 is interest that must be tracked separately and the total interest accrued is required to be paid back to DCEO upon project completion. There is $6,014.58 in total grant funds left, $4,855.34 of which will be paid for from Village General funds and documentation submitted to DCEO for reimbursement. Mr. Seward asked when and why it was decided to switch from a concrete walking track to a plastic walking track. Acting President Jody Jackson stated that with the amount of grant funds available at the time it would not have been possible to completely encircle the entire park. It was also a concern that with many of the Village sidewalks in disrepair that a new "sidewalk" put into the park was not a practical option. Future grants with larger funding amounts will allow for a complete walking path which will surround the entire park area. Clerk Daniels also stated that the Village has been awarded a one-year extension to complete the current park project to give the board time to take suggestions and determine how to move forward with the current bathroom and track that has already been purchased.

Melinda Marsh asked if there was anything that could be done about 111 and 116 Water Street residences as they have been an ongoing issue for years. President Jackson stated that it will have to be followed up with Attorney Granito when she returns from vacation on June 22nd. Mrs. Marsh also asked if the plastic walking track could be returned and the Village allow Brett Seward to complete the work for the concrete walking track instead. Clerk Daniels stated that she would have to check with the grant administrator and the Company it was purchased from to see what the options are.

Motion by Delong, second by Wright to allow Clerk Daniels to look into what options are available for returning the plastic walking track. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the May 19th regular meeting minutes and the June 2nd special meeting minutes

Motion by Delong second by Caldwell to approve the May 19th, 2026 regular meeting minutes and the June 2nd, 2026 special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Clerk Daniels reported that Steve Jones and a few other volunteers have offered to help with painting at the Community Center. Clerk Daniels asked if the board would allow Steve to have a key to do the work as he can during the week since he is retired. Trustee Caldwell said he is also willing to help and can keep the key and reach out to the volunteers to coordinate their schedules.

Clerk Daniels asked the board if they wanted to schedule a volunteer day at the Community Center to work on the walls and painting. The Board agreed that a Volunteer day sometime after the 4th of July holiday would be best. Clerk Daniels stated she will post it to the Village Facebook page for volunteers.

Public Works Department Report:

Scott Hunt with whks Engineering attended the meeting to briefly discuss the 2026 MFT Program for Board approval. He went over which streets were selected for oil and chip this year by former Superintendent Harrell. He also explained what the MFT funds could be used for and that oil and chip is not the only specific project they can be used for. There are several categories of projects that MFT funds can be used for including sidewalks, vegetation trimming, and storm sewer. Clerk Daniels stated that information will be gathered on other projects that the Village is in need of and will communicate with Mr. Hunt on those particular projects as well as any potential grants that may also help with completion of those needed projects.

Motion by Delong second by Roller to accept the 2026 MFT Proposal presented by whks Engineering. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Daniels reported that Brown & Roberts Engineers have informed the Village that EPA Loan funding for Phase IV water system improvements has unfortunately been denied for this year as the Village was not selected out of the numerous other municipalities that had applied. Brown & Roberts intends to apply again next year for the funding.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: Chief Redman presented his monthly report to the Board. For May/June there were 4 fire calls, 13 medical calls. The Department has 2 new volunteers. He also reminded everyone that their Annual Music Bingo fundraiser is Saturday, June 20th from 6 to 10 pm.

Chief Redman stated that will several expenses being paid out of the Fire Department fund it is getting low and asked if one of their CD's could be cashed in to help cover expenses.

Motion by Delong, second by Roller to allow the Fire Department CD in the amount of $6,955.81 to be cashed in and placed into the Fire Protection fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Young's Roofing submitted a bid in the amount of$18,480 for repairs to the Fire Department Roof which is leaking.

Motion by Roller, second by Hanner to approve the bid from Young's Roofing in the amount of $18,480.00 to repair the roof at the Fire Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance Enforcement Report Update and Approvals: –

President Jackson reported that there has been vandalism of park equipment and memorials including cutting of the American Flags at the park the Fire Department. It was discussed to look into getting cable pulleys instead of rope which are not as easy to cut. Clerk Daniels stated that she has reached out to CTI and Modern Surveillance to get pricing on cameras at the park.

Clerk Daniels also shared with the board that new Illinois legislation on motorized bicycles potentially becoming effective January 1st and the Board may need to implement it into the Village Ordinance next year.

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 $130,630.03.
- 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 $101,431.42.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of $10,538.86.
- The Water Fund has a balance of $848,832.79 .
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of $4,993.97.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of $6,316.16.

Trusteee Roller also read a list of current CD's and their amounts.

Account	Maturity Date	Amount
??	7/26/2026	$78,565.40
FHA Reserve	7/26/2026	$13,379.74
FHA Reserve	7/30/2026	$11,885.08
Fire	7/30/2026	$6,955.81
General	7/26/2026	$58,946.56
General	7/26/2026	$58,946.56
General	7/26/2026	$56,218.44
Police	7/30/2026	$1,897.23
Volunteer Fire	7/26/2026	$19,149.34
Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$16,959.17
Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$31,419.55
Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$58,946.56
Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$35,609.08
Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$58,934.20
Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$27,592.31

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

Attorney Granito's Report: Attorney Granito was absent.

Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:

President Jackson reported that Attorney Granito is currently reviewing the Constitution Bank Credit Card application.

Several people have expressed an interest in viewing the Outpost building prior to the bid opening on July 21st. President Jackson stated that the current tenants will have the building available for viewing the weekend of the 26th. It was decided to have one day for viewing by appointment. **Motion by Delong, second by Roller to have an open house at the Outpost located at 8354 Illinois Route 127 on June 28th, 2026 from 12 pm to 5 pm by appointment. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

- DCEO Round 2 – The Village has been granted a 1 year extension on project completion.
- DCEO Round 3 – We are still awaiting additional documents from DCEO.
- The SCP Grant application deadline has been extended to June 30th. Clerk Daniels has gathered a list of properties that meet the criteria for abandoned or dilapidated and will be submitting those with the application next week.

Trustee Reports: - None.

Executive Session:

Motion by Roller and second by Caldwell to enter Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 6:57 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Caldwell and second by Delong to exit Executive Session. Time 7:21 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Caldwell second by Roller to have a special meeting next week to conduct interviews for the part time maintenance position. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:22 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 21st, 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, June 23rd, 2026 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a special meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson.
Trustees: Alisha Roller, William Wright, Jason Caldwell, and Karli Hanner (arriving at 6:15 pm)

Absent: Trustee, Wally Delong

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

GUESTS:

AGENDA:

Clerk Daniels presented Resolution No. 2026-1 for Phase IV Water System upgrades EPA Loan application.

Motion by Roller second by Wright to approve Resolution No. 2026-1 for Phase IV Water System Upgrades EPA Loan application. All in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to enter Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 6:15 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller and second by Caldwell to exit Executive Session. Time 6:45 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hanner second by Roller to hire Matthew Michaelis as the part-time maintenance employee. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 6:47 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 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, July 21st, 2026 -- 6:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson.
Trustees: Jason Caldwell (arriving 6:01 pm), Wally Delong, William Wright, Alisha Roller, and Karli Hanner

Absent:

Others Present: Amanda Daniels – Village Clerk

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

GUESTS:

Public Comments:

Approval of the June 16th regular meeting minutes and the June 23rd special meeting minutes

Motion by Roller second by Delong to approve the June 16th, 2026 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to approve the June 23rd, 2026 special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Community Building Report Update and Approval: Clerk Daniels reported that the volunteer day scheduled for July 11th was cancelled to allow a family to host a celebration of life indoors due to the rain. The board asked Clerk Daniels to create another post on Facebook asking for volunteers to narrow down another volunteer day based on everyone's availability.

Public Works & Street Department Report:
Clerk Daniels reported that IDOT has approved the 2026 MFT Oil & Chip and work will begin Thursday, July 23rd and that the Maintenance staff has been working diligently the past couple of weeks to repair pot holes and prepare the roads prior to oil and chip being done.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: Chief Redman presented his monthly report to the Board. From June 16th to July 20th there was 1 fire call and 8 medical calls. He also reported that the weather siren has potential lightning damage and the wiring needs to be replaced and an estimate from Mac's Fire and Safety was received for $1,835.00.

Chief Redman reported that the 480 truck needs brake repairs as soon as possible since it is one of the most used vehicles at the fire department. The last time it was taken out the Right passenger brake had locked up and was generating smoke which is unsafe for anyone to drive. He also reported that multiple spiders had been found in volunteers gear and said that pest control should be called out to spray. He was asked to get an estimates for the truck repair and pest control and present them to the board at the August Meeting.

He also reported that the repairs to the roof had been completed.

Code Enforcement Report Update and Approvals: –
Andrew Jones attended the meeting and briefly addressed the board expressing interest in becoming a full time police officer for the Village. He gave the board members his information and thanked them for their time.

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 $96,444.39.
- The Parks & Recreation Fund has a balance of $3,853.30.
- The Grants Fund has a balance of $7,387.36.
- The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of $113.906.61.
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- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of $10,563.28.
- The Water Fund has a balance of $825,549.63 .
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of $4,658.59.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of $6,817.73.

Trustee Roller also read a list of current CD's and their amounts.

Account	Maturity Date	Amount	Total
FHA Reserve	7/26/2026	$13,465.65	$25,429.55
FHA Reserve	7/30/2026	$11,963.90	
General	7/26/2026	$59,325.06	$254,299.41
General	7/26/2026	$59,325.06	
General	7/26/2026	$79,069.87	
General	7/26/2026	$56,579.42	
Police	7/30/2026	$1,909.81	$1,909.81
Volunteer Fire	7/26/2026	$19,272.30	$19,272.30
Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$17,071.64	$230,962.73
Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$31,627.93	
Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$59,325.06	
Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$35,837.72	
Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$59,325.07	
Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$27,775.31	

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

Attorney Granito's Report:

Sealed Bids for the purchase of Parcel Number 16-24-127-011 commonly known as 8354 Illinois Route 127 were opened and were read as follows:

Life Community Church - $180,000
Laughlin Electric - $102,500
Inspired Movement Academy - $155,000

Sealed bids for the purchase of Parcel Number 16-14-429-016 Commonly known as Division Street were opened and read as follows:

Sharon Richardson - $100

Motion to enter into executive session by Roller, second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried. Time 6:29 pm.

Motion to exit executive session by Wright second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried. Time 6:37 pm.

Representatives from each bid for Parcel No. 16-24-127-011 (8354 Illinois Route 127) were given the opportunity to increase their bid. The bids were increased as follows:

Inspired Movement Academy – Whitney Lesmeister increased the bid to $190,000
Life Community Church – David Baker increased the bid to $200,000
Laughlin Electric – Trent Laughlin increased the bid to $165,000
Inspired Movement Academy – Whitney Lesmeister increased the bid to $205,000
Life Community Church – David Baker increased the bid to $215,000

Motion to enter into executive session by Roller, second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried. Time 6:44 pm.

Motion to exit executive session by Delong second by Caldwell. All in favor, motion carried. Time 7:27 pm.

Motion to except the bid for Parcel Number 16-24-127-011 (8354 Illinois Route 127) from Inspired Movement Academy in the amount of $205,000 by Hanner, second by Delong. Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Hanner, Roller, Delong, Caldwell, Jackson. Voting No: Wright. Motion Carried.

Motion by Roller second by Hanner to accept the bid for Parcel Number 16-14-429-016 (No# Division Street) from Sharon Richardson in the amount of $100. Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Hanner, Roller, Delong, Caldwell, Jackson, Wright. Motion Carried.

Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:

President Jackson reported that all of the CDs are due for renewal at the end of this month.

Motion by Hanner second by Roller to allow Acting President Jackson and Treasurer Altenberger to renew all of the active CDs for the shortest term at the highest rate. All in favor, motion carried.

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

- DCEO Round 2 – As requested by the board last month, Clerk Daniels looked into returning the plastic walking track and doing something different. The summarized response from the grant administrator was that it is an option as a Modification which would have separate paperwork to be completed and once completed the paperwork would have to be reviewed and approved just like the initial application by several different people within the State grant department. Clerk Daniels stated that there is a possibility that the modification could be denied which would ultimately risk having to send all the funds back and could potentially make the Village seem difficult to work with jeopardizing any and all future grants, however, she will adhere to the general consensus of the Board. It was discussed and determined that in the best interest of the Village and future grant funding to not proceed with the modification. With other grant opportunities available the current track can be used for now and an alternate track pursued with future grant applications. Bids were received from Downs Plumbing and Korte & Luitjohan for installation of the pre-fabricated bathroom at the park. Additional bids for the electrical portion of the installation will be gotten and presented at the August meeting.

  Motion by Roller second by Delong in the amount of $11,765.00. Yes: Hanner, Roller, Delong, Caldwell, Jackson. Voting No: Wright. Motion Carried.

- Clerk Daniels reported that she has applied for four additional grants as follows:
  DCEO – Community Revitalization - $2,000,000: Rehabilitation and expansion of the Community/Recreational Center for public use and emergency sheltering.
  DCEO – Public Infrastructure - $1,500,000: Replacement of several culverts throughout the Village, upgrade of entire sewer system, installation of a complete stormwater system, and complete sidewalk repairs/installation throughout the Village.

  DCEO – Community Housing & Development - $800,000: Acquisition and revitalization of abandoned and/or dilapidated properties. Senior Housing apartments for low-income residents over 55 years of age.

  IHDA – Strong Communities Program - $750,000: : Acquisition and revitalization of abandoned and/or dilapidated properties.

  Clerk Daniels stated that the applications submitted were very generic and nothing is set in stone. If and when the Village is approved for funding more specific project details will be submitted at that time but that may be several months from now. Once Notice of Funding is received she will let the board know.

Trustee Reports: - None.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Caldwell and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:55 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th, 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, August 18th, 2026 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: Trustee, Karli Hanner and Village Attorney, Alicia Granito

Others Present: Amanda Daniels – Village Clerk

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

GUESTS: Steve Lang with Mudpuppy Consulting, LLC presented to the Board information on his services in correlation with the upcoming ASARCO Site Cleanup. His services include document monitoring, technical and regulatory review/advice, and public outreach to ensure the Village and its citizens are kept abreast of all occurrences during the ASARCO Cleanup project being completed by the USEPA. He presented his certifications and fee schedule for the board to review and take into consideration prior to the start of the project.

Public Comments:

Approval of the July 21st regular meeting minutes

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

CONSENT AGENDA:
Community Building Report Update and Approval: President Jackson reported that we now have a High School Student through the work program whom will be tasked with cleaning and preparation of the interior walls at the Community Center to allow the maintenance staff to apply a fresh coat of paint to them.

Public Works & Street Department Report:
Acting President Jackson reported that there was a sewer issue on Division Street last week and Down Plumbing had to be called out to investigate. Upon video scope of the sewer line it was clogged and needed to be snaked out which resolved the issue for the time being. Jackson reported that the entire sewer line in that area will need to be replaced in the near future.

Jackson reported that Billing Clerk/Collector Daniels has tendered her resignation and will be discussed further in executive session.

Jackson also reported that the board needs to consider obtaining a cell phone for water data collection use which will be discussed at a future meeting once cost information has been gathered.

Clerk Daniels reported that whks Engineering has submitted supplemental MFT paperwork for the board to review on several sidewalk repairs. The work may be done in phases to stay under the required bidding threshold for municipalities. Once the board approves the Resolution provided by whks it can then be sent to IDOT for approval and appropriation of MFT Funds to complete the work. President Jackson stated that with a replace a box culvert in need of replacement it would be best to allow the MFT funds to remain in place for that project which could be very costly. Maintenance staff along with longtime volunteer/resident

Ron Gazda could at least get the sidewalks with small sections repaired by the end of summer, weather permitting.

Clerk Daniels reported that there is a confusing issue with water billing at the apartments located at 9044 Illinois Route 127. There is a total of 3 apartments located there with only 2 water meters which leaves the apartments downstairs to "split" the bill. Jackson stated that if the landlord wishes to have each apartment have its own separate meter, he will need to pay a tap on fee for a secondary meter.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: Trustee Delong read the Fire Department Report. There were 7 medical calls, and 2 fire calls in the last month. On August 12th Chief Redman and several volunteers attended a live burn at Dick Elam's property using a dump tank, engine, and attack line to put out the fire, which was a great real-world fire training.

Chief Redman presented his monthly report to the Board. From June 16th to July 20th there was 1 fire call and 8 medical calls. He also reported that the weather siren has potential lightning damage and the wiring needs to be replaced and an estimate from Mac's Fire and Safety was received for $1,835.00.

A bills from Mac's Fire & Safety was presented for the weather siren repairs in the amount of $524.41 and $500 for the new pagers.

Kahl's Pest Control sprayed for insects, found several brown recluse spiders, and recommended it be sprayed twice a year as a preventative maintenance.

Engine 450 and Brush Truck 490 also represented Taylor Springs in the Old Settlers Parade.

Code 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 $134,420.72.
- The Parks & Recreation Fund has a balance of $3,853.30.
- The Grants Fund has a balance of $7,387.36.
- The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of $119,497.88.
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- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of $10,586.90.
- The Water Fund has a balance of $835,274.59 .
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of $5,687.77.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of $6,818.31.

Trustee Roller also read a list of current CD's and their amounts.

Number	Account	Maturity Date	Amount
3224-73224	FHA Reserve	7/26/2026	$13,465.65
9882-89882	FHA Reserve	7/30/2026	$11,963.90
2197-82197	Fire	7/30/2026	$7,001.94
0092-70092	General	7/26/2026	$59,325.06
1852-71852	General	7/26/2026	$59,325.06
2828-72828	General	7/26/2026	$79,069.87
4180-74180	General	7/26/2026	$56,579.42
6205-86205	Police	7/30/2026	$1,909.81
5291-75291	Volunteer Fire	7/26/2026	$19,272.30
0356-80356	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$17,071.64
2683-82683	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$31,627.93
3888-73888	Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$59,325.06
4871-74871	Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$35,837.72
7261-87261	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$59,325.07
9255-89255	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$27,775.31

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

Attorney Granito's Report:
Acting President Jackson presented the Appropriations Ordinance No. 674 in Attorney Granito's absence.

Motion by Delong second by Roller to approve Ordinance No. 674 – 2026 Annual Appropriations. Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Roller, Delong, Caldwell, Wright, and Jackson.

Discussion on an Ordinance to sell Parcel No. 16-24-127-012 will take place next month.

Discussion will also take place next month on potential implementation of an Ordinance for E-Bikes in correlation with upcoming State Legislation.

Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:

President Jackson reported that Jacob's Engineering inquired about renting the Community Center from 9/14 through 9/18 in conjunction with ASARCO cleanup. After a brief discussion the board decided to charge them a discounted rental fee of $450.

Motion by Delong second by Caldwell to approve a discounted rate for Jacob's Engineering to rent the Community Center from 9/14/26m to 9/18/26. All in favor, motion carried.

Jackson addressed the board about requiring permits for trucks hauling equipment and materials to and from the ASARCO property. Clerk Daniels stated that she did some research on what was done in the past and the Village utilized an online program called Oxcart Permits, which would require all trucking companies to register and report their activity on a daily, weekly, or quarterly basis with standard fees that can be paid to the Village through the program as well. It was decided that further discussion at next months meeting with the Village Attorney present would be best.

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

- DCEO Round 2 –Clerk Daniels reported that installation of the bathroom is underway and hopes it will be operational within the next few weeks for park goers to utilize until cold weather hits when it will be weatherized and closed for the season. Clerk Daniels has not received quotes back from local contractors about installation of the walking track. Acting Village President stated that it may be something the maintenance staff can do but would have to track their hours to be paid prevailing wage as required by the grant guidelines.

- Clerk Daniels reported that she has applied for four additional grants as follows:
  Clerk Daniels stated that the applications submitted as presented last month are still in the review process. As of now we are awaiting notice to potentially move onto the next phase of the application process.

  Clerk Daniels also reported that she has received emails regarding additional grant opportunities from various state agencies including IDOT. Daniels stated that she will look into them further to determine if it would be beneficial for the Village to submit an application.

Trustee Reports: - Trustee Roller is the Village liaison for the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) and attended their last meeting to get updates on community growth project in our area. She said that MCEDC has made the ASARCO property clean up one of their top priorities to monitor as well as AT&T Connectivity. Roller reported that as of right now there are no plans from AT&T to install a cell tower in Taylor Springs, however, it AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon have announced they plan to launch a new

joint venture which would allow customers across the nation to operate using any towers owned by all three companies anywhere/anytime thus increasing cellular coverage exponentially.

New Business

Trustee Roller would like to start planning for the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat in an effort to allow ample time for participants to register in advance. Since Roller initiated the annual event in 2024 it continues to grow each year and has become a welcomed tradition in the Community. Roller stated that she tentatively plans to host the event on October 31st from 2-4 pm at the Taylor Springs park.

Motion by Caldwell second by Delong to approve the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat to be held on Saturday, October 31st, 2026 from 2 to 4 pm at the Taylor Springs Park. Voting yes: Caldwell, Delong, Roller, Jackson. Abstain: Wright

Clerk Daniels reported that the annual fall community clean up needed to be scheduled and that last year it was held the last weekend of September. Acting President Jackson asked the board if they wished to host another fall clean-up this year. All agreed that people would take the opportunity to remove unwanted items from within the community just as they have in years past.

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to acquire two large dumpsters for Thursday, September 24th through Saturday, September 26th from 7 am to 5 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Roller, in accordance with Village Ordinance, asked the board if her business Whiskey Throttle could remain open until 3:00 am on September 26th, 2026 and on October 31st, 2026. As always as a courtesy to a fellow business owner, asked that Cobetto's Tap be included in that request so they may also have extended hours on those dates if they choose.

Motion by Caldwell second by Delong to allow Whiskey Throttle and Cobetto's Tap to remain open for business until 3:00 am on September 26th, 2026 (9/27/26) and October 31st, 2026 (11/1/26). Voting Yes: Caldwell, Delong, Wright, Jackson. Abstain: Roller

Executive Session

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to enter executive session. Time: 6:53 pm.

Motion by Delong second by Caldwell to exit executive session. Time: 7:27 pm.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Caldwell and second by Wright. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:28 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th, 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, September 22nd, 2026 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: Trustee, Karli Hanner

Others Present: Amanda Daniels – Village Clerk

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

GUESTS: Eddie Neely owner of Cobetto's Tap was present to request permission to block off Illinois Street from Noon to 10 pm on Saturday, October 11th, 2026 for his annual Cobetto's day celebration.

Motion by Delong second by Roller to grant permission to Eddie Neely to close Illinois Street from Noon to 10 pm on Saturday, October 11th, 2026 for the annual Cobetto's Day celebration. All in favor, motion carried.

Jacob Durbin with EJ Water Cooperative presented an partnership and acquisition proposal of the Village Water and Wastewater systems. This proposal included opportunities including a strategic plan to obtain funding for fixing Asbestos Concrete pipe as well as steps to improve source water and avoid any potential violation issues. EJ would also maintain and keep the systems compliant while offering enhanced customer service with access to 24/7 member support and on-call services. Jacob stated that he is waiting for additional information from the IEPA regarding the loans the Village had obtained to upgrade the water lines over the last few years. Once that information is obtained he will present more accurate figures on what water rates over the next 5 years would look like. Clerk Daniels provided Attorney Granito with the contacts at EPA so she may reach out to them in the hopes of expediting the information request process.

Public Comments:

Approval of the August 18th. 2026 regular meeting minutes

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to approve the August 18th, 2026 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Community Building Report Update and Approval: President Jackson reported that the interior walls and trim of the Community Center have been painted and it looks great. The window that had been broken for several years has also been repaired. The double doors and the bathrooms will be painted soon. The exterior entry door needs to be replaced and a new one with vinyl trim has been ordered and Ron Gazda has offered to install it once delivered.

Public Works & Street Department Report: - NONE.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: Chief Redman was present to give his report. There were 3 medical calls, and 4 fire calls in the last month. On September 2nd he had 11 volunteers attend a water rescue training with a car in a pool. The September 14th training was cancelled to honor David Wrachford

for his retirement and celebrate him for his 35 years of service. President Jackson provided cake and several volunteers and members of the community attended. At their last meeting discussion took place about fundraising opportunities. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be held on October 3rd from 7 am to 11 am. He also reported that AEC will be at the Fire Department on September 23rd to complete the annual flow checks on the Airpack's.

The Fire Department is actively scheduling Junior Volunteer Fire Fighter trainings with Shane Segrest.

Chief Redman has also reached out to the State of Illinois to get free smoke alarms for anyone in our community that needs one.

Chief Redman reported that he and Ron Gazda were called out for the hazmat team to an explosion in Benld.

The weather siren installation is currently on hold, as the new one blew a breaker so Lyerla Electric is scheduled to look at it and resolve the issue.

President Jackson asked Chief Redman if he was able to get information about billing insurance companies when responding to calls. He stated that he has but not gotten much information. Jackson asked Clerk Daniels if she could assist in researching that issue and possibly generating an invoice the Fire Department could use to do the billing/invoicing. Clerk Daniels stated she would gladly help with that.

Code Enforcement Report Update and Approvals: – President Jackson reported that there may be a potential candidate who is certified to fill the part-time Police/Code Enforcement Officer position. Further discussion will take place in Closed Session.

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 $139,434.23.
- The Parks & Recreation Fund has a balance of $3,853.30.
- The Grants Fund has a balance of $0.00.
- The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of $100,296.18.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of $10,610.57.
- The Water Fund has a balance of $850,502.95.
- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of $3,524.77.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of $6,818.89.

Trustee Roller also read a list of current CD's and their amounts.

Number	Account	Maturity Date	Amount
3224-73224	FHA Reserve	7/26/2026	$13,509.52
9882-89882	FHA Reserve	7/30/2026	$12,002.88
0092-70092	General	7/26/2026	$59,518.34
1852-71852	General	7/26/2026	$59,518.34
2828-72828	General	7/26/2026	$79,327.48
4180-74180	General	7/26/2026	$56,763.73
6205-86205	Police	7/30/2026	$1,916.03
5291-75291	Volunteer Fire	7/26/2026	$19,335.09
0356-80356	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$17,127.26
2683-82683	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$31,730.97
3888-73888	Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$59,518.34
4871-74871	Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$35,954.48
7261-87261	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$59,518.35
9255-89255	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$27,865.80

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

Trustee Roller stated that Treasurer Altenberger will present the Audit report at the October meeting.

Attorney Granito's Report:
Attorney Granito presented Ordinance No. 675 – Annual Tax Levy which was previously sent to Board members for review and asked if there were any questions. With no questions being asked, President Jackson called for a motion.

Motion by Delong second by Caldwell to approve Ordinance No. 675 – Annual Tax Levy. Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Roller, Delong, Caldwell, Wright, and Jackson.

Attorney Granito then presented Ordinance No. 676 for the sale of Parcel No. 16-24-127-012, known as 8338 Illinois Route 127. Bid Documents and advertisements will be prepared by Clerk Daniels with sealed bids to be submitted by November 10th, 2026 with the bids being opened at the November 17th, 2026 board meeting.

Motion by Caldwell second by Delong to approve Ordinance No. 676 – Sale of Parcel No. 16-24-127-012. Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Roller, Delong, Caldwell, Wright, and Jackson.

Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:

President Jackson reported that TCM Bank which is the card issuing company for Constitution Bank requires a Resolution to be passed indicating the Authorized users for the credit card to make any changes to the business account. Jackson called for a motion to approve herself (Jody Jackson), Treasurer Logan Altenberger, and Village Clerk Amanda Daniels to be listed on Resolution No. 2026-01 as authorized users.

Motion by Roller second by Delong to pass Resolution No. 2026-01 listing Jody Jackson, Logan Altenberger, and Amanda Daniels as authorized users on the TCM Business Account. All in favor, motion carried.

The Village has received literature from Birth to Five Illinois located in Greenville, IL. This program focuses on early childhood development resources and is looking to partner with other local agencies to assist in determining the need in specific areas and what types of development programs are needed. There is no cost to become member. President Jackson asked Clerk Daniels to send in her information as Village Clerk to be the Village's point of contact.

President Jackson reported that the Memorial Plaque from the Community Center that was moved to the entryway of Village Hall has not been updated in quite some time. She asked that the board consider making a motion to approve Point of Light in Litchfield to make memorial plates for residents that have passed in our community in the last several years. She also asked that they consider a plaque for the wooden bench inside Village Hall in honor of Village President Harry Jackson who passed away while in office last September, which she will donate the cost of. A dedication and presentation of a resolution for the memorials will be scheduled after their installation.

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to approve President Jackson to order all the plates for the wall memorial as well as a placard for the wooden bench in the office for Harry Jackson. All in favor, motion carried.

President Jackson reported that rental of the Community Center for Tae Kwon Do classes have resumed. Classes will be held once or twice a week depending on student attendance for the foreseeable future school year at the standard rate of $100 per day.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: –

Clerk Daniels reported on the following:

Installation of the bathroom is underway and hopes it will be operational before the Trunk or Treat. She will send a follow up Email to Downs Plumbing to check the status of installation.

Election packets are in and available for potential candidates. There are 3 Trustee Positions as well as the Village President. Packets must be completed and returned no later than 5 pm 11/23/26. Village Hall will have extended hours 9:00 am to 12:00 pm beginning Monday, November 16th through Friday, November 20th, 2026 and 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Monday, November 23rd, 2026 to allow for individuals to obtain and return their packets.

Oxcart Permits was discussed again this month. Daniels reported that the Village has an online Account with Oxcart Permit Systems with a fee structure already in place. She explained that oversized and/or overweight trucks may request a permit through the Village Portal and it may be reviewed and approved or denied by the authorized Village representative of the account. Once the permit is approved it then generates an invoice that the company can pay online with the funds being used for road repairs and maintenance. Trustee Delong asked how the trucks and each load is monitored. Daniels said it would have to be an honor system. Attorney Granito recommended getting two road signs stating Overweight or Oversized trucks must obtain permits through Oxcart Permits Systems and place them at the Village Limits entrance on the main roads into town. Clerk Daniels will prepare a sign template and send it to her to review prior to ordering.

Motion by Caldwell second by Delong to approve the purchase of two road signs instructing large trucks to obtain a Village Permit through Oxcart. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Reports: - NONE.

Old Business

Last Month's presentation from Mudpuppy Consulting for services during the ASARCO Site clean up has been tabled until a definitive cleanup schedule is put into place.

The recent E-Bike's legislation was briefly discussed. Attorney Granito stated that with it being a State Statute it can be enforced without passing a local Ordinance. If the Board ever decided to require a E-Bike Permits then an Ordinance establishing a fee and inspection guidelines would need to be passed.

Executive Session

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to enter executive session. Time: 7:55 pm.

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to exit executive session. Time: 8:23 pm.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Caldwell and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:24 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th, 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, October 20th, 2026 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a special meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 5:33 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Acting Village President: Jody Jackson.
Trustees: Alisha Roller, Wally Delong, William Wright, and Jason Caldwell (arriving 5:36 pm)

Absent: Karli Hanner

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

GUESTS: Jim Holliday – Retired Illinois State Police Trooper

AGENDA:

Executive Session: Motion by Delong and second by Roller to enter Executive Session for the purpose of property, personnel, and litigation. Time 5:34 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Roller and second by Caldwell to exit Executive Session. Time 6:05 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Roller and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 6:05 pm.

Until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th, 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, October 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, September 22nd, 2026, at Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:06 pm.

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

Absent: Trustee, Karli Hanner

Others Present: Amanda Daniels – Village Clerk

Clerk Daniels read the Civility Pledge.

GUESTS: Melinda Marsh was present to inquire about a tree that is on the other side of the creek by her house that has a branch hanging over her shed that will likely fall in the near future damaging her roof. Attorney Granito stated that maintenance of trees usually falls onto the portion of the tree that encompasses a person's property.

Public Comments:

Approval of the September 22, 2026 regular meeting minutes

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to approve the September 22nd, 2026 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Community Building Report Update and Approval: President Jackson reported that Ron Gazda installed a new light on the back of the Community Building. A new directional light was also installed to illuminate the parking lot.

Public Works & Street Department Report: - Clerk Daniels stated that she will continue to do water meter readings once a week as time permits. EJ Water Cooperative hopes to have additional information for their proposal for the November meeting.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: None

Code Enforcement Report Update and Approvals: –

Motion by Roller second by Caldwell to extend employment offer to Jim Holliday as Police Chief up to 10 hours per week with exception of emergencies at $35 per hour. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Roller, Caldwell, Delong. Nay: Wright. Motion Carries.

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 $164,772.27.
- The Parks & Recreation Fund has a balance of $3,853.30.
- The Grants Fund has a balance of $0.00.
- The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has a balance of $100,296.18.
- The Water/Sewer Project Fund has a balance of $10,633.53.
- The Water Fund has a balance of $848,266.71.

- The Fire Protection Fund has a balance of $5,037.80.
- The Volunteer Fire Fund has a balance of $6,418.28.

Trustee Roller also read a list of current CD's and their amounts.

Number	Account	Maturity Date	Amount
3224-73224	FHA Reserve	7/26/2026	$13,553.53
9882-89882	FHA Reserve	7/30/2026	$12,041.99
0092-70092	General	7/26/2026	$59,712.25
1852-71852	General	7/26/2026	$59,712.25
2828-72828	General	7/26/2026	$79,585.93
4180-74180	General	7/26/2026	$56,948.70
6205-86205	Police	7/30/2026	$1,922.27
5291-75291	Volunteer Fire	7/26/2026	$19,398.08
0356-80356	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$17,183.06
2683-82683	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$31,834.35
3888-73888	Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$59,712.25
4871-74871	Water/Sewer	7/26/2026	$36,071.62
7261-87261	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$59,712.26
9255-89255	Water/Sewer	7/30/2026	$27,956.59

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

Treasurer Altenberger presented the Audit report to the board. The annual treasurer's report will be prepared and sent to the Journal News for publication.

Attorney Granito's Report:

Clerk Daniels stated that the only Cost Recovery Ordinance she was able to locate was specific to Hazmat calls. Attorney Granito recommended discussing further with Chief Redman on what costs and call outs would be best to implement into an Ordinance. Further discussion will take place at the November meeting.

Attorney Granito mentioned an ordinance for the memorials and recommended getting a current inventory of them prior to an Ordinance being drafted and presented.

IMRF requires anyone accessing the Village account to be an authorized user. It was presented to the board to have Clerk Daniels and Treasurer Altenberger approved as IMRF agents with Resolution No. 2026-02.

Motion by Caldwell second by Delong to approve Village Clerk Amanda Daniels and Village Treasurer Logan Altenberger as Authorized Agents for the Village of Taylor Springs Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Plan effective October 20th, 2026. Roll call vote. Ayes: Roller, Caldwell, Delong. Nay: Wright. Motion Carries.

Acting President's Report, Update and Approvals:

President Jackson asked for a motion to set the 2026 Trick or Treat hours.

Motion by Caldwell second by Delong to set the 2026 Trick or Treat hours for Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Voting Aye: Roller, Caldwell, and Delong. Abstain: Wright.

President Jackson reported that the sale of the Outpost building was $205,000. With the loan balance and miscellaneous closing fees being $94,762.70, the Village made a profit of $110,237.30 which was deposited into the General Fund and will reflect on the October Financial reports at the November meeting.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: –

Clerk Daniels reported on the following:

Installation of the bathroom is wrapping up and should be operational by the trunk or treat. It may need electricity installed at some point but that can be re-addressed in the spring.

Two truck permit signs have been ordered and installed on the truck route into town and permit requests will be monitored through Oxcart permits online.

DCEO Round 3 is in the fund disbursement phase. A working capital advance was applied for to get around $25,000 of the funds from DCEO up front. The remainder of the projects will need to be paid out of Village General fund and submitted to DCEO for reimbursement. The total project cost submitted with the application to DCEO for new playground equipment and re-surfacing the existing basketball court with fencing totaled approximately $20,000 over what the awarded grant funding will be. Clerk Daniels reported that the Board can decide whether to just adjust the overall plans to cut costs down or to use General funds to cover the additional cost. With colder weather coming, it will be a discussion for spring when the work can be completed.

A FirstNet cell phone was briefly discussed for use of water meter data collection then tabled until further discussion of the EJ Water Cooperative proposal.

Clerk Daniels reported that work to the railroad crossings on Main and Seyborn are underway. Crews were in the area last week installing conduit lines for the new signals. Estimated project completion through the Illinois Commerce Commission is expected to be in December.

Clerk Daniels reported that the grain elevator is currently up for sale and she had two people call to inquire about zoning in Taylor Springs. She reported that both individuals were told there is currently no zoning ordinance however, there are safety concerns with the deteriorating structure that would need to be addressed to avoid any potential violation notices in the future.

Trustee Reports:

Old Business

President Jackson wanted to thank Rick Laurent for coming to assist with the water leak on Division Street. She also wanted to thank Ron Gazda for volunteering his time to assist with small projects/repairs for the Village.

Executive Session - None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Caldwell and second by Wright. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:21 pm.

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

Acting Village President: Jody Jackson Village Clerk: Amanda Daniels