

**Village of Hennepin
Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
Hennepin Village Hall
627 E. High St., Hennepin, IL 61327
January 21st, 2026**

The Village Board of the Village of Hennepin met in Regular Session.

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President Buffington called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Quentin Buffington - President, Diana Brandstatter – Clerk, Jessica Leighton - Treasurer

Roll Call: **Present - Trustees:** Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles **Absent –** Scaggs, Cyr

Also

Present: Village Engineer - Ken Giordano
Street Supervisor – Scott Mennie
Planning & Zoning Chairman – Quincy Buffington

MOTION: **Niewinski** **Second: Liles**
To Approve the December minutes with a revision pointed out by Trustee Goetz.
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Goetz** **Second: Boggio**
To Approve the December financial report and warrants paid.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Niewinski** **Second: Goetz**
To Approve Bills to be Paid.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Niewinski** **Second: Goetz**
To Approve donation requests to Voluntary Action Center for \$100.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Goetz, Liles
Nays-Boggio, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried.

President Buffington informed the Board that Illinois Funds account had been set up for the General Fund in the amount of \$242,478. A separate account will be started for Education and Recreation Funds.

There was no public comment.

Village Engineer, Ken Giordano, reported to the Board that the notice for bids on the parking lot by the bridge will be published in the January 28th and February 4th Putnam County Record. Bids will be opened on February 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall, **Giordano** stated.

The Street Committee recommendations for 2026 were discussed. **Trustee Goetz**, who attended the January 5th Street Committee meeting, reported to the Board all the streets that were discussed for resurfacing. **Giordano** provided a map, and gave an estimate on cost of asphalt per ton. Court St. from 4th to 8th was included and the potential for straightening Court St. from 8th to 10th, where the street jogs north. It was noted that grading for those two blocks could be done by the Village Street Department. In addition, a couple side streets off 10th were also considered, along with portions of 7th and 8th Sts. The committee's final recommendation would be to resurface Court St., from 4th to 8th, 8th St. from High to Mulberry and 7th St. from Court to Mulberry St., with the estimate for the program being \$194,000, according to **Giordano**. Funding would come from Motor Fuel Tax, General and Road and Bridge.

MOTION: **Liles** **Second: Boggio**
To Accept Street Committee's 2026 Recommendations for roads, with an estimated cost of \$194,000 and Authorize Ken Giordano of IVSC to proceed with the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution.
Motion carried unanimously.

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Street Supervisor, Scott Mennie, discussed work his department had completed in the past month, including fixing and storing Christmas lights, doing maintenance on large John Deere tractor and other equipment around the shop. It was discussed to take down the last of the large Christmas decorations this weekend.

President Buffington spoke briefly of the vehicles that have expired licenses around town that Justin Pettit and Bailey Towne are working on. It is reported that the owners have been notified.

President Buffington discussed the old street department truck that is in bad repair and tries to start when no one is in it. He has spoken to **Village Attorney, Churney**, who recommends scrapping the vehicle.

MOTION: **Goetz** **Second: Niewinski**
To Approve the scrapping of the old white Street Department truck.
Motion carried unanimously.

President Buffington brought up texting services for the Village, having done some research on the subject. Text my gov has a plan, including 25,000 texts per year that anyone in town can take advantage of and opt in. He noted the set-up fee would be waived and the cost would be \$2000 a year for 3 years. The Board would like to try the service for one year, if possible. **Buffington** will contact the company.

MOTION: **Liles** **Second: Niewinski**
To Approve trying Text My Gov for one year at \$2000, if available.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

President Buffington discussed updating signage at both the Bassi Park and the Hazel Marie Boyle Fountain, noting that he'd like them to match the theme of the other stone signs in the Village. **Buffington** said that he would like to spruce the signs up for the 250th birthday of our nation. He also mentioned that **Jeremy Jessen**, of the Street Department, has experience in stone masonry and could do the stone on the signs. Cost of the projects was briefly discussed.

MOTION: **Goetz** **Second: Niewinski**
To Approve an expenditure of \$2500 for the new Hazel Marie Boyle Fountain sign.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Liles** **Second: Goetz**
To Approve an expenditure of \$3500 for the new Bassi Park sign.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

President Buffington discussed the Ball Diamond lighting problem, noting that Justin Judd had checked the lighting at the ball diamonds and 7 lights failed. **Buffington** mentioned that the lightning strike insurance claim had been closed. Option A – the company would send us 7 new lights that would cost the Village \$800 each. Option B – the company would send the Village 7 new drivers that are under warranty free of charge.

MOTION: **Niewinski** **Second: Goetz**
To Approve Option B, 7 new drivers, under warranty at no charge to the Village to repair the nonfunctioning lights.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

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Trustee Niewinski provided a Great Streets Application from the Decoy for signage in front of their new business on Old Highway 26, at a cost of approximately \$2500.

MOTION: **Goetz** **Second: Boggio**
To Approve an expenditure of \$1250 for the Great Streets Application from the Decoy for signage at the 50/50 match.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

After a short discussion, **President Buffington** appointed Megan Kindred to the Scholarship Committee, to fill the vacancy left by Jane Loisel.

MOTION: **Goetz** **Second: Liles**
To Approve an expenditure of \$1800 for a new garage door opener at the Village Street Dept.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

After a short discussion concerning the damage to the recently purchased 2021 Chevy truck, and a quote from Route 71 Autobody of \$1614, it was agreed to have the Street Department touch up the paint.

MOTION: **Goetz** **Second: Niewinski**
To Approve the Taylor's Way 2026 quote for lawncare for the Village parks, Fountain and HMB Homes for a total cost of \$4316.45.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **Boggio** **Second: Niewinski**
To decline pest services from Taylor's Way and stay with Service Enterprises as in the past.
Roll call vote: Ayes-Niewinski, Boggio, Goetz, Liles
Nays-none, Absent-Scaggs, Cyr, Abstain-none
Motion carried unanimously.

It was briefly discussed to sell the John Deere 997 lawn mower and purchase a club car with a box on the back.

MOTION: **Niewinski** **Second: Liles**
To Adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously.



Diana Brandstatter, Village Clerk