

Village of Westville

Regular Meeting Minutes

201 N. State St., Westville, IL
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – 6:00pm

Mayor Strebin called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

	Mayor Strebin	Trustee Gallion	Trustee Sparling	Trustee Ellis	Trustee Hughes	Trustee Delhaye	Trustee Jordan
Present	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Absent					✓		✓

Also present was Village Clerk Kendra Hepburn, Village Treasurer Kaleb Pierce, and Attorney Dave Wesner.

4. Agenda

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the agenda and place on file. Motion by Delhaye; Second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting. Motion by Sparling; Second by Delhaye. No further discussion. Motion carried.

7. Claims

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the claims and place the report on file. Motion by Ellis; Second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

8. Clerk's Report

No Report.

9. Treasurer's Report

No Report.

10. Communications

None.

11. Police Report

No Report.

12. Public Works Report

- a. *Streets & Alleys* – No Report.
- b. *Sewers* – No Report.
- c. *Gas & Water* – No Report.
- d. *Sidewalks* – No Report.
- e. *Park* – No Report.
- f. *Community Beautification* – No Report.
- g. *Public Works Director Report* – No Report.

13. Licenses/Insurance Report

No Report.

14. Business District

Discussion was held regarding Business District procedures and administration. Topics discussed included reviewing whether there is a required percentage of businesses that must be included within the Business District map, updating the reimbursement application frequency to allow submissions once every twelve (12) months from receipt of payment, obtaining access to Illinois Department of Revenue reporting identifying contributors and contribution amounts, and updating the Business District map to include Izzy's, Brunswick, and East/West Main.

No action taken.

15. Unfinished Business

a) Discussion of Solar Zoning Regulations/Ordinance

Attorney Wesner attended to assist with questions regarding proposed solar zoning regulations. Discussion was held regarding upcoming State regulations effective June 1 affecting non-home rule municipalities and the Village's authority to regulate, but not prohibit, solar developments.

Discussion included the use of special use permits for solar projects in agricultural areas, setback requirements, permit/application fees, annual compliance monitoring fees, decommissioning/removal funding, road use agreements, and emergency response considerations.

Attorney Wesner advised that a 1.5-mile setback would likely be considered prohibitive under State law; however, a ½-mile setback may be more defensible and consistent with expansion planning considerations. Trustees discussed reviewing comparable ordinances, including the Village of Tilton's ordinance, and tailoring regulations to Westville's needs.

Attorney Wesner will draft a solar ordinance tailored for the Village's consideration at the next meeting.

16. New Business

a) Discussion/Vote: Ordinance #26-1540: Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Westville for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2026-April 30, 2027

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve Ordinance #26-1540 Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Westville, Illinois for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027. Motion by Gallion; Second by Delhaye. No further discussion. Motion carried.

b) Discussion/Vote: Labor Day – Portable Bathrooms

Discussion was held regarding portable restroom needs for Labor Day weekend. The Board noted that issues were already experienced with restroom facilities during the first tournament weekend of the season. Discussion included a plan to close the permanent park restrooms for the entirety of Labor Day weekend and utilize portable restroom facilities instead. It was noted that the quote from Illinois Portable Toilets was provided to the Lions Club, and the Village's contribution will not include the restroom request for the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the Labor Day portable restroom arrangements as discussed. Motion by Ellis; Second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

c) Discussion/Vote: Vermilion County Animal Regulations Contract

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Vermilion County Animal Regulations Contract. The Board questioned whether the Village is currently receiving the services outlined in the contract. Clerk Hepburn advised that the Village does receive a monthly report along with the invoice, confirming that the services are being provided.

Motion by Delhaye to approve the Vermilion County Animal Regulations Contract; Second by Sparling. No further discussion. Motion carried.

d) Discussion/Vote: Internet Access and/or Trail Cameras at Water Plant

Discussion was held regarding internet access and/or trail cameras at the water plant. Information was presented regarding a quote from Sparklight for internet service in the amount of \$69.98 per month. Alternative trail camera options were also discussed at approximately \$10.00 per month for up to 23 cameras, noting that such cameras would not provide real-time monitoring. Discussion also included whether future tower antenna installations may allow integration into the Village's existing camera system.

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to table the matter indefinitely pending additional information regarding the tower antenna installation process. Motion by Ellis; Second by Sparling. No further discussion. Motion carried.

e) Discussion/Vote: Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT)

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways under the Illinois Highway Code. The Village plans to utilize Motor Fuel Tax funds for tree removal on East/West Main Street and 335 Moore Street. Passage of the resolution is required in order to proceed with use of the funding.

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways under the Illinois Highway Code. Motion by Sparling; Second by Delhaye. No further discussion. Motion carried.

17. Closed Session

None.

18. Adjournment

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:57pm. Motion by Delhaye; Second by Ellis. Motion carried.