

Village of Westville

Regular Meeting Minutes

201 N. State St., Westville, IL
Wednesday, March 25, 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 were Village Clerk Kendra Hepburn and Village Treasurer Kaleb Pierce.

4. Agenda

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

5. Public Comments

Donna Haluska expressed concerns regarding children riding scooters within the Village. Officer Varvel stated that outreach efforts are being conducted at the schools. The Village is also collaborating with the City of Danville's "Friendly Town" program to help promote scooter safety. As part of this effort, the Village is working with Dairy Queen to provide ice cream coupons as incentives. Individuals observed violating scooter rules on weekends may be required to attend an educational session with Officer Damilano.

6. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting. Motion by Sparling; Second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried. Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17 and March 18, 2026 Special Meetings. Motion by Jordan; Second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

7. Claims

A brief discussion was held regarding a reimbursement to RP Lumber related to a fire incident. It was clarified that reimbursement would not be issued. Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the claims and place the report on file. Motion by Gallion; Second by Sparling. 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

Trustee Delhaye had no report.

b. Sewers

Trustee Sparling had no report.

c. Gas & Water

Trustee Delhaye had no report.

d. Sidewalks

Trustee Ellis had no report.

e. Park

Trustee Gallion had no report.

f. Community Beautification

Trustee Hughes had no report.

g. Public Works Director Report

No Report.

13. Licenses/Insurance Report*a. Chairman Report: Delhaye*

Trustee Delhaye had no report.

14. Business District

None.

15. Unfinished Business

a) Discussion/Vote: Ordinance Amending Chapter 195 of the Village Code Regarding Temporary Firework Sales
The Board reviewed revisions to the ordinance as provided by Wesner. There was no further discussion. Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 195 of the Village Code Regarding Temporary Firework Sales. Motion by Sparling; Second by Delhaye. No further discussion. Motion carried.

b) Discussion of Solar Zoning Regulations/Ordinance

The Board discussed ongoing concerns regarding solar development regulations. A sample ordinance from the Village of Tilton was reviewed as a reference for a potential final ordinance. It was noted that new Illinois laws for 2026 are available for review in the Village office. Additionally, pending Senate legislation may increase setback requirements from 50 feet to 500 feet. Concerns were raised regarding installation equipment and traffic impacts within Village streets.

16. New Business*a) Discussion/Vote: Ordinance Amending Chapter 318 of the Village Code Pertaining to Utilities*

Discussion was held regarding updating utility call-out fees, as current fees do not adequately cover costs. Trustee Delhaye made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 318 of the Village Code Pertaining to Utilities; Second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

b) Discussion/Vote: Resolution Establishing Fees for Water & Gas Meter Re-Install

Discussion was held regarding establishing fees for the removal and reinstallation of meters at the property owner's request. Trustee Ellis made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing Fees for Water & Gas Meter Re-Install; Second by Sparling. No further discussion. Motion carried.

c) Discussion/Vote: Resolution Establishing Annual License Fee for Video Gaming Terminals

Discussion noted that most establishments operate six terminals and share licensing costs with gaming operators on a 50/50 basis. The resolution increases the annual license fee to \$100.00 per machine. Trustee Sparling made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing Annual License Fee for Video Gaming Terminals; Second by Hughes. Trustee Ellis abstained. No further discussion. Motion carried.

d) Discussion/Vote: Approval of Contract with Hillside Development Group, LLC for New Police Station
Trustee Ellis reported that the contract was reviewed by the Village Attorney and revised accordingly. This contract is for design, planning, and development services only and does not commit the Village to construction. Hillside Development Group would act as the Village's agent for bidding if the project proceeds. The Village retains the option to decline moving forward. Approximately \$20,000.00 has been budgeted for these services, which is expected to exceed standard architectural fees. No conflict exists with the Farnsworth agreement. Trustee Gallion made a motion to approve the contract with Hillside Development Group, LLC; Second by Ellis. No further discussion. Motion carried.

e) Discussion/Vote: CY25 Gas Rate Study

Discussion was held regarding the gas rate study. A sample calculation indicated an approximate \$8.31 difference during summer usage. The Village's gas rates fluctuate monthly and are not fixed. Hedging practices have helped stabilize costs. Updated rates are expected to generate an approximate 8% operating surplus beginning in FY27 (May billing cycle). The last adjustment occurred in 2018. The Treasurer noted that the Village will conduct an annual gas rate study moving forward to ensure rates remain accurate and sustainable. Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the CY25 Gas Rate Study. Motion by Ellis; Second by Jordan. No further discussion. Motion carried.

17. Closed Session *(if needed)*

None.

Additional Comments

Mayor Strebin reported that the Village received notice from IDOT regarding approval for upgrades to the traffic signals at Route 1 and Main Street. The improvements will include dedicated go and turn signals in each direction and will be completed at no cost to the Village. Mayor Strebin noted that Chief Varvel and Clerk Hepburn assisted in securing this approval through information provided to IDOT.

18. Adjournment

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:30pm. Motion by Hughes; Second by Delhaye. Motion carried.