

Village of Westville

Regular Meeting Minutes

201 N. State St., Westville, IL
Wednesday, February 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 amend the agenda to move line item 17) Closed Session immediately following line item 5) Public Comments and place the agenda on file. Motion by Hughes; Second by Sparling. No further discussion. Motion carried.

5. Public Comments

None.

Closed Session (Moved from Item 17)

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to enter Closed Session at 6:05pm pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Motion by Ellis; second by Sparling. Motion carried.

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to reconvene Open Session at 6:18pm. Motion by Gallion; Second by Hughes. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting. Motion by Ellis; Second by Sparling. No further discussion. Motion carried.

7. Claims

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

8. Clerk's Report

No report.

9. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pierce reported that a preliminary budget has been prepared and will require further review. The Board discussed scheduling budget workshop meetings in early March to work through remaining items and adjustments. General discussion was held regarding utility revenues, expense allocations, and financial records from prior years, noting that records have been unreliable since approximately 2018 due to multiple years without completed audits. Treasurer Pierce is preparing a required gas report and reviewing public works expense allocations.

10. Communications

Trustee Delhaye reported that the Village was not selected in the first round of the T-Mobile grant application for the Depot project due to a high number of applications. The Village plans to reapply during the next application period in March.

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 of Solar Zoning Regulations/Ordinance*

Mayor Strebin reported that he has been looking into recent state legislative changes related to solar development and setback requirements, and how those changes could impact small municipalities. Discussion was held regarding the proposed solar project in the area and the available acreage near the City limits. The Board discussed options for addressing setbacks and protecting nearby land use, including the possibility of passing a resolution formally objecting to a special use permit through the County, which would require a supermajority vote of the County Board to approve.

Trustees also discussed reaching out to County officials and local legislators regarding their concerns, recent County Board activity related to solar projects, and the timeline for potential future solar developments. Additional discussion included potential impacts to farmland, landowner participation, and other long-term considerations related to solar installations.

b) Discussion/Vote: Allowance of firework sales within the Village

Clerk Hepburn compiled notes based on prior Board discussion regarding the possible allowance of fireworks sales within Village limits. Items discussed included limiting permits to one per location, restricting sales to B-1 zoning districts, prohibiting locations on or near residential areas, making license applications available 60 days prior to each sales period, establishing a \$100 permit fee per sales session, adding Fire Department and Police

Department inspection fees, and requiring permit holders to provide their own security during hours of operation. This information will be used to assist in drafting an ordinance for the Board's review.

16. New Business

a) Park Opening Date – Trustee Gallion

Trustee Gallion reported that the park is scheduled to open for the season on Monday, March 30.

b) Discussion on Proposal to Change Village Council Committees to 7 Committees

Discussion was held regarding committee assignments for the upcoming year. It was noted that all Trustees have been placed on the Finance Committee, and consideration was given to also placing all Trustees on the License and Insurance Committee. Additional committee changes discussed included combining Gas, Water & Sewer; Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks; and creating a Planning, Zoning & Permits. The remaining committees will remain unchanged, including Building/Grounds Beautification, Park, and Police. These changes will be slated for May 1, which aligns perfectly with the budget.

18. Adjournment

Mayor Strebin entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:58pm. Motion by Hughes; Second by Sparling. Motion carried.