

VILLAGE OF BRIMFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
July 7, 2025

President-Fishel called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm with roll call attendance. Arbogast -present, Christy-absent, B. Porter-present, Gilles-present, Meinders-present, and A. Porter-absent. Attorney Jim Cain, Superintendent Challacombe and Clerk Johnson were also present.

The minutes of June 2, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Meinders made a motion, seconded by Gilles to approve minutes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The minutes of the June 16, 2025 special meeting were presented for approval. B. Porter made the motion seconded by Meinders to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The June 2025 Treasurer's report was presented for filing, Meinders made the motion, seconded by Gilles. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The June 2025 bills were present for payment with a motion by B. Porter seconded by Arbogast. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes, Meinders-yes, motion carried 4 to 0.

New Business:

Ordinance 2025-3 Annual Tax Levy was presented for approval. Meinders made the motion seconded by Gilles to approve they ordinance. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes and Meinders-yes. Motion approved 4 to 0.

Superintendent Challacombe presented an estimate from Peerless Well and Pump for the purchase of wire that would be available for future projects and repairs. The amount the normal repairs require is not a standard amount so this would prevent issues finding needed supplies. Meinders made the motion seconded by Gilles to approve up to \$5270.00 for the purchase. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes and Meinders-yes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A quote for a backup generator for the village hall was in the amount of \$18,000 was received from Oberlander Electric. With the anticipated 40% tax credits of approximately \$7200 the total cost would be \$11,200. B. Porter made the motion seconded by Arbogast to approve the purchase. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes and Meinders-yes. Motion approved 4 to 0.

A bid was received from ConcretePolyFix to repair the sidewalk at the village hall and some other needed areas on the north end of town. Gilles made the motion seconded by B. Porter to approve spending up to \$3000 for these repairs. Roll call vote: Meinders-yes, Gilles-yes, B. Porter-yes, and Arbogast-yes. Motion approved 4 to 0.

With a motion by Gilles and a second by Meinders the Board approved Ordinance 2025-4 establishing a Museum Board to contain five members with the following terms, three members with two-year terms and two members with three-year terms. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes and Meinders-yes motion carried unanimously.

The following appointments were made. Emily Mathias-two years, Brandi Lester-two years, Janet Fishel-three years, Kelly Fletcher-three years, and Charlene Dye-three years. B. Porter made the motion to approve seconded by Arbogast motion approved 4 to 0.

President Fishel asked the Board to approve his appointment of Museum Coordinator Kim Hanks. B. Porter made the motion seconded by Arbogast and approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-5 Municipal Grocery Tax of 1% replacing the State of Illinois grocery tax that will expire 12/31/25 was presented for approval. Gilles made the motion seconded by B. Porter to approve. Roll call vote: Meinders-yes, Gilles-yes, B. Porter-yes and Arbogast-yes. Motion approved 4 to 0.

Return to Work policy is required for continued membership and coverage with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. A draft will be sent to board members for review to be approved at the August 11th meeting.

It was noted that the Peoria County property taxes have been collected at the previous village hall for many years due to the lack of township offices. The museum will not allow space for this collection and the township now has a facility that can accommodate the tax collection. B. Porter made the motion seconded by Meinders to request the tax collection be relocated to the township offices. Motion approved 4 to 0.

A new power source was installed on North Galena Avenue; this will be beneficial for the annual Old Settler's and other events. The total cost was \$2600 the Brimfield Area Men's Club is asking the Village to share the costs of this project. Gilles made the motion seconded by B. Porter to approve \$1300 to help with the costs. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes, Meinders-yes. Motion approved 4 to 0.

A list of compliance hearings was presented for approval with shut offs as necessary. Gilles made the motion, seconded by Arbogast. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Having no further business, President Fishel asked for a motion to adjourn. B. Porter made the motion, seconded by Arbogast Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting is Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall 135 S. Galena Avenue.