

**VILLAGE OF BRIMFIELD**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**  
**June 2, 2025**

President Fishel opened the annual budget hearing at 7:00 pm. The budget has been presented to the Board and available for review by the public for 30 days. There was no discussion or questions. B. Porter made the motion to close the hearing seconded by Gilles. The motion carried 4 to 0 and the hearing was closed at 7:03 pm.

President-Fishel called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 pm with roll call attendance. Arbogast -present, Christy-present, B. Porter-present, Gilles-present, Meinders-absent, and A. Porter-absent. Attorney Johnson, Superintendent Challacombe and Clerk Johnson were also present.

The minutes of May 5, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Arbogast made a motion, seconded by Gilles to approve minutes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The May 2025 Treasurer's report was presented for filing, B. Porter made the motion, seconded by Christy. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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

Trustee A. Porter joined the meeting at this time.

New Business: David Knight of Illinois Solar Services presented a proposal for installing a ground mount solar field at the water plant on Brim Street the cost would be \$386,000, and a roof top solar mount on the Village Hall at 135 S. Galena Avenue at a cost of \$33,140. With incentives from the federal and state governments the final cost, which is paid back over a period of 6 years for the water plant and 7.7 years for the village hall, would be under \$9,000. Payments will be on the following schedule: 50 % due at signing of contract, 30% due upon delivery of materials, 20 % due upon completion of the projects and 10% due when Ameren gives permission to operate. The projected monthly electric bill for the water plant would be \$54.00 a month, due to lack of history the savings for the village hall are not yet determined. There were questions regarding the assurance of the incentives. Mr. Knight stated that the State of Illinois funds are guaranteed, Federal funding is not a complete guarantee but at this point very probable. There were questions regarding insurance coverage for the projects and for the roof at the village hall. B. Porter made a motion to approve the projects for both locations. Due to lack of a second the motion died and will be put on the July agenda once additional information can be obtained and questions answered.

Trustee Meinders joined the meeting during this time.

President Fishel took a brief recess at this time.

Meeting continued at 8:00 pm.

The door on the men's bathroom at the village park is damaged and needs to be replaced. An estimated cost is \$4000.00. Christy made the motion seconded by Gilles to approve spending up to \$4000.00 to replace the door. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, Christy-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes. Meinders-yes and A. Porter-yes. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Ordinance 2025-2 Annual Budget and Appropriation was presented for approval. Gilles made the motion seconded by B. Porter to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote: A. Porter-yes, Meinders-yes, Gilles-yes, Arbogast-yes, Christy-yes and B. Porter-yes. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Museum Board Ordinance-establishing a board to consist of five (5) members with the terms to be staggered 2-for two years and 3-for three years for the establishment of the Board and terms to renew for two-year terms going forward. Arbogast made the motion seconded by Christy to approve the Attorney Johnson to draft an ordinance establishing the Board, and stating that the by-laws will be approved by the museum board and then presented to the Village Board for final approval. A transfer of items/gifts from the Brimfield Historical Society to the Village of Brimfield/Brimfield Area Museum will also be completed. The motion to proceed was approved 6 to 0.

2025 MFT Street Program was presented in the amount of \$60,231.90 for resealing Village streets. The only bid received was from UCM and was approximately \$3000 under the estimated costs. B. Porter made the motion seconded by Gilles to approve the bid from UCM in the amount of \$60,231.90. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, Christy-yes, B. Porter-yes, Gilles-yes, Meinders-yes, A. Porter-yes. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Wire Replacement for future pump pull-tabled

The Peoria County Enterprise Zone proposed map was reviewed and the Board agreed of the areas designated.

Backup generator for the village hall was discussed. The hall could be used in case of emergencies and a generator would allow for services in the loss of power outages.

A tree at 307 E. Clay Street needs removal, sidewalk is buckling and tree is not healthy. An estimate for complete removal is \$2000 and \$1200 for partial removal. B. Porter made the motion seconded by Gilles to approve spending up to \$2000 to have the tree completely removed. Roll call vote: Gilles-yes, Meinders-yes, A. Porter-yes, B. Porter-yes, Christy-yes and Arbogast-yes. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Sign at old village hall will be moved to new hall and a sign for the museum will be made. Looking into prices.

Yearly employee review: President Fishel spoke with the two employees (Sollenberger and Johnson) and he asked the Board to grant them each an additional three days of time off. B. Porter made the motion seconded by Arbogast to approve the additional time off retroactive to May 1, 2025. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Superintendent Challacombe was asked if the no parking signs for the north side of Brimfield Jubilee Road were scheduled to be installed before the fall sports begin. They will be.

A list of compliance hearings was presented for approval with shut offs as necessary. Gilles made the motion, seconded by Meinders. Motion carried 6 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 8:46 pm.

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