

Regular Meeting Village Hall Tuesday September 21, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Village Board opened with Mayor Riley Goodwin presiding. Trustees present were Mike Marler, Kevin McDonald, Kenneth (Butch) Chandler, Todd Kinzel, Chris Klingeman, and John Baker.

Michelle Birkner-Treasurer, Clay Finley-Village Attorney, Doug Birkner-Code Enforcement, Chris Daugherty-Building & Zoning and Chief Laura Ottens were also present.

Mayor Riley Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor was Mike Trotter-County Journal.

Citizens Wishing to Speak: None

Doug Birkner- code enforcement reported to the board that last Friday, with the help of the street department, 14 properties were cleared of limb debris. There are currently 26 properties on the mow list. The Village should charge more when having to mow properties on the mow list because it has become a full-time job for the summer help. There have been 19 citations written for debris, to which 5 of the owners have complied. Court dates are set for some of the properties. The garage at 902 S. Borders still needs torn down.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Butch to approve the previous meeting minutes from September 8, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Todd to approve paying the bills. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made to approve the financial report. We should consider moving the current sweep accounts at FNB Waterloo to 6-month CDs to earn a higher interest rate. We have had no large, unexpected purchases. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Correspondence: Mayor Goodwin received a text from a business customer who is being harassed by a neighbor. They asked if the Village could be of assistance in stopping the harassment. Chief Ottens spoke and said that the Police need to be called whenever it happens, and a report needs to be filed.

Mayor Report-None

Public Improvements, Parks, MACC Building and Streets. Kevin reported that the dog waste bins have been placed. There is one in the middle of town, 2 at the ball diamonds, 2 at the South Park and 1 at the North Park. Justin Evans-animal control will clean all waste bins out weekly. The 4-way pavilion will be finished Friday. Kevin would like a public improvement committee meeting on September 30, 2026, at 6:00 for suggestions from the public for the park grant. He is looking into how many stop signs are needed at crossroads. The Girl Scout building at the park needs improvements. Some street signs were replaced but there are more that are faded and need replaced.

John -Public Safety, Police, Ambulance, Nuisance, Zoning and E.S.D.A. John reported that he reworded some of the agreement language for the LiveScan grant we were awarded and forwarded to our grant specialist who would have their legal team give it a final look. Police should have their equipment soon. John spoke with Watson Excavating and Moore Excavating to let them know that Watson was awarded the brush removal job for sections 1 and 4. Watson anticipates starting the project October 5th or 12th. John reviewed retention pond drawings and provided comments and questions to the engineer. He also sat in on a call with the IEPA.

Butch-Utilities-Water and Sewer. Butch reported that 2 water leaks were fixed, the bar stream vault was cleaned, and the air leaks were fixed. Kendall has been doing a great job at the sewer plant. The road behind the library was fixed and looks great. He gave our information to the Southern Illinois Building Association so we could get more bids on our projects.

Chris-Finance, Ordinances, Personnel and Budget. Chris reported that the personnel committee held interviews for the full-time street employee. Village Attorney Clay Finley told the board that the budget can be amended up to a certain percent if needed.

Todd-Beautification. Todd reported that it is time for Fall decorations to go up and asked if we would be doing corn stalks on the posts again this year. Mayor Goodwin told the board Waeltz farm is donating corn stalks. We must go cut them down ourselves before they harvest the corn. We will be doing the Scarecrow contest again this year. Riley purchased large pumpkins to place in the pumpkin patch on October 10th for residents of the Village to pick. The Christmas committee would like to put up decorations for Christmas along Main St.

Mike-Landfill- Mike spoke with Waste Management about cleaning out the ditches that belong to Waste Management. We must request the exact ditches we want to be cleaned out and they will clean them.

Building & Zoning: Chris reported that he did a couple of inspections, and he is waiting on Ameren to complete a solar inspection. A company is interested in purchasing the White Mill Mobile Home Park. He spoke with the resident at the South end of town who had questions regarding who owned the tree that fell on his truck. The tree is on his side of the

sidewalk, and he maintains both sides of the sidewalk. The Village's Insurance company will be sending him a letter. The Village is not responsible. There is a resident that would like to have their single-family home zoned as multi family so a zoning meeting may have to be held to decide if the property should be zoned commercial or multi family. The special variance for 614 Key St that was approved a few months back needed to meet St. Clair County specs, but the inspector said the size has been changed and they may need to apply for a tiny home permit. A conversation will need to be had with the homeowner to see if their plans have changed. An inspection was done August 6th for an apartment at Joan Ave Apt. 5 that did not pass. They were told to fix the problems and then call back to have it reinspected. The building manager proceeded to have 4 guys move in without the inspection. There are fines that are in the ordinances that should be given when you are not in compliance. This will be referred to public safety committee. It should also be investigated if the owner has a permit to operate a short-term rental and if he has a current business license. The owner has had issues in the past and currently has an overdue water bill that he is not paying on as agreed when the Village worked with him for his large water leak. Chris asked if the website Calander could be updated with any solicitors that are issued a permit.

Old Business:

Discussion was had regarding the Sewer for the Touchette's home build. They combined their two parcels and would like to connect to the Villages sewer. No vote is needed for connection to City sewer.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Butch to approve the resolution authorizing an IDOT local public agency agreement for state participation for a roadway approach improvement at the W. Lyons railroad crossing. This must be completed by July of 2027. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Butch would like to wait until next year to make the Village Hall doors ADA compliant due to budget.

Approving the solicitors license died for a lack of a motion.

Hiring a full-time street employee will be later in the meeting after an Executive session.

New Business:

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Butch to approve closing Main St. on October 30, 2026, from 5pm-9pm for Trunk-or -Treat (6-8) with a rain date of October 31, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Todd to approve the Marissa Fire Department to hold a toy drive at the 4-way stop on November 14, 2026, from 8am-noon. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Butch and seconded by Mike to approve the Xi Phi Chapter of Delta Theta Tau to sell Krispy Kreme donuts at the 4-way stop on October 3, 2026, from 7am until sold out. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Butch to approve a sanitary hydrant at the new pavilion at the 4-way stop. Butch said that we budgeted \$60,000.00 and we are currently under budget. He would like to purchase tables for under the pavilion. Michelle is contacting Ameren to see what the cost is for electricity. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by John to clean the interior and exterior of the water tower. 2019 was the last inspection and it was an open only inspection. 2 years ago, the outside was cleaned. KWD recommends an inspection every 5 years. Water service will be provided by KWD during the cleaning and residents will see a slight change in water pressure at the most. The water tower also has an obstruction light that is not working. This needs to be fixed for the FAA. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-no, Todd-yes, Chris-no John -yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Butch to approve crane work for the pumps and digesters at the sewer plant. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Circuit and outlet install by Gibson Electric died for a lack of a motion. This will not be needed since we are waiting to make the doors ADA compliant.

A motion was made by Butch and seconded by John to purchase a full-page ad for \$250.00 in the Marissa Yearbook to congratulate the Class of 2027. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Chris to approve full-time employees' appreciation gift of Turkey's for Thanksgiving. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Butch and seconded by Chris to approve full-time employees' appreciation gift of Hams for Christmas. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

First reading of ordinance regarding traffic crash reports.

A motion was made by Butch and seconded by Kevin to enter executive session for personnel at 8:09pm. Motion passed. 6-ayes, 0-nayes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Mike to re-enter regular session at 8:36pm. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Chris to hire Sonny Laramore for the full-time street employee position at a pay rate of \$27.12 per hour starting September 22, 2026. Motion was seconded by Butch. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Butch made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm with a second by Mike. Motion passed. 6-ayes, 0-nayes.