

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF TEUTOPOLIS
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Teutopolis, Effingham County, State of Illinois, was held in the Village Hall of said Village on February 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The President called the meeting to order, and upon roll call, the following trustees were present:

Daniel Zerrusen-----yes	Robin Imburgia-----yes
Christina Mette-----yes	Greg Oseland-----no
David Tegeler-----yes	Rachel Collins-----yes

A hearing was held to review the delinquent water bills. None of the persons having delinquent bills were present at the hearing. Since no one was present to give just cause for being late, the Village Foreman was instructed to disconnect their water on the 19th.

It was moved by Chris Mette, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen, and carried that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as presented.

It was moved by Chris Mette, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen, and carried that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file.

It was moved by Chris Mette, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen, and carried that the board report be approved, and the February bills be paid.

Building Official Tony Esker reported one new building permit.

Mitch Hardiek from Milano & Grunloh attended the meeting to provide project updates. He reported the following:

- The Village will be eligible to apply for the ITEP grant in September.
- IDOT has approved the gap in the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project.
- The Cast Iron Replacement Project is anticipated to begin in June.
- The Village has \$260,000 in STU funds, and work associated with these funds is expected to begin in early Fall.
- The Pearl Street Project is scheduled to start in 2027.
- The John Street Box Culvert Project is planned to begin this Summer.
- Possible partial sidewalk replacement along Main Street was discussed.
- The bid opening for the Harvester Street Project will be held on March 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Tori Niebrugge was present to express concerns regarding the new Pawsley's Doggy Daycare, located adjacent to her residence. She reported that her family has noticed an increase

in activity since the business opened. She asked if Pawsley's will be required to install a solid fence along the shared property line. She believes this may help reduce noise, as the dogs tend to bark when they see her or her children outside, and her children are inclined to want to see or pet the dogs. She noted that Pawsley's does ensure that the dogs are brought outside on a leash. Trustee Mette stated that he will reach out to the owner, Nicole Pasley, to inquire about any plans for installing a fence.

Dave Probst was present to discuss concerns related to his ITEP Easement Agreement, noting that if the ITEP project moves forward, the work would leave a deep hole on his property. He asked that the Village fill the hole with leftover clay from the project, and the Board stated that if the project proceeds, they would agree to fill the deep hole with the available clay.

Item (a) TIF Application Discussion and possible action to approve the TIF application from the Teutopolis Park District was tabled.

Motion by David Tegeler, seconded by Robin Imburgia, to update the signer card at Teutopolis State Bank to allow Serena Buzzard, David Repking, Greg Oseland, and Christina Mette as authorized signers of all Village of Teutopolis bank accounts. Roll call vote – Daniel Zerrusen – yes, Robin Imburgia – yes, Rachel Collings – yes, David Tegler – yes, Christina Mette – abstain - 4 yes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion by Christina Mette, seconded by Rachel Collins, to approve the seasonal hiring of Aiden Niemerg at \$17.00 per hour, Michael Habing at \$17.00 per hour, Jake Probst at \$17.00 per hour, Nolan Schumach at \$16.00 per hour, and Craig Carr at \$21.00 per hour. Aiden, Michael, Jake, and Craig were each given a \$1.00-per-hour increase for this season as returning employees from last summer. Roll call vote: 5 yes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board discussed beginning the process of hiring a police officer. After discussion, it was determined that this is not an immediate need; however, the Board agreed that it would be beneficial to begin spreading the word to gauge interest from potential candidates.

Item (e) Discussion and possible action to approve a quote from Dasenbrock Fence and Overhead Door was tabled.

Item (f) Discussion and possible action to purchase a truck for the Street Department was tabled.

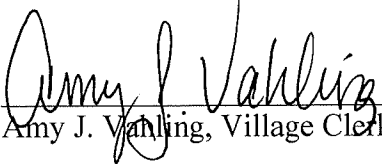
Motion by David Tegeler, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen to approve Resolution No. 698, A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a License Agreement (Emergency Siren Project – J. B. Esker & Sons and the Village of Teutopolis). Roll call vote – 5 yes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of including a No-Knock Listing within the Village's Solicitors Ordinance. The Public Health, Safety, and Water Committee will meet on March 4th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this matter further.

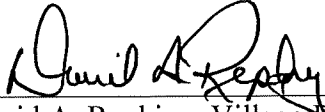
President Repking asked the Board whether there was a need to discuss adding an additional water source. He noted that the Village's wells are currently turned down to pump 65 gallons per minute, whereas they typically operate at 100 gallons per minute. He also reported that the church has expressed concerns regarding the parking spaces along the highway, stating that when vehicles are parked in those spaces, it becomes difficult for drivers attempting to pull out from John Street.

President Repking also swore in the newly appointed board member, Rachel Collins, before the meeting started.

It was moved by Chris Mette, seconded by Robin Imbrugia, and carried to adjourn the meeting.



Amy J. Vanling, Village Clerk



David A. Repking, Village President