

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF TEUTOPOLIS
MARCH 04, 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 March 04, 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-----yes
David Tegeler-----yes	Rachel Collins-----yes

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

Building Official Tony Esker reported no new building permits.

Mitch Hardiek from Milano & Grunloh reported that the IEPA loan application will be sent out this month, the STU project state letting will be held June 12th, a pre-construction meeting needs to be scheduled for the John Street Box Culvert Project, and they are working on a Mike Bost grant application for sludge cleaning and improvements at the sewer lagoon.

Leon Gobczynski and Martin Hutmacher, officers of the 3rd and 4th Degree, would like to complete a special project for America's upcoming 250th anniversary. They noted that the town bell currently located at the mini park is in poor condition; this is the same bell that once sat on the old Town Hall tower and was used for emergency alerts. The bell, which belongs to the Village and was placed at the mini-park during the 1976 Centennial Celebration, is approximately 30 inches wide. They would like to see it relocated to the Town Hall and believe it would be an excellent project for the 4th Degree. They plan to proceed with this project.

Martin Hutmacher is concerned about the drainage situation on Vine Street and how it may affect the new restaurant's parking lot. He believes the storm sewer in that area needs to be improved and feels the Village should address the issue. The Board stated they would look into the matter.

Item (a) – Discussion and possible action to approve a bid for repairs to Harvester Street was tabled until the March 18th meeting.

Discussion was held regarding water and sewer connections for Ruholl Trailer Sales. For the business to receive service, utilities need to be extended to the property, and the extension on the south side of Highway 40 must be an 8-inch water line to meet fire sprinkler requirements for

future commercial development. The estimated cost to extend the line from Canarm to the Ruholl Trailer Sales property line is approximately \$80,640. The Board instructed the Village Engineer to put this project out for bid. It was suggested that the Village cover the cost to extend the services from their current endpoint to the Ruholl Trailer Sales property line, and that the Village Attorney be consulted to determine whether reimbursement can be sought from the developer who did not install the required water and sewer lines when the property was subdivided.

Daniel Zerrusen introduced Ordinance No. 1121, *An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1079, An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Teutopolis, Illinois, a Municipal Corporation, Effingham County, Illinois, to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program.* Motion by Greg Oseland, second by Robin Imburgia to pass Ordinance No. 1121. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

After discussion, the Board decided to go out for bids to remove and construct new sidewalks along Main Street from John Street to St. Francis Township Road on the north side of Route 40.

Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by David Tegeler to approve Resolution No. 699, *A Resolution of Funding Support for Community Project Funding FY 2027 (Sewer Lagoon Improvements – Congressman Mike Bost).* Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Robin Imburgia, seconded by Christina Mette to agree to the following conditions for 312 S. John Street:

1. The back of the sidewalk shall be 10' from the edge of pavement (minimum is 8', with 2' reserved for potential future road widening; this provides 5' from the edge of pavement to the face of sidewalk).
2. Storm sewer shall be placed along the property.
3. A field entrance (8" sidewalk for 24') shall be installed.
4. The easement shall be 1' behind the construction limits, with no additional easement given.

Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen to approve an Agreement for Professional Services between the Village of Teutopolis and PGAV Planners, LLC for TIF administration services, including reviewing TIF applications and completing TIF reporting. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by David Tegeler, seconded by Rachel Collins to purchase a 2024 Dodge Ram 3/4-ton truck for the Street Department from Roy Schmidt Honda for \$44,042.63. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Robin Imburgia to approve a bid from Double D Sign to install an electronic sign board in the amount of \$48,900.00. Roll call vote:

- Daniel Zerrusen – yes
 - Robin Imburgia – yes
 - Rachel Collins – yes
 - David Tegeler – no
 - Greg Oseland – yes
 - Christina Mette – no
- Motion carried: 4 yes, 2 nays.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Robin Imburgia to approve a bid from Zerrusen Masonry to build a brick structure at the bottom of the electronic sign board in the amount of \$3,175.00. Roll call vote:


- Daniel Zerrusen – yes
 - Robin Imburgia – yes
 - Rachel Collins – yes
 - David Tegeler – no
 - Greg Oseland – yes
 - Christina Mette – no
- Motion carried: 4 yes, 2 nays.

Item (k) – Discussion and possible action to approve a bid for fencing the sewer lift stations and lagoon was tabled until the March 18th meeting.

Greg Oseland introduced Ordinance No. 1122, *Appointment Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027*. Motion by David Tegeler, seconded by Rachel Collins to pass Ordinance No. 1122. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by David Tegeler to move forward and begin the negotiation process to purchase land for a new subdivision and proceed with the development of a third TIF district. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Greg Oseland, seconded by Robin Imburgia, and carried to adjourn the meeting



Amy J. Vahling, Village Clerk



David A. Repking, Village President