

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF TEUTOPOLIS
AUGUST 19, 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 August 19, 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
Christina Mette-----yes
David Tegeler-----yes

Robin Imburgia-----yes
Greg Oseland-----yes
Rachel Collins-----yes

A hearing was held to review the delinquent water bills. None of the persons having a delinquent bill 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 20th.

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

It was moved by Greg Oseland, seconded by David Tegeler, and carried that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file.

It was moved by Greg Oseland, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen, and carried that the board report be approved and the August bills be paid.

Village Foreman Carl Pals reported that the backhoe needs new tires. The Board directed him to take the backhoe to T-Town Auto for tire replacement. Carl also reported that the hydro jet truck has pinholes in the tank that require repair. In addition, he stated that sewer smoke testing will begin on September 1, 2026.

Building Official Tony Esker reported he has issued several new building permits for August.

Village Engineer Mitch Hardiek was present to provide project updates. He reported that the Village's 2026 ITEP sidewalk grant application is scheduled to be submitted at the end of September. Mitch also stated that representatives from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), CSX, and Milano & Grunloh met to discuss crossing designs for the Oak and Pearl Street railroad crossings. The STU project is anticipated to begin in September, with a preconstruction meeting scheduled for August 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Webex. He further discussed a potential solution for the storm sewer issues along State Street. The Harvester Street project is expected to be completed within the next one to two weeks. In addition, a preconstruction meeting was held with Esker & Walker regarding the Main Street Sidewalk Project.

Residents Michelle Fombelle and Kathy Hartke were present to address concerns regarding drainage and traffic issues in their neighborhood. Michelle stated that since building her home in 2019 or 2020, water has consistently flooded the ditch in front of her property and then eventually flows into her backyard. She urged the Village to consider improvements to address the drainage problem. Kathy stated that similar drainage issues exist near her property as well. Michelle also expressed concerns about excessive vehicle speeds on Elm Street during Garage Band Night, describing the roadway as a "racetrack," and noted that many motorists fail to stop at the Elm Street stop signs. Kathy also inquired about the replacement of the fire hydrant located at the corner of Elm and Wall Streets.

Kathy Hartke, Teutopolis Park Board Administrator, discussed the possibility of the Village constructing a sidewalk along Race Street from Route 40 to Water Street to improve pedestrian access to the park. Kathy also asked whether a crosswalk could be installed at the intersection of Race Street and U.S. Route 40. The Board advised that a crosswalk at that location would only be feasible if the proposed sidewalk connection between Route 40 and Water Street is constructed.

Courtney Yockey, from The Alliance, was present and reported that he is currently working with two prospective businesses that may request Tax Increment Financing (TIF) assistance from the Village. Courtney stated that he will meet with the Village President and Village Clerk on Friday morning at 8:15 to discuss the potential projects and any related TIF considerations.

Greg Oseland introduced Ordinance No. 1135, An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Real Estate. (Hoene, Hoene, Schumacher – 713 Oak Street – Lot 53 – Extension of Reverter) Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Christina Mette to pass Ordinance No. 1135.
Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with Teutopolis Unit 50 School District and reviewed recommendations provided by PGAV. Following discussion, the Board reached a consensus to offer the School District \$75,000 annually, with the payment increasing by \$50,000 every three years until the expiration of TIF District No. 2. The Board also directed that the agreement includes a provision establishing a maximum payment threshold not to exceed 15%. The proposed agreement will be drafted for review and consideration and is expected to be presented for approval at the September 2, 2026, Village Board meeting.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by David Tegeler to approve Change Order #1 for \$3,687.50 for Harvester Street.
Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen to approve the Followell Construction bid of \$94,777.00 for the sanitary sewer extension and watermain improvements for Ruholl Trailer Sales.
Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board discussed concerns regarding lift station and storm sewer infiltration throughout the Village. To further investigate potential sources of infiltration, Village Foreman Carl Pals

reported that he will contact a company to camera the sewer lines and inspect the system for breaks, defects, or other areas where groundwater may be entering the pipes.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Rachel Collins to approve Serena Buzzard, David Repking, Amy Vahling and Christina Mette as authorized ACH Cash Management Users at Teutopolis State Bank.

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

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Robin Imburgia to pay out TIF 2 funds on Farmweld Contract 1 for \$7,279.64.

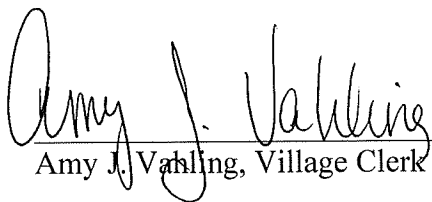
Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen to pay out TIF 2 funds on Farmweld Contract 3 for \$121,796.34.

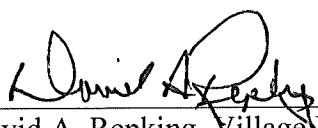
Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Tony Esker has been the Village of Teutopolis Building Official for 33 years and he is preparing for retirement. Following discussion, the Board agreed to begin the process of seeking a replacement to serve as Building Official upon Tony's retirement.

It was moved by Greg Oseland, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen, and carried to adjourn the meeting.



Amy J. Vahling, Village Clerk



David A. Repking, Village President