

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Village Hall 405 Main St. Pecatonica, Illinois

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting called to order by Village President Collin Hardy at 6:02 p.m. on March 3, 2026
2. **Moment of Silence.**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **Roll call** - Trustees Bill Determan, Tanya Wurtzel, Heather Squires, Tom Gipe, and Kim Gipe were present. Trustee James Green was absent.

Also present: Village President Collin Hardy, Public Works Director Nick Berry, Village Engineer Jason Stoll, Village Clerk Darla Stram, Village Attorney Dave Kurlinkus, Police Chief Matt Summers, and Village Treasurer Jordan Hartman.
5. **Establishment of a Quorum.**
6. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda-** None
7. **Approval of Agenda-** A motion was made by Trustee Determan and seconded by Trustee Wurtzel to approve the agenda. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All Trustees present voted yes. Motion approved 5-0-1.
8. **Call to the Public** – None

Agenda Items

A. Village President's Items

1. Discussion on Changing the Date for March 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting-

The board discussed date for the upcoming Regular Board Meeting, which needs to be rescheduled due to new law prohibiting a public meeting on election day. The Board discussed changing it to Monday March 16, 2026. This will be voted on at the Regular Board Meeting.

2. Discuss Request from Jose and Jeannie Fernandez to Vacate Alley

The board discussed the request from Jose and Jeannie Fernandez to Vacate the Alley. This will be sent to the Regular Board Meeting. Jason Stoll stated that the cost for Fehr Graham Services would be \$1,200.00. Attorney Kurlinkus will draft a letter to each resident.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on DPI's use of Their Building at 630 Main Street Violation of Zoning Laws

Then board discussed the Special Use Permit that was issued to DPI. They also discussed the current violations. This will be sent to the Regular Board for action.

B. Legal (Attorney Kurlinkus)

1. None

C. Finance (Liaison Determan)

1. Liaison Report –
2. Discuss Employee Raises –

The board discussed the annual raises for employees.

A motion was made by Trustee Tom Gipe and seconded by Trustee Wurtzel to send to the Regular Board in the amount of 4% increase. A roll call vote was taken. All Trustees present voted yes. Motion approved 5-0-1.

3. Discuss Employee Insurance Renewal-

Our renewal with current agency came in at an increase of 19.5%, it was also discussed that starting January 1, 2027, Freeport Health Network would no longer be covered under our current plan. We have two other agencies coming in on Friday to discuss quotes from them. We will have update available at the upcoming Regular Board meeting. A decision on insurance needs to be made as any changes need to be submitted by April 1, 2026, to be effective on May 1, 2026.

4. Discuss Rate Increase for Water and Sewer-

The board discussed the upcoming rate increase to the water and sewer base fees and gallons used. The increase will be 3% going off the current CPI.

D. Public Safety (Liaison Squires)

1. Liaison Report- None
2. Police Department Monthly Report (Matt Summers) –

Chief Summers reviewed the monthly report. Discussion

3. Discuss Purchase of Camera System-

Chief Summers reviewed the quotes for a new camera system for the police department. Discussion. This is on the Regular Board Agenda for action.

E. Public Works (Liaison Tom Gipe)

1. Liaison Report – None
2. Public Works Monthly Report (Nick Berry) –

Nick Berry Reviewed the Monthly Report. Discussion

3. Engineer's Report –

Jason Stoll discussed current projects we have pending. He also discussed potential for waiving bid requirements in the future for smaller projects which could result in a saving to the village more than \$5,000.00. He recommended that we discuss this at the upcoming Regular Board meeting. He continued to discuss drainage issues at 6th and Jackson; he is suggesting that we include curb and gutter to resolve some of the issues with drainage to the Street Project 2026. Discussion

4. Discuss Proposal for Structural Engineering Professional Services 2026 Village of Pecatonica NBIS-

The board reviewed the proposal. Discussion. This is on the Regular Board Agenda to take action.

F. Economic Development (Chairman Kim Gipe)

1. Next meeting: Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. –

2. Chairman's Report-

Chairman Kim Gipe informed the board that the PIA would be attending the upcoming Committee meeting to review ideas. The committee will also be discussing the Labor Day Event, and the budget. She invited the entire board to attend.

G. Executive Session – None

H. Action Arising out of Executive Session – None

I. Adjournment - A motion was made by Trustee Determan and seconded by Trustee Kim Gipe to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.