Monday, June 2, 2025

Greenup, Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Greenup Village Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Greenup Municipal Building. Mayor Tom Bauguss called the meeting to order by all standing to recite the “Pledge of Allegiance” to the United States Flag. Roll Call was taken by Clerk Jill Kimble, those members of the board answering Roll Call were Mayor Thomas Bauguss, Trustees Alene Blade, Josh Kingery, Paul Marti, Max McCullough, Sherry Parker, Tony Wright. Attorney Erik Peck was present at the meeting.

A motion to approve payments of bills ($450,177.77) and transfer of funds ($8,000.00) was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the May 2025 Clerk’s report and the March 2025 Treasurers report was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the May 2025 Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Marti.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

Macey & Ronald Keller of 601 E. Cincinnati St. were on the agenda but not in attendance of the meeting.

Kristin Scott (Cumberland Co. Fair Pageant Sponsor), Abigail Becker (2024 Fair Queen) and Eden Coco (Pre-teen Queen) spoke to the Mayor and Trustees requesting a donation toward the 2025 Fair Queen Pageant, stating that donations go toward Queen scholarship, crowns, sashes, gifts, and Queen wardrobe for the IL State Fair Pageant.

Kristin and the Queen also spoke on behalf of the whole Fair Association, stating that this will be the 136th Cumberland Co. Fair with Music, Rodeo, Pageant, Evening Hose Races, and a Carnival.

The Fair will run from August 9 through August 16.

A motion to contribute $500.00 to the Cumberland County 2025 Fair Pageant was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Marti.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

There was No motion made to contribute toward the 2025 Cumberland Co. Fair.

Sarah & Dustin Ruholl spoke regarding membership of the Tax Increment Association and the Illinois Enterprise Zone Association. Sarah stated that they should hold off on the memberships at this time. Sarah has learned that since the Village and Growing With Greenup are now a Mapping Community there are opportunities and assistance to the Group available through Western IL University – Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs. There will be a webinar with Steve Kline (The Economic Development Group) on Monday, June 9, 25 going over TIF Districts in more detail and she encourages all to attend. Trustee McCullough would like a “Special” Board meeting or an appointed committee to attend this webinar. A ‘Special” meeting will begin at 5:45 p.m. to attend the 6:00 TIF Webinar on June 9, 2025.

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On June 5, 2025, at the Village Venue there will be a walking tour/workshop with IIRA called “From Vacant to Occupied: Strategies to Revitalize Your Downtown” highlighting revitalization, community-led planning for communities.

A motion to table Tax Increment District Increment and Illinois Enterprise Zone action was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Parker.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Makenzie Healy (Farnsworth Group) presented the 2025 MFT Resolution to be approved at an estimated amount of $97,500.00. Streets to be done are the North/South on the Norths side of Cumberland, along with Broadway and (tilling) Palestine Rd area.

A motion to approve the Resolution for Maintenance for the 2025 Motor Fuel Tax Program in the estimated amount of $97,500.00 was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Parker.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Makenzie Healy (Farnsworth Group) informed the board that they should be ready to bid the N. Mill Street Water project within the next 2 to 3 weeks. Makenzie state the funding for the project is there per the Treasurer after Trustee Wright mentioned that he was not totally sold on the replacement due to funding issues.

Trustee McCullough reported from the May 29, 2025 Economic Development Committee meeting. The committee viewed and discussed TIF “Ideas into Action” webinar. Per Trustee McCullough there are 1,401 active TIF Districts in 97 counties of Illinois and 69% of those districts are in 85 downstate counties. TIF is not a tax, funds are reallocated portion of the total property tax bills related solely to the increased EAV. Start up expenses begin at around $40,000. To $50,000 which reimbursable to the Village from accrued funds. Per Trustee McCullough the committee recommends serious consideration looking into a firm to establish, implement, and manage a combined residential /business TIF District.

Trustee Blade presented an IL Department of Natural Resources grant application by becoming a member (Free) of the Tree City USA led by the Arbor Day Foundation. The village would form a tree board or department, establish a tree care ordinance, spend $2.00 per capita on tree related work, and proclaim and celebrate Arbor Day. Trustee Blade has already been working with Susie Beaumont on this potential project and Susie would like to remain working with the Village if decided to proceed.

A motion to approve working toward grant application from Arbor Day Foundation was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee Marti.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Utility Coordinator Hornbeck addressed the Board about the Master Plan for the Municipal Park, the Village needs to get with Anthony or Barb “Makenzie” to wrap up and get it budgeted for. Trustee Blade mentioned that the Growing With Greenup application for a grant through T-Mobile to build a Bandstand was unsuccessful.

Mayor Bauguss reported the Cumberland Co. Board meeting, stating that the State’s Attorney and the County Board claim that the Covered Bridge is not their responsibility siting an Illinois State Statute that says that the Illinois Department of Revenue are responsible for all Covered Bridges in Illinois. Mayor Bauguss has taken this information to State Representative Adam Niemerg for any assistance his office may offer in moving forward with maintenance of the Covered Bridge.

The board did learn that the lights of the Bridge have been changed out and are now working.

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Trustee Blade commented that in October of 2025, it will be the 25th anniversary of the bridge opening to traffic.

A motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel (appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal), Section 2(c)(1) and Litigation, Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

At 7:49 p.m., the Village Board returned to Regular Sesson of the meeting with Roll Call being taken by Clerk Kimble. Those members of the board answering Roll Call were Mayor Baugus, Trustees Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, and Wright. Attorney Erik Peck returned to the meeting as well.

The motion to appoint a Director of Utilities was tabled. Mayor Bauguss made an announcement to all in attendance of the meeting that Utility Coordinator Kay Hornbeck has all authority to direct and discipline the Utility Department employees until further discussion.

A motion to approve An Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Greenup, IL was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Parker.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Attorney Peck, Util. Coordinator/Treasurer had nothing to report. Chief Wicke was not present and left nothing to be reported in his absence.

Clerk Kimble informed the Personnel Committee that they need to meet to discuss and create a Return-to Work policy (requirement of the IMLRMA). Clerk Kimble thanked Trustee McCullough for his work with the purchase of 112 W. Eunice Carson Drive, if not for Max we would still be waiting for the Attorney of the sellers to get things done. Trustee McCullough also delivered the agenda packets last Friday and she thanked him for that as well.

Clerk Kimble then gave thanks to Tressler LLP Attorneys Megan Olson and Jeyser Claudio for all their work with a large FOIA request received.

Trustee McCullough reminded Utility Coordinator Hornbeck of a large pothole that needs taken care of in the area of 109 Pleasant St.

Mowing at 106 N. Marietta St. needs to be done. Attorney Peck mentioned that he would like to look at this property maybe to move forward with nuisance claims, liens for mowing or acquisition.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Jill Kimble

Village Clerk

Greenup, IL