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Greenup, Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Greenup Village Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 4, 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, and Tony Wright. Trustee Sherry Parker was absent. Attorney James Hess was present at the meeting.

A motion to approve payments of bills ($524,817.67) and transfer of funds ($8,000.00) was made by Trustee Marti, second by Trustee Blade.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the July 2025 Clerk’s report was made by Trustee Marti, second by Trustee Kingery.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the July 2025 Meetings Minutes was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Kingery.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Mayor Bauguss opened the floor to Public Comment – David Yaw of (Chances R. Sportsbar & Grill) spoke stating that he read where there was another request for a Video Gaming Permit on the agenda. David also stated that there are no permits available, the local economy is saturated now with gaming machines while also reminding the Village Board that they denied Casey’s General Store a permit.

Sarah Ruholl spoke for the Growing with Greenup group, informing them that she has been working toward finding out who is responsible for maintenance and repairs of the Covered Bridge. An agreement has been found by the Cumberland Co. Highway Department Engineer that states the road is to be taken care of by the County, ownership belongs to the County, maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of the of the State of IL Department of Transportation. Sarah will be meeting with County Engineer Richard Murray to coordinate cleanup days to be done by volunteers of the Growing with Greenup group prior to the Festival and Jeep Run.

Trustee McCullough reported from the July 16, 2025 Electric Committee Meeting stating that the meeting was over various electrical issues (IL RT 121 Electric Line Feed & a possible addition may involve construction over an existing buried primary 3-phase line feed. Per McCullough the committee should reimburse up to $2,500.00 to each customer of the IL RT 121 Line feed (2) for transfer of supplier services for a single-phase service. Once the service change has been completed it shall be each customers responsibility to allow Village employees to remove any and all transformer’s, electrical boxes, junction boxes etc.. Trustee McCullough also stated that the Village Board should discuss the request to possibly build over existing buried primary 3-phase line feed in line with current Village Utility Ordinance.

Mayor Bauguss reported that he, Trustee Wright, Elec. Lead Jason Reisner, Gas Lead Lance Holsapple, Water Lead Jake Peters along with Makenzie Healy (Farnsworth Group) met with EVAPCO representatives regarding new construction or an addition built on to an existing building to be built in the near future. Existing electrical and water services may need to be relocated, which is going to be costly. EVAPCO is looking to cut costs, so now they are looking at the addition instead of new construction. Mayor Bauguss has asked for the Finance Committee to meet to review cost and whether the Village can help EVAPCO out with cost.

Trustee Blade questioned if it was the responsibility of the Village to relocate services? Trustee McCullough informed the board that Village Electric Ordinance states that once a line is put in it is the responsibility of the owner to cover the cost.

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Dave Blecha (EVAPCO) requested the ordinance, it will be supplied to him by Clerk Kimble the next day.

A motion to reimburse customers of the IL RT 121 Line feed up to $2,500.00 for electric transfer of services to Norris Electric was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Blade.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Deann Bauguss, Shelly Stephens and Bonnie Starwalt (Greenup Volunteer Group) was present to request $4,000.00 from the Village to help with putting on upcoming holiday celebrations. Last year the Village contributed $2,000.00 and they (Greenup Volunteers) went in the hole and have no funds for this year’s events, and they are unable to fundraise to help out. Per the Volunteer group they have ran out of everything (supplies for the Ham & Bean Supper scheduled for October 1, gifts and decorations for the Halloween Celebration, Trunk or Treat and Christmas in the Village.

Trustee Blade asked if they have ever considered joining Growing With Greenup and using their 501C certification, they could work together without having to request funding from the Village. It was also mentioned that other organizations and businesses like to donate to those organizations who are 501C affiliates.

A motion to donate $4,000.00 to the Volunteer Group for Holiday Celebration was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Wright.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Makenzie Healy (Farnsworth Group) updated the Village Board on projects currently being worked on. The park grant is due September 30, but they have decided to work further toward what the Village Board and community would like to add to the Municipal Park, maybe having a community meeting to learn from the community what they would want. Application for a grant then will be made for September 2026.

Makenzie then reported that the bid process for the Water Main on North Mill will be coming up soon now that they know what size of water line to plan for. Larry Heuerman Trucking was the lone bidder for the MFT project coming in lower than estimated.

Trustee McCullough questioned the rolling of the streets with Healy stating that conversation was held with previous utility employees. Trustee Wright questioned about working toward repairing the problem child (failing sewer lines), with Healy mentioning that they can start looking for other possible grants to help out with the situation.

Discussion was held regarding Business Development District and Tax Increment Financing by the board along with Dustin & Sarah Ruholl (Growing with Greenup and Chamber of Commerce members), this month the board has missed the deadline for approving a contract for administration and implementation of a Business Development District by October 1. Committees need to meet to work toward implementation by the next deadline of April 1, 2026. Other discussion related to BDD, TIF’s and SSA was discussed (reimbursement of funds put toward implementation, repair and maintenance of the over-hanging porches, possible grant applications for the porches).

The Ruholl’s voiced their frustration with the board and the untimely Attorney review with recommendations delaying the Village of Greenup moving forward with a Business Development District.

A motion to approve an Ordinance Appointing Jason Reisner to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors was made by Trustee Marti, second by Trustee Wright.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

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A motion to approve an Ordinance Appointing Lance Holsapple to the Illinois Public Energy Agency Board of Directors was made by Trustee Marti, second by Trustee Blade.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Village Clerk Jill Kimble administered Oath’s of Office of Jason Reisner and Lance Holsapple for their appointments.

A motion to approve purchase of Pipehunter Trailer Jet(Sewer Machine) in the amount of $96,475.00 from Key Equipment & Supply Co was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Kingery.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

A motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel(appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body), Section 2(c)(1) – Public Official, Section 2(c)(3) – Litigation, Section 2(c)(11), - Semiannual Review of Closed Session Minutes, Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Kingery.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

This Open Session of the meeting closed to the public at 7:24 p.m.

At 8:11 the Village Board returned to Open Sesson. Roll Call was taken by Clerk Kimble, those members of the board answering Roll Call were Mayor Bauguss, Trustees Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Wright. Trustee Parker was absent. Attorney James Hess returned to the Open Meeting as well.

A motion to report on the Village Boards Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee McCullough.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Trustee Blade then reported that the Village Board done the semiannual review and found that there is still a need for confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes that are not available to the public for inspection.

A motion to approve a Resolution Approving the Return-To-Work Policy Pursuant to the Village of Greenup Personnel Policies was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Marti.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Trustee Marti reported from the Personnel Committee Meetings held on July 26 and August 2, 2025.

The committee met to review applications received for the Office Clerk position on July 26 and then on August 2, they met and interviewed four (4) applicants, Trustee Blade was in attendance by phone, Clerk Kimble and Daniel Finley helped with the interviews too. Trustee Marti stated that it is the recommendation of the committee to hire Jody Shoot.

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A motion to hire Jody Shoot as Office Clerk at a $20.00 per hour rate of pay beginning August 25, 2025 (full benefits) was made by Trustee Marti, second by Trustee Kingery.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Clerk Kimble presented an estimate for the purchase of a fuel tank for fueling Village Utility Vehicles and Police Vehicles. Chief of Police Ethan Wicke will check into getting a quote from Bolin’s and another quote will be gotten from South Central FS.

Trustee Blade reported that the Growing With Greenup Group has learned of some art grants, stating that Dr. Bergbower would be willing to donate the east side of his building to be painted on.

Trustee Marti reported that he spoken with a former Chief of Police of a neighboring community who spoke highly of the Greenup Police Department. The Board agreed that the Village has a great Chief of Police and Officers.

Rita Adams (504 E. Elizabeth) requested that the sidewalk in front of her home be looked at, it is in need of replacement.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee McCullough second by Trustee Marti.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Jill Kimble

Village Clerk

Greenup, IL