

Monday, July 6th, 2026

Greenup, Village Board Meeting

The Greenup Village Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 6th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Greenup Municipal Building. Mayor Tom Bauguss called the meeting to order with all standing to recite the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the United States Flag. Roll Call was taken by Deputy Clerk Michelle Fryman, those members of the board answering Roll Call were Mayor Bauguss, Trustees Alene Blade, Josh Kingery, Max McCullough and Tony Wright. Trustees Sherry Parker and Paul Marti were absent.

A motion to approve payments of bills (\$412,023.79) and transfer of electric bond funds (\$8,000) was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Marti, Parker

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the June 2026 Clerk's Report and May 2026 Treasurer's Reports were made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Marti, Parker

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the June 2026 Meeting Minutes with revision was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Blade, Kingery

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Village of Greenup resident, Nancy Kinsel addressed the board voicing concerns regarding nuisance property in town. Kinsel reports trash is still on the property. Kinsel also voiced concerns regarding grass seeds that were placed on her lawn that did not grow to expectations.

Deanne Bauguss, with Growing with Greenup and Greenup Chamber addressed the board to thank all who participated in the America's 250th Birthday Celebration. Bauguss also thanked Bob and Alene Blade for their hard work and efforts in making the mural a success. Mayor Bauguss also thanked everyone who contributed to the celebration and revealing of the community mural project.

Kim Starwalt and the 2025 Cumberland County Fair Queens addressed the board requesting a contribution toward the 2026 Queen Pageant. Miss Cumberland County Fair Queen, Sophia Thorton spoke to the board requesting a donation of \$500.00. A motion to contribute to the 2026 Cumberland County Fair Queen Pageant was made by Trustee Blade, a second by Trustee McCullough.

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Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

No motion was made regarding contribution to the 2026 Cumberland County Fair Association, and no action was taken.

Deanne Bauguss addressed the room to recognize and thank the Queens for all of the hard work and dedication both on and off of the pageant stage all year long.

Dave Yaw and Memphis Waggoner addressed the board in regard to the Village Ordinance on Tattoo Businesses. Yaw and Waggoner are seeking to open an upscale Tattoo Business within the Village. Yaw has requested revisions to the Village Ordinance to bring the Ordinance up to date and similar to other local communities. Yaw presented a printout of the requested changes. After discussion, Trustee Blade made the motion to revise the Village Ordinance regarding Tattoo Businesses, a second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

Joseph Horn with Earthrise Energy addressed the board regarding a Solar Project that would involve ground that holds the Village of Greenup's natural gas line. Utility Superintendent, Lance Holsapple reports they will need to stay at least 4 feet below the gas line to move forward with their project. Horn reports that staying at least 4 feet below should be no issue. Trustee McCullough made the motion to approve the Letter of No Objection to Earthrise Energy to move forward with the project, a second was made by Trustee Blade.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

Susie Beaumont, with Beaumont Consulting, addressed the board requesting the approval of the project and acceptance of proposal by The Growth Collective in the amount of \$16,750.00. Beaumont reports this was approved in June and was omitted from the meeting minutes. Beaumont requests amendment to the June 2026 meeting minutes. Beaumont also requests approval of payment in the amount of \$3,149 for trees that will be reimbursed to the Village by Tree City USA. A motion to approve payment to Beaumont Consulting in the amount of \$3,149 was made by Trustee Blade, a second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None

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Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

Jim Closson of the Illinois Municipal Risk Management Association addressed the board with presentation regarding insurance coverage, training and safety for the Village of Greenup.

Mayor Bauguss addressed the board to discuss purchasing a lift for the Village Utility Staff to safely work on equipment. During discussion about where the lift would be purchased, Trustee Wright reported the lift would need to be purchased and installed by a vendor.

A motion to approve White's Trash Service request to increase monthly rates by \$1.00 beginning August 1st, 2026 was made by Trustee Blade, a second by Trustee Wright.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

Trustee Wright presented overview of the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held July 1st, 2026, regarding the Sewer Grant Application Fee. It was the recommendation of the Committee that the Village proceed with the grant application with approval at the July board meeting. The committee also recommends exploring the option of extending the sewer line south along Columbia Street to Illinois Street.

Barb Healy with the Farnsworth Group addressed the board with project updates.

A motion to approve an Ordinance Prohibiting and Making Unlawful Discrimination in Housing and/or Real Property Because of Race, Color, Religion, Creed, National Origin, Ancestor, Sex, or Disability in the Village of Greenup, Illinois was made by Trustee Blade, a second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

A motion to approve the DCEO Grant Application Proposal was made by Trustee Wright, a second by Trustee Blade.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

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A motion to approve the final Municipal Park Plan was made by Trustee Wright, a second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

A motion to approve the estimate from Eaton Construction Co. Inc. d.b.a. Asphalt Improvement for seal coat and striping of the Municipal Building Parking lot in the amount of \$6,500.00 was made by Trustee McCullough, a second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

A motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 13, Chapter 13.02, Section 13.02.30 of the Village Code with respect to Nonpayment of Utility Service Charges was made by Trustee Wright, a second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

A motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 1, Section 5.01.02 of the Village Code Pertaining to Liquor Licenses was made by Trustee McCullough, a second by Trustee Blade. This was amended with the understanding that Poncho's Pizza would be issued a temporary Class D (Restaurant/Lounge) Liquor License. Tressler, LLP will be amending the Ordinance to create a Class A (Restaurant Only) license that will replace the temporary license.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

Motion to approve an Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Greenup was made with the adjustment to the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$835, 000 for a total of \$11,283,850.00 was made by Trustee Wright, a second by Trustee McCullough,

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None

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Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

A motion to approve moving forward in the development of an agreement with property owner, Tracey Brummer that allows a one-time payout of \$2,500.00 for use of property showcasing Village of Greenup signage was tabled.

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the Semi-Annual review of Closed Session Minutes, Section 2 (c) 21 of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Blade, a second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

Regular session the meeting closed to public at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:45 p.m. the Village Board returned to Open Session of the meeting, with Mayor Bauguss informing all that there was no action taken in Executive Session. Roll call was completed by Clerk Michelle Fryman, those members of the board answering Roll Call were Mayor Bauguss, Trustees Alene Blade, Josh Kingery, Max McCullough and Tony Wright. Trustees Marti and Parker were both absent.

A motion not to release the Village Board's Closed Session Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Blade, a second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

A motion to purchase two trash receptacles from Barco Products to place at the Historical Society Site Depot was made by Trustee Kingery, a second by Trustee Wright.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Marti, Parker
Motion carried.

Village Clerk, Michelle Fryman reports the Village of Greenup is accepting applications for Utility Laborer and Police Officer. The Village is also requesting residents who have experienced sewer issues submit a letter documenting their issues. This information will be submitted with the application for grant funding for the sewer.

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Village Treasurer, Hannah Scales thanked everyone for doing a good job.

Superintendent of Utilities, Lance Holsapple also reports the acceptance of applications for the Utility Laborer position.

Chief of Police, Ethan Wicke reports upcoming court date for the demolition of nuisance properties. Chief Wicke reports raffle tickets for a whole hog are being sold for the Shop with First Responders Program.

Mayor Bauguss opened and read the Letter of Resignation received from Trustee Kingery effective August 4th, 2026.

Trustee Blade thanked everyone for their participation in making the America's 250th Celebration and mural reveal a success. The event was better than she had ever imagined. Mayor Bauguss also thanked everyone for coming together to make this a wonderful event.

Trustee McCullough requests the Residential Development Incentive Program Application be included in the August 2026 meeting agenda.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee McCullough, a second by Trustee Wright.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Marti, Parker

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Michelle Fryman

Village Clerk

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