

Monday, August 3rd, 2026

Greenup, Village Board Meeting

The Greenup Village Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 3rd, 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. Members of the board answering Roll Call were Mayor Bauguss, Trustees Alene Blade, Josh Kingery, Max McCullough, Paul Marti, Sherry Parker and Tony Wright. Village Attorney Erik Peck was also present.

A motion to approve payments of bills (\$436,712.34) and transfer of electric bond funds (\$8,000) was made by Trustee Blade, seconded by Trustee Kingery.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the July 2026 Clerk's Report and June 2026 Treasurer's Reports were made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the July 2026 Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Blade.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Susie Beaumont addressed the board to introduce Steve and Gena Lane with The Response Growth Collective. They will be touring the village to document and study the trees located in the public right-of-way. Mr. Lane reports they are happy to be working in the Village of Greenup and welcome residents to reach out to them with questions or trees of interest.

Mayor Bauguss addressed the submission of the Building Improvement Program Application by Poncho's Pizza. Trustee Wright requests further information be submitted before granting the \$2,000 grant. Motion to accept the submitted application was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Marti.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Barb Healy with the Farnsworth Group addressed the board regarding Resolution 2026-7, A Resolution of Support for DCEO Grant.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-7 was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Blade.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Motion carried.

Barb Healy also reports grant funding has been received to complete the water plant project. The Village of Greenup has been granted \$1.6 million in grant funding to complete the Water Plant Project. Healy reports due to receiving funding for the project, phase 3 of the water rate increase is no longer necessary.

A motion to amend Ordinance 733 with the creation of Amended Ordinance 767 removing phase 3 was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Kingery.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Trustee McCullough discussed the Residential Development Incentive Program Application. Trustee Wright requested more information as to who would be overseeing these projects, ensuring that all rules and regulations are being followed. Mayor Bauguss reports he does not believe the Village of Greenup should be giving away utilities for free. Trustee Blade reports the Village would receive the money back from properties through taxes paid when the property sells. Trustee Marti requested further details on qualifications. Trustee McCullough reported the application process has been in progress for the past 3 months.

Motion to approve the Residential Development Incentive Program Application was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Blade.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, McCullough, Parker

Nays: Marti, Wright

Absent: None

Mayor Bauguss chose to veto this motion.

Review and discussion of the draft Ordinance amending Chapter 13.08 of the Village Code with Respect to Electric System Rates and Charges was led by Trustee McCullough. Electric rates increase by 3.2% annually beginning October 1, 2026 and to continue October 1, 2027 and October 1st, 2028. Rates will be re-evaluated by the Electric Committee in 2028. Final draft of the amended Ordinance will be up for vote at the September 2026 meeting.

Motion to approve an Amended Appropriation Ordinance was made by Trustee Blade, seconded by Trustee Marti.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to enter Executive Session was made by Trustee Parker to discuss pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss pending litigation involving the board, seconded by Trustee McCullough.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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The regular session of the meeting was closed to the public at 6:22 p.m.

At 6:47 p.m., the Village Board returned to Open Session of the meeting. Mayor Bauguss informed 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, Paul Marti, Sherry Parker and Tony Wright.

A motion to accept the resignation of Trustee Joshua Kingery was made by Trustee Parker, a seconded by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: McCullough, Marti, Parker

Nays: Blade, Wright

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Bauguss thanked Trustee Kingery for all he has done for the Village of Greenup.

Reports

Clerk Fryman reported that the Kemper CPA Group audit would be completed soon.

Assistant Superintendent Jake Peters reported the roof repair will begin the last week of August 2026.

Trustee Blade requests Treasurer Hannah Scales include the monthly totals from last year in the monthly Treasurer's Reports in order to compare last year's totals to current totals. Trustee Blade thanked Trustee Kingery for his contributions to the village during his time on the board.

Trustee Kingery thanked the board and told them to continue doing good work.

Trustee Marti thanked Trustee Kingery for his time on the board.

Trustee Parker thanked Trustee Kingery for his time on the board.

Trustee McCullough thanked Trustee Kingery for his time on the board. McCullough also asked about the pending amendment to the Tattoo Ordinance and the Class A Liquor License addition. McCullough also reported speaking to the previous Village Clerk who reports information on the Village of Greenup signage on the Brummer property could be located in the Municipal Building attic storage room. This information would provide a record of a verbal agreement the Village had had with Ms. Oakley placing the signage on the property with no fee.

Trustee Wright thanked Trustee Kingery for his time on the board. Trustee Wright also thanked the Village employees for doing a great job and for always stepping up to get the job done.

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Trustee Blade reports signage for the mural to be placed by the interstate. Blade also reports trees blocking existing Village of Greenup signage along the interstate. Trustee McCullough suggests speaking with the landowner (Mr. Stan Holsapple) about trimming the trees.

Mayor Bauguss thanked Lowell and Marilyn Henderson for their donation of the two trees recently planted on the Municipal Building lawn. Bauguss also thanked Shelley Phillipi for the creation of the Village of Greenup tourism brochures. Mayor Bauguss requests Phillipi be reimbursed for the brochures. Clerk Fryman reports the cost was approximately \$75. All trustees agree to reimburse Phillipi for the brochures.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Parker, a second by Trustee Kingery.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.