

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF FISHER, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR MEETING  
*March 12, 2026***

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Fisher was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at the Fisher Community Center, 100 E. School Street, Fisher, Illinois. Village President Michael Bayler called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, leading the audience in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll, finding the following members physically present:

Village President Michael Bayler; and Trustees Tucker Bayler, Brock Deer, Debra Estes, Roger Ponton and Angela Seidelman. Trustee Daniel Spaulding was absent.

Other Village personnel present: Mary Hubbell, Office Manager/Treasurer; Jon Priest, Chief of Police; and Jeremy Reale, Village Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Bayler moved to approve the agenda as prepared. Trustee Seidelman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Seidelman moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 26, 2026 and the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2026 as presented. Trustee Bayler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim Newman informed the Board that Fisher National Bank had purchased a quantity of 500 3ft x 5ft American flags to be available for any resident interested in having them installed on their home. He asked whether there was any plan in place to communicate this information to the public so those interested in having a flag installed could make the necessary arrangements. President Bayler responded that he believed this effort was being coordinated with the Fisher Sesquicentennial planning committee and he expected that the group would be publicizing the flag project. He added that he was planning to attend the next committee meeting and would follow up with them on this topic.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Bayler reported that he had met with Jameson Newman and it had been decided that he would be doing picnic tables for the softball field as his Eagle Scout project. He also stated that he had received email communication from IDOT that a consultant had been engaged to develop community travel plans and that Fisher had been designated a top priority community for this project in District V. The planning phase would be completed at no cost to the Village. Village, police and school officials would be meeting with representatives from the consulting team about the project and he would provide more information after that time.

## **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Trustee Estes moved to authorize payment of the monthly claims for all funds as presented. Trustee Seidelman seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Deer, Estes, Ponton, Seidelman and Bayler (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Spaulding (1)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member absent.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **(A) Finance & TIF**

Trustee Estes reported that the preliminary budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 had been distributed to the Board members for review. A public hearing on the proposed budget would be held at the next regular meeting on April 9, 2026 prior to final action on the ordinance. She also informed the Board that the Village had realized earnings of approximately \$47,000.00 in interest on the surplus funds transferred from the General Fund to the Money Market account. Trustee Estes noted that the Board had previously discussed the possibility of joining with other area communities to share the costs of legal representation in protesting the rate increased proposed by Illinois American Water. She inquired as to whether an estimate of those costs had been obtained. Village Attorney Marc Miller responded that the legal costs would be allocated among the cooperating municipalities based on population and that he would have additional information for the Board's consideration at the next regular meeting. He anticipated that the Village's share of legal expenses would be in the low four figures.

### **(B) Public Works**

Trustee Deer noted that the small John Deere tractor with plow had not been utilized by the public works staff for over a year and sought consensus from the Board as to whether there was any interest in disposing of the equipment. The trade-in value of the tractor would be around \$2,000.00 if applied to the proposed purchase of a new mower. There was additional discussion about the possibility of disposing of the dump truck and large plow, as it had been largely unused for some time due to its condition and the fact that staff had been able to address seasonal snow plowing and salt applications with the pickup trucks. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was that the Village should pursue disposing of this underutilized equipment.

### **(C) Judiciary**

Trustee Ponton noted traffic and safety concerns about the operation of electric scooters around the community. Chief Priest responded that the scooters were addressed under the Illinois Vehicle Code; however, the Village did not have any ordinances in place to specify local regulations for these vehicles. It was proposed that the committee would meet to discuss options for addressing the ongoing issues.

### **(D) Parks & Recreation**

Trustee Bayler reported that he had been in contact with All Weather Courts about the issues with the expansion joints on the new pickleball court. The contractor would be

coming back to inspect the joints; however, it was noted that those were not covered under warranty.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(A) Ordinance No. 2026-02, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TIF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FISHER AND GALE HELPINGSTINE D/B/A HELPINGSTINE ACCOUNTING (Fisher Tax Increment Financing District V)**

Trustee Deer moved to pass Ordinance No. 2026-02. Trustee Ponton seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Estes, Ponton, Seidelman, Bayler and Deer (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Spaulding (1)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member absent.

**(B) Ordinance No. 2026-03, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 “ZONING CODE” OF THE FISHER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE REGULATION OF RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ARRAYS**

Trustee Bayler noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission had conducted a hearing on the proposed amendment and had recommended one modification to the draft ordinance with respect to the requirement that ground-based solar panels be enclosed by fencing. The draft had specified a maximum height of 6ft for solar panels to be enclosed by 6ft fencing; however, given that Village codes permitted fencing up to a maximum of 7ft height, the Commission had recommended allowing ground-based solar panels up to a maximum height of 7ft. The modification would still provide that any panels would not exceed the height of the required fencing.

Trustee Bayler moved to pass Ordinance No. 2026-03 as modified. Trustee Seidelman seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Ponton, Seidelman, Bayler, Deer and Estes (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Spaulding (1)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member absent.

**(C) Consideration of \$5,000.00 donation to AMVETS for community flag project**

President Bayler noted an agreement could not be worked out with officials from the school district to install the flagpole on its property, and therefore it had been decided that it would instead be erected near the AMVETS building. There was subsequent discussion about the proximity of the new location to residential areas and how the Village would respond to potential noise complaints raised by neighbors. Several Board members expressed a preference for locating the flagpole further away from

residential areas, with the K-Babb Storage property, Custom Service Crane property, and Fisher Fairgrounds suggested as possible alternative sites that project organizers could investigate. The consensus of the Board was to table this item, pending further exploration of these alternative locations.

**(D) Consideration of proposal by MCS Technologies for the installation of additional cameras at the Fisher Community Center**

Trustee Seidelman moved to authorize approval of proposal from MCS Technologies for an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00. Trustee Deer seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Seidelman, Bayler, Deer, Estes and Ponton (5)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSENT: Spaulding (1)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member absent.

**(E) Consideration of purchase of new lawn mower for public works**

Trustee Deer moved to authorize the purchase of a new lawn mower for an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00. Trustee Ponton seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Bayler, Deer, Estes, Ponton and Seidelman (5)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSENT: Spaulding (1)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member absent.

**(F) Consideration of professional services agreement with MAS Engineering for the Sangamon Street parking project**

Trustee Seidelman moved to authorize approval of the professional services agreement with MAS Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$8,800.00. Trustee Bayler seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Deer, Estes, Ponton, Seidelman, and Bayler (5)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSENT: Spaulding (1)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member absent.

**(G) Approval of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) program and booklet**

Trustee Ponton moved to approve the annual Motor Fuel Tax program and booklet for the program year beginning April 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2027. Trustee Bayler seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Estes, Ponton, Seidelman, Bayler and Deer (5)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSENT: Spaulding (1)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member absent.

**(H) Consideration of contract with American Patriot Pyrotechnics for annual community fireworks display**

Trustee Seidelman moved to authorize approval of the contract with American Patriot Pyrotechnics for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Trustee Ponton seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Ponton, Seidelman, Bayler, Deer and Estes (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Spaulding (1)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member absent.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Bayler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Seidelman seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeremy A. Reale, CMC/RMC  
Village Clerk

APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

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Michael Bayler  
Village President

I, the undersigned Village Clerk of the Village of Fisher, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 12, 2026 as the same appears in the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk