

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF FISHER, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR MEETING  
*April 9, 2026***

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Fisher was held on Thursday, April 9, 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, Angela Seidelman and Daniel Spaulding.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Bayler moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2026 as presented. Trustee Seidelman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Christa Moore and Kim Clemmons addressed the Board on behalf of the Fisher Sesquicentennial planning committee. They thanked Village officials for their support of the event and distributed copies of the tentative agenda for the weekend. Ms. Moore reported that Drew Cagle had expressed an interest in performing during the festivities; however, his set would require a larger stage than originally anticipated for the musical acts. Given the size of the temporary stage, it was likely that the temporary street closure originally requested of the Board would need to be extended for a longer period. Trustee Ponton suggested that consideration be given to locating the staging area further south on Third Street where the buildings could provide shade from the sunlight for the performers. Following discussion, the Board expressed no objections to the requested street closure.

Clerk Reale reported that the Village had received electronic correspondence from Travis Wilson detailing his concerns about the construction and operation of the Hop N' Shine Car Wash as well as the pending installation of ground-mounted solar panels on the car wash property. The correspondence would be placed on file with the Village office.

## **VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Bayler provided an update on the progress of the community travel plan. He stated that he, Chief Priest and Ms. Hubbell had been participating in biweekly meetings of the planning group. At the last meeting, the group discussed strategy overview, project coordination, community stakeholder engagement and walk audits, setting tentative dates for meeting project benchmarks. He stated that the walk audit was expected to be completed toward the end of April or first part of May. President Bayler emphasized that he believed this plan would serve as a valuable tool in allowing the community to pursue multiple grant opportunities at no cost to the Village.

## **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, Spaulding and Bayler (6)

NAYS: None (0)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Trustee Estes acknowledged Ms. Hubbell for her integral role in preparation of the annual budget. She also inquired of Attorney Miller if he had any additional information regarding the anticipated costs of the Village's participation with other area communities in sharing legal representation opposed to the Illinois American Water proposed rate increase. Attorney Miller responded that he was angling for the Village to be able to participate in the action at no additional cost; however, he would follow up with the Board if there were any changes.

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

Trustee Deer reported that the new mower purchased by the Village had been received.

### **(C) Judiciary**

Trustee Ponton reported that he had met with Chief Priest to continue discussion on the regulation of electric scooters. Chief Priest had a sample policy document from the Illinois Municipal League that he was reviewing, but this was a subject that the Board generally agreed needed to be addressed in the near future. There was subsequent discussion about possible methods for educating the community about the proper operation of electric scooters, including informational pamphlets distributed through the school district. Chief Priest also distributed information to the Board about license plate readers for its review. He noted that the anticipated cost for operating license plate readers at the main entrance points to the Village would be \$7,000.00 per year and there would be a possibility of seeking grant funding to cover a portion of those costs.

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

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**(A) Consideration of donation to AMVETS for Flag Project**

Following the discussion at the previous meeting, Board members had investigated alternative sites for the location of the flagpole. Although the Fisher Fairgrounds had been identified as one potential location, Trustee Ponton reported that he had reviewed the area and did not believe it would provide sufficient visibility of the flag from the highway due to the tree line and the proximity to the water tower. Several of the trustees expressed the opinion that the AMVETS property would serve as the most appropriate location to install the flagpole. Trustee Bayler noted that his research indicated that any potential noise from the flag would not pose a nuisance to the neighboring residential area. Trustee Deer expressed concern about the Village donating funds to a project on private property and whether it would open the Village to any potential liability should issues arise. Attorney Miller noted that while it could become a political issue, he did not foresee any legal issue with the Village's involvement in the project.

Trustee Ponton moved to approve a donation for the community flag project in the amount of \$5,000.00. Trustee Seidelman seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Estes, Ponton, Seidelman, Spaulding and Bayler (5)  
NAYS: Deer (1)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 1.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(A) Public Hearing on the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027**

President Bayler opened the public hearing for comments on the proposed budget and appropriations ordinance. There being no members of the public seeking to comment on the budget, the public hearing was closed.

**(B) Ordinance No. 2026-04, ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FISHER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027**

Trustee Deer moved to pass Ordinance No. 2026-04. Trustee Estes seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Ponton, Seidelman, Spaulding, Bayler, Deer and  
Estes (6)  
NAYS: None (0)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

**(C) Ordinance No. 2026-05, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LIQUOR CODE TO ADD A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE**

Trustee Estes moved to pass Ordinance No. 2026-05, including the provision under Section 3 that the license fee be \$50.00 per day. Trustee Bayler seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Seidelman, Spaulding, Bayler, Deer, Estes and Ponton (6)

NAYS: None (0)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Seidelman moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) for the limited purpose of considering the employment, performance and/or compensation of one or more employees of the Village. Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Spaulding, Bayler, Deer, Estes, Ponton and Seidelman (6)

NAYS: None (0)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:55pm.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:20pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeremy A. Reale, CMC/RMC  
Village Clerk

APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 April 9, 2026 as the same appears in the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk