

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF FISHER, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR MEETING  
*May 14, 2026***

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Fisher was held on Thursday, May 14, 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 Brock Deer, Debra Estes, Roger Ponton, Angela Seidelman and Daniel Spaulding. Trustee Tucker Bayler was absent.

Other Village personnel present: Mary Hubbell, Office Manager/Treasurer; Brenda Cook, Public Works; and Jeremy Reale, Village Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Deer moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2026 as presented. Trustee Estes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Judy Cagle addressed the Board concerning her request for an additional streetlight in the 200 block of East Randolph Street. She also noted areas of sidewalk in need of repair along that block. President Bayler responded that Ameren Illinois had indicated it would not install an additional streetlight in the middle of the block, as existing lighting was already in place at both ends of the block. He added that the Village planned to begin systematically addressing sidewalk areas identified for repair or replacement around the community once the Public Works Department had returned to a full level of staffing. He noted that the Village had limited options available for pursuing grant funding to address sidewalks due to its overall socioeconomic profile.

Travis Wilson addressed the Board regarding his concerns about the Hop N Shine Car Wash adjoining his property. He noted that the sound levels of the car wash operations and the lighting at the site presented a nuisance to the neighboring residential properties, particularly during nighttime hours. He also expressed concerns about the pending installation of ground-mounted solar panels on the property without any height restrictions. President Bayler stated that he and Trustee Estes would be setting up a meeting with the developer of the car wash property to discuss the concerns raised by the residents and to try to develop a resolution that would be satisfactory to all involved parties. He noted that Village personnel had conducted measurements

of the sound levels of the car wash and that the readings obtained had fallen within the parameters allowable by ordinance. There was also discussion among the Board members about possible solutions to the lighting issue, including whether the lights could be outfitted with shades to direct the light downward rather than toward the neighboring properties.

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Bayler provided a progress update on the Centennial Acres subdivision development on the northeast side of the Village. He also reported that H3 Manufacturing had announced it would be shutting down production at its Fisher site and relocating those operations to its Champaign facility. He stated that he had been soliciting bids from local contractors for replacing portions of the eastern sidewalk along the 100 block of South Third Street. He had identified approximately 6 to 7 panels of the sidewalk in the southern section of the block that needed to be replaced due to poor condition; however, he sought feedback from the Board as to whether there was any interest in expanding the scope of the project to potentially include up to the full block along the east side. The consensus was to seek bids for multiple project options. President Bayler also announced that Illinois American Water would be demolishing the Front Street water tower beginning the following week. He also noted that the City of Paxton was considering adopting an ordinance providing local regulations for electric scooters and suggested that the Village wait to review that ordinance and pending changes at the State level before developing its own ordinance for Fisher. He reported that he had met with the Village engineer to develop the annual street maintenance program (oil and chip) for 2026 and also provided an update on the development of the new strip mall on Division Street.

### **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 Spaulding (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bayler (1)

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Trustee Estes inquired of the Village Attorney whether the Village would have any recourse in the event the owner of a commercially zoned property would seek to live on the premises. Attorney Miller responded that a special use permit would be required from the Village to accommodate a residential use on commercial property.

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

No report.

#### **(C) Judiciary**

Trustee Ponton noted that the Board had previously discussed license plate readers and sought feedback on whether there was any interest in pursuing the equipment. The consensus of the Board was to wait to see how other area communities addressed the issue before considering moving forward. President Bayler also noted that there

was pending legislation being considered in the Illinois General Assembly that would place restrictions on the manner in which local law enforcement agencies utilize license plate readers. There was additional discussion about the potential benefits of the Village obtaining portable speed detector signs that could be used to collect data and calm traffic in problematic areas of town. Trustee Ponton also noted the lack of a stop sign coming out of the new Saw Creek residential development and suggested that signage be authorized for Saw Creek Road at its intersection with First Street.

*(D) Parks & Recreation*

Trustee Spaulding reported that he had received correspondence from Rick Shep expressing an interest in expanding potential recreational opportunities by installing sand volleyball courts in the vicinity of the new ballfield. There was additional discussion about the opening of the community time capsule during the Sesquicentennial Celebration, with the consensus opinion being that the capsule should be opened prior to the event to allow the artifacts to be placed on display for the public during the celebration.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(A) Approval of FY 2025-2026 salaries for Village employees**

Trustee Estes presented the recommended increases for staff as follows: \$4,000.00 for Jon Priest; \$2,000.00 plus \$50.00 per month for Medicare increases for Brenda Cook; \$2,000.00 for Mary Hubbell and Ken Roemer; and \$2.00 per hour increase to \$28.00 per hour for part-time police officers. These increases would be effective as of May 1, 2026.

Trustee Estes moved to approve the salary increases as presented. Trustee Deer seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bayler (1)

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

**(B) Ordinance No. 2026-06, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE FISHER SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Trustee Ponton moved to pass Ordinance No. 2026-06. Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bayler (1)

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

**(C) Consideration of bid for replacement of landscape fabric and rock at the Fisher Community Center**

Trustee Deer moved to authorize the approval of bid from Cornerstone for the landscaping work around the exterior of the facility, including plants, for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00. Trustee Estes seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bayler (1)

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

**(D) Ordinance No. 2026-07, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TIF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FISHER AND ONP, LLC AND TODD FUGH (Fisher Tax Increment Financing District V)**

**(E) Ordinance No. 2026-08, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TIF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FISHER AND A&M LAND COMPANY, LLC (Fisher Tax Increment Financing District V)**

**(F) Ordinance No. 2026-09, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TIF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FISHER AND TOPLINE PROPERTIES, LLC-201 DIVISION (Fisher Tax Increment Financing District V)**

**(G) Ordinance No. 2026-10, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TIF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FISHER AND THE RURAL ROSE, LLC AND MARK AND SHANNA HORTIN (Fisher Tax Increment Financing District V)**

Trustee Seidelman moved to pass Ordinance No. 2026-07, Ordinance No. 2026-08, Ordinance No. 2026-09, and Ordinance No. 2026-10 by omnibus vote.

Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bayler (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 Estes moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeremy A. Reale, CMC/RMC  
Village Clerk

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 May 14, 2026 as the same appears in the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk