OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FISHER, ILLINOIS
REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
A Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Fisher was held on Thursday, June 11, 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; Brenda Cook, Public Works; and Jeremy Reale, Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Trustee Spaulding moved to approve the agenda as prepared. Trustee Bayler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Trustee Estes moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2026 as presented. Trustee Seidelman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT
President Bayler reported that he had met with members of the Fisher Sesquicentennial planning committee to discuss the process for the opening of the community time capsule. A formal announcement from the Village would be forthcoming that the decision had been made to unearth and open the time capsule prior to the celebration weekend. The process would be filmed and photographed. Members of the committee would then remove the items from the capsule, catalog them, and then have the artifacts placed on display for public viewing during the celebration. He also noted that the special Riggs Beer cans designed to commemorate the Fisher Sesquicentennial would be available for purchase at local establishments for a limited time beginning June 12.

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

Ms. Hubbell reported that fieldwork for the annual audit had been completed this week and that the Village was on track to have the FY2026 audit finalized by the end of June. It was noted that this would be the earliest that the Village had ever received a final audit report.

(B) Public Works

Ms. Cook reported that staff had begun seasonal road work this week. They had also identified sections of sidewalk around the community in need of replacement and would be preparing those areas so they could be replaced in conjunction with the work being completed on the Third Street sidewalk project. There was further discussion about storm drainage along the north side of the Heritage West subdivision.

(C) Judiciary

No report.

(D) Parks & Recreation

Trustee Seidelman reported that the vendors and musical entertainment had been lined up for the annual community fireworks display on July 3. She added that donations for the cost of the fireworks had been coming in slowly. Trustee Spaulding discussed the timeline of events for the Sesquicentennial celebration.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Consideration of bid from Cross Construction for Sangamon Street Parking Project

Trustee Seidelman moved to authorize approval of bid from Cross Construction for an amount not to exceed $115,000.00, to be funded by Capital Improvement. Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None (0)

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

(B) Consideration of bids for Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project

President Bayler reported that he had solicited bids for the project from five local contractors, receiving a total of three. Clint Sommer had provided the lowest bid in the amount of $25,525.00, with additional bids received from Chandler Concrete and Rawdin Concrete. The work proposed to be completed involved the total replacement of the sidewalk on the east side of Third Street from the previous location of the old bank ATM southward. During subsequent review of the bids, there were some questions as to whether the bid amount provided by Rawdin had included additional work beyond the scope of the other bids. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to table this item pending clarification of the terms of the bid from Rawdin. Per the recommendation of the Village Attorney, the other bidding contractors would be notified of the situation and given the opportunity to modify their bids if needed.

(C) <u>Ordinance No. 2026-11</u>, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL USE AT 101 N. FIRST STREET

President Bayler recognized Planning & Zoning Commission Chair Debbie Heiser to provide an overview of the commission's findings on the proposed special use. Ms. Heiser noted that the petitioner, Derrick Faulkner, owns the commercially zoned property located at 101 N. First Street and was requesting a special use permit to allow for a portion of the building to be utilized as residential living quarters. She noted that the commission had not recommended the application for approval due to concerns over parking and traffic visibility and a lack of specificity in the details of the application to address potential fire and safety concerns. Mr. Faulkner, who had not been present during the public hearing of the Planning & Zoning Commission, was in attendance to address any questions or concerns raised by the Board in connection with the proposed development of his property. In relation to the parking issues raised, Mr. Faulkner noted that the main driveway leading to the overhead door would only be used for temporary loading and unloading of equipment and materials to minimize any visibility issues for traffic at the nearby intersection. There was sufficient off-street space available along the south side of the structure to accommodate longer-term parking, with Mr. Faulkner adding that he had an agreement with the owner of the lots immediately north of his property to acquire them for additional parking space. Responding to the concerns about safety, Mr. Faulkner stated that a separate exterior door to access the living area was being installed, along with windows in the kitchen/dining area and each of the bedrooms to allow for egress in the event of fire. He also noted that none of the materials and tools stored in the commercial portion of the facility for his flooring business would present fire hazards. With respect to concerns from a neighboring resident about trash, Mr. Faulkner noted that he would be acquiring a dumpster for the site sufficient to accommodate the household waste and any additional materials from his business. During subsequent discussion, some members raised concerns about the type of precedent being set for other commercial properties and what recourse would be available to the Village in the event Mr. Faulkner did not meet all of the conditions included in the special use ordinance.

Trustee Bayler then moved to pass Ordinance No. 2026-11, including all conditions specified by the Board. Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Seidelman, Spaulding, T. Bayler and M. Bayler (4)

NAYS: Ponton, Deer and Estes (3)

The motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 3.

(D) Consideration of purchase of Police mobile data routers and antennas from Verizon Wireless & Discount Cell

Trustee Deer moved to authorize the purchase for an amount not to exceed $2,100.00. Trustee Seidelman 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. President Bayler read a letter from Bob Furtney detailing the efforts that had been undertaken at the Hop 'N Shine Car Wash to reduce any potential nuisance to neighboring residents presented by the lighting at the facility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeremy A. Reale, CMC/RMC
Village Clerk

APPROVED this 9th day of July, 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 June 11, 2026 as the same appears in the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk