



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, April 09, 2025 - 7:00 PM

200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Don Sattler

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

President Don Sattler

Admin Chairman Owen Costanza

Trustee Dan Cheek

Trustee Austin Davies

Trustee Betsy Straw

Clerk Karri Miller

Engineer Chris Dopkins

ABSENT

Finance Chairman Jeff Goings

Trustee Bruce Moore

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF PHONE PARTICIPATION (Roll Call)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Voice Vote)

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Cheek. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Trustee Straw, Seconded by Trustee Davies. to amended the agenda for discussion on transparency regarding the clerk election and its cost and Discussion of the previous tree removal. Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Voice Vote)

1. Discuss/approve Board of Trustees meeting minutes from June 19, 2024

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Davies. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. Discuss/approve Board of Trustees meeting minutes from March 12, 2025
Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Cheek. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT *Public Comment is encouraged. The Village Board will receive comments from the public, pursuant to State Statutes. Comments will be limited to five minutes on topics relating to the Village of Poplar Grove. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion or consideration.*

No public comment

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion of the previous tree removal
The Board discussed the process and responsibility regarding a recently removed tree. Public Works Director Dave is awaiting a price quote for an additional tree removal and will present it to the Board at the next meeting.
It was clarified that the tree is located on property belonging to the fire department; therefore, their approval is required before any removal can proceed.
The Board discussed the possibility of offering reimbursement to the fire department for the work, to avoid further use of staff time, noting that significant time has already been invested by both parties.
4. discussion on transparency regarding the clerk election
Board discussed that Clerk Miller and her husband filed a lawsuit to have her name added to the ballot, incurring over \$13,000 in legal fees. The court ruled the error was the Clerk's, not the County's, and ordered her to pay the costs.
There is currently no request for reimbursement, and the Village was not named in the lawsuit. Clerk's Millers name was not on early ballots and only added late by court order.
Former County Clerk Pam McCullaugh stated it's the candidate's duty to verify ballot info.

ADJOURNMENT (Voice Vote)

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Davies. Motion passed by voice vote