

Village of Pocahontas
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 22nd, 2025

The Village of Pocahontas held its regular meeting on Monday, September 22nd, 2025 at the Village Hall, 101 W Kavanaugh St, Pocahontas, IL 62275.

Mayor Pat Forhan called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll call was taken with the following trustees present: Danny Beard, Dave Crawford, Allie Hunter, Brenda Kleinik, and Adam Evans. Shannon Links was absent from the meeting.

SWEARING IN OF NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Mayor Pat Forhan swore in our new chief of police for the Village of Pocahontas, Jeremiah Schultz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Bill Prater had previously requested to purchase village property, he was not present at this meeting. The board discussed the potential of selling the property so long as the neighbor was on board with it as well.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Motion by Allie, seconded by Brenda to approve the August 2025 Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Danny, yes; Dave, yes; Allie, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Pat Forhan is continuing the goal to keep the public informed and get more community involvement.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dave, seconded by Allie to approve the August 2025 bills. Roll call vote: Danny, yes; Dave, yes; Allie, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Department not present but provided their report prior to the meeting. The Public Works Department has been box scraping alleys, col patch culverts that have settled, and doing basic maintenance. Water meters have to be read by hand this month as they have not received the custom battery for the meter reading wand yet. John and Randi will be collecting brush in town from residents on Friday, September 26th.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Schultz advised that the police car (Charger) is in need of repairs. The Explorer is missing part of the lighting on the outside of the vehicle. A cage is needed for the back seat of the

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Explorer. Police Department computers need to update to Windows 11 as they are still using Windows 10. Chief Schultz brought in two laptops that can be updated with the new Windows program.

DONATION REQUESTS

*Discussed donating to the Fire Departments Annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner. No donation to be made at this time.

* Discussed donating to the Pocahontas PTO Chili Supper. No donation to be made.

WATER METER UPDATE

Water meters will be hand read again this month while custom batteries are being made for the meter reading tool. The CDs that were previously discovered cannot be used at this time for new water meters.

GRANT INFORMATION

Surveys were sent home with Pocahontas Grade School students with some returned. The meeting with the grant writer prior to the board meeting yielded no public participation. The best route to put the sidewalks was discussed.

PROPOSED OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

Mayor Pat proposed changing the office hours to open at 9AM every day instead of 8AM on some days. Motion by Adam for Pat to change the office hours as he sees fit, seconded by Allie. Roll call vote: Danny, yes; Dave, yes; Allie, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

LIFT STATION BIDS

Mideastern was determined to be awarded the bid for the lift station project. Adam motioned and Allie seconded to award it to Mideastern. Roll call vote: Dave, yes; Allie, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Danny abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Donation was requested for the Christmas on the Square event for 2025. The board cannot vote on whether to donate until it is determined what account the funds would be appropriated to and who would be responsible for the account. Once an account is set up and more details provided the trustees can vote on the matter.

IL AMERICA250

Motion to approve the IL America250 resolution by Adam, seconded by Allie. Roll call vote: Danny, yes; Dave, yes; Allie, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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ADJOURN

Motion by Allie, seconded by Brenda that the meeting be adjourned at 7:42PM. Roll call vote: Danny, yes; Dave, yes; Allie, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.