

Village of Broadlands, Village Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Broadlands Board of Trustees was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM by Mayor Block.

Present: Trustees Costelic, Henson, Scott, Shanks, Spinner, Tipsord; Mayor Block, Clerk Spinner and Treasurer Thorne. Absent: None. A quorum was present.

Community Present: Shawn Walker, David Smithenry, Tracy Smithenry, and Tammy Howard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 4, 2026 Village Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer Thorne explained that trustee, mayor, and clerk salaries now reflect the new salary structure approved in October 2024, prorated where applicable. Payroll adjustments were explained, including partial year compensation and tax withholdings.

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports. Roll call vote: Costelic – Yes; Hanson – Yes; Scott – Yes; Shanks – Yes; Spinner – Yes; Tipsord – Yes. Motion carried 6–0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Township Road & Alley Maintenance – Sean Walker (Township Representative)

Reported significant issues with tree overgrowth, alley access, and road maintenance.

Requested coordination between the Village and Township for:

Tree trimming/removal

Alley repair and rock placement

Street patching

Discussed coordinating work schedules and contracting to reduce costs.

Village agreed Township and Village representatives would inspect problem areas and develop a plan.

B. Drainage Issues – McGarigle Drive Area

Residents raised longstanding concerns regarding drainage tile blockage, sump pump backups, and flooding.

Discussion included:

Roots blocking drainage tile

- Possible removal of problematic tree
- Option of replacing part of tile with non-perforated tile
- Obtaining cost estimates before deciding on full replacement

Village will:

- Await contractor estimates
- Begin with targeted repair
- Reassess if problems reoccur

OLD BUSINESS

A. FOIA Requests

Village continues to receive multiple FOIA requests from a Missouri based media company.

Attorney advised requests are being sent to many small municipalities.

Village response process:

- All requests forwarded to attorney
- Responses provided as required (including “no records available”)
- Village will continue complying with FOIA requirements.

B. Treasury Letter – ARPA Funds

Village received notice requesting return of approximately \$10,000 due to alleged failure to file usage report.

Treasurer Thorne explained:

- Letter was dated January 15 but postmarked February 9
- Village did not receive it until late February

Board agreed to:

- Refer matter to Village Attorney
- Seek resolution to avoid repayment since funds were spent appropriately

C. Property Maintenance / Junk Ordinances

Discussion of identified nuisance properties (yards with debris, dilapidated structures).

Plan:

- Send certified ordinance violation letters
- Track notices

If needed, pursue court action in grouped cases to reduce costs

NEW BUSINESS

A. Lincoln Street Lounge – Village Lot Lease

The Village owns property west of Village Hall needed temporarily for a new septic system for Lincoln Street Lounge.

Motion:

To authorize the Mayor Block to enter into a lease agreement allowing Lincoln Street Lounge to use the Village owned lot for septic leach field purposes, under terms deemed in the Village's best interest.

Motion by: Trustee Hanson, Second by: Trustee

Roll Call Vote: Costelic – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Scott – Yes, Shanks – Yes, Spinner – Yes, Tipsord – Yes Result: Motion carried 6–0

B. Village Brush Pile Location

Property owner raised concern that current brush pile sits on privately owned farmland.

Options discussed:

Leasing land

Relocating brush pile

No formal action taken; board members will inspect location and revisit next meeting.

C. Return to Work Policy

Village insurance provider required a formal Return to Work Policy, even though Village has no full time employees.

Motion:

To adopt Resolution No. 2026 –001 Village of Broadlands Return to Work Policy

Motion by: Trustee Shanks, Second by: Trustee Scott

Roll Call Vote: Costelic – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Scott – Yes, Shanks – Yes, Spinner – Yes, Tipsord – Yes Result: Motion carried 6–0

Committee Reports & Training

Trustees reminded to identify vendors relevant to their assigned committees.

Clerk Spinner reviewed Open Meetings Act training requirements for elected and appointed officials. All members reminded to complete required annual training.

OTHER BUSINESS

Heritage Yearbook advertising request discussed.

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Henson and Seconded by Trustee Scott.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote.

Prepared by the Todd Spinner, Village Clerk, Village of Broadlands