

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the
Village of Jerome Board

CALL TO ORDER: The President and the Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at the Jerome Civic Center, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Lopez, followed by Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:
Mike Lopez, Village President
Joe Cannella, Trustee of Public Works
Katrina Christofilakos, Trustee of Public Property, arrived at 6:30 pm
Kathy DeHart, Trustee Public Health
Leigh Irons, Trustee of Public Safety
Ralph Irons, Trustee of Water Department
Dale Lael, Trustee of Building & Zoning

Also Present:
Emily Snow, Village Treasurer
Steve Roth, Executive Assistant

Absent:
Katrina Christofilakos, Trustee of Public Property
Jason Brokaw, Attorney, Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, PC
Lisa Cave, Village Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS: President Lopez opened the Visitors Acknowledgement portion of the meeting at 6:05 pm. There were no comments made. The portion of the meeting closed at 6:06 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 26-23 Making Supplemental Appropriations for Expenses for the Village of Jerome, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026. Steve Roth addressed the Board that the Village has spent more than appropriated in FY 26 by \$90,000.00. The Village needs to pass this supplemental appropriation to cover the funds spent.

Motion to Approve Ordinance 26-23 Making Supplemental Appropriations for Expenses for the Village of Jerome, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026, as presented by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee Lael voted NO

MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027. Steve Roth stated that he and Treasurer Snow went through the budget and trimmed it down by moving some expenses to the special accounts. Steve stated the fund that need to be addressed is the Water Account. The water rates need to be increased as the revenue that is coming in is not covering the water and sewer expenses. Steve stated that some of the ideas that the Village has could be paid out of the Business District. Steve also stated there are funds for summer help.

Motion to Approve the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027,
as presented by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee Lael voted NO
MOTION PASSES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Trustee Leigh Irons to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)); minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act for purposes of approval by the Body (5ILCS 120/2(c)(21); Trustee Ralph Irons seconded the motion.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:38 pm.
The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:06 pm.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED: President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027.

Motion to Approve the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027,
as presented by: Trustee Ralph Irons and 2nd by Trustee Leigh Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Lopez asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:07 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: May 7, 2026

Village Clerk

Date