

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Village of Jerome Board

CALL TO ORDER: The President and the Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Jerome Civic Center, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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
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:

Jason Brokaw, Attorney, Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, PC
Emily Snow, Village Treasurer
Lisa Cave, Village Clerk
Steve Roth, Executive Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: President Lopez asked whether the Board had reviewed the April 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Lopez asked the April 16, 2026, minutes would stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the April 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes as presented by:
Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee Christofilakos voted present
MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked whether the Board had reviewed the April 28, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Lopez asked the April 28, 2026, minutes would stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the Special Meeting on April 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes as presented by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: President Lopez asked whether the board had reviewed Warrant List 27-01 dated May 7, 2026, totaling \$56,505.28. Treasurer Snow stated the breakdown of the amount of \$28,024.10 will be paid from the General Revenue Fund and \$28,481.18 will be paid from the Water Account. President Lopez asked for a motion to approve Warrant List 27-01 as presented.

Motion to Approve the Warrant List 27-01 totaling \$56,505.28 as presented
by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Christofilakos
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: President Lopez opened the Visitors Acknowledgement portion of the meeting at 6:33 pm. President Lopez state each member would receive 5 minutes to address the Board.

Clerk Cave stated no public comments had been received. President Lopez received one email, he read the email to the Board to place in the minutes. *Hello This is a Hero's Salute to all the officers in the Jerome Police Department. The Pugh Family wishes to express their sincere appreciation of the actions of the Jerome Police in patrolling and checking on our daughters house, who is an ICU Nurse presently on a travel contract in Quincy. She is home a few days off and on, but feels grateful and safe knowing that the Police are keeping an eye on her house in her absence. We also want to send a special Hero's Salute to officer Tajay in finding our daughters cell phone recently. Can't say thank you enough for that. My husband and I are both Army veterans' and our Son is almost retired as Air Guard, as a family, we honor and Back The Blue! We wanted to say we appreciate all you do. Stay safe and keep up the good work. You are appreciated! We also wanted to express our gratitude to the Mayor who cares so deeply about this community. With respect, Michelle Pugh and Family*

The portion of the meeting closed at 6:35 pm.

President Lopez asked that Trustees hold their reports this evening and if there is anything they want in the minutes to send them to the Clerk before Friday, May 15, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: President Lopez asked if there were any questions on Ordinance 26-08 Approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Jerome TIF, Ordinance 26-09 Designating the Jerome TIF, Ordinance 26-10 Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Jerome TIF. President Lopez stated there is no action tonight and Attorney Brokaw, Adam and himself will be meeting with the school district next week and the Village will hold a special meeting in the next 30 days.

NEW BUSINESS: President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 27-01 Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending Adoption of Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Motion to Approve Ordinance 27-01 Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending Adoption of Annual Appropriation Ordinance, as presented by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Christofilakos
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 27-02 Making Appropriations for Expenses of the Village of Jerome, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027.

Motion to Approve Ordinance 27-02 Making Appropriations for Expenses of the Village of Jerome, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027, as presented by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Christofilakos
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Resolution 01-27 Authorizing the Allocation of Certain Tax Revenues to Expenditures Related to the Streets of the Village of Jerome, Illinois.

Motion to Approve Resolution 01-27 Authorizing the Allocation of Certain Tax Revenues to Expenditures Related to the Streets of the Village of Jerome, Illinois, as presented by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee DeHart
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 27-03 Amending Section 600.1-9 Related to Water Rate Increases. Trustee Ralph Irons asked to table the ordinance until the next board meeting.

President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Keyless Entry Pads for the Village Complex from A-1 Lock.

Motion to Approve the Installation of Keyless Entry Pads for the Village Complex from A-1 Lock, as presented by: Trustee Christofilakos and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 27-04 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the Village of Jerome, Illinois.

Motion to Approve Ordinance 27-04 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the Village of Jerome, Illinois, as presented by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 27-04 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the Village of Jerome, Illinois.

Motion to Approve Ordinance 27-04 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the Village of Jerome, Illinois, as presented by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 27-05 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the Village of Jerome, Illinois (zero turn mower).

Motion to Approve Ordinance 27-05 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the Village of Jerome, Illinois (zero turn mower), as

presented by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
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 Christofilakos seconded the motion.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:08 pm.
The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:36 pm.

Treasurer Snow stated that the audit will be conducted on June 22, 2026 – June 24, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Lopez asked for a motion to close the meeting at 8:39 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Lael and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: May 21, 2026

Village Clerk

Date