

Village of Pocahontas
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 27th, 2025

The Village of Pocahontas held its regular meeting on Monday, October 27th, 2025 at the Village Hall, 101 W Kavanaugh St, Pocahontas, IL 62275

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Don Hawley proposed that the Village of Pocahontas collaborate with the Pocahontas-Old Ripley Fire Department to test the fire hydrants in town with the assistance of neighboring fire departments. Two sets of records would be kept, one for the fire department and one for the village.

*The Baptist Church in Pocahontas is under a new name, Heartland Community Center. Members of the coalition presented packets to the board members regarding their goal of supplementing community members food needs. They are asking for donation of time or donation of goods from the community to assist with this program.

*Public Works members Randi Smith and Briar Weiss were thanked for their timely response to the water main break from the fire hydrant damage the previous weekend.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION

There is a need in the community for food pantry donations with the upcoming holiday season. Adam motioned for the village to make a \$500 donation to the food pantry with Allie seconding the motion. Roll Call vote: Danny, yes; Allie, yes; Dave, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Adam seconded by Dave to approve the September 2025 meeting minutes. Roll Call vote: Danny, yes; Allie, yes; Dave, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Bulletin Facebook page is doing well with notifying the public. There have been computer updates in the office with two new towers added.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Motion by Adam seconded by Allie to approve the bills for the month and the treasurer's report. Roll Call vote: Danny, yes; Allie, yes; Dave, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public works has installed culverts and new water meters. They meet with mayor Pat on Mondays to discuss goals and a schedule for the week.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Jeremiah Schultz advised he found a way to get the Verizon bill half price so the department can have two computers, one for each police car. He has wrote two tickets and two reports made. The Explorer has been updated with a light bar and cage for the back seat. Grants can be explored to cover the cost of equipment and officer pay.

HIRING OF A DEPUTY CLERK

The village is in need of a Deputy Clerk at 30 hours per week. Allie motioned with Brenda seconding to hire a Deputy Clerk. Roll Call vote: Danny, yes; Allie, yes; Dave, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

CONCRETE PAD

Proposal was made to add a concrete pad with MFT funding. This would free up space in the shed by having the police vehicles parked on that pad. Adam motioned, Brenda seconded to approve the installation of a concrete pad. Roll Call vote: Danny, yes; Allie, yes; Dave, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0. Motion was made to do construction on the inside of the building for more office space by Allie and seconded by Brenda. Roll Call vote: Danny, yes; Allie, yes; Dave, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

TRUCK STOP SEPTIC TANK

Mayor Pat proposed allowing the truck stop to open with a septic tank temporarily with contingencies that the truck stop will have to connect to city sewer as soon as able. Contract would need to be made with these guidelines and the State of Illinois would need to be in approval of this as well. Motion continued to the next meeting when more information can be available and hopefully the presence of the village attorney.

TEXTMYGOV

Proposal was made to enter a partnership agreement with Textmygov, which allows mass text communication to go out to our residences in a timely and efficient manner. Motion continued to the next meeting until funding information can be provided.

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2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Allie and seconded by Danny to approve the meeting schedule for 2026. Roll Call vote: Danny, yes; Allie, yes; Dave, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

PLA RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT

The PLA agreement was proposed to allow the hiring of local people for the lift station project and to be signed by the trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Danny, seconded by Allie to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Danny, yes; Allie, yes; Dave, yes; Brenda, yes; Adam, yes. Motion carried 5-0.