



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF PHOENIX REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF PHOENIX COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 24, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Phoenix, Illinois, was called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Terry Wells.

Prayer – Trustee Proctor-Harris opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll Call – Trustees Mahaffey, Proctor-Harris, Taylor, McCullar, Evans

Absent – Trustee Riley.

Comments by the President –

Public Works Recognition Awards: Trustee Proctor-Harris presented awards to the Public Works Department; in attendance were James Safford, Donte Tucker, Derrick Ellis, and Kendall Lewis. Recipients not in attendance receiving awards were Kelvin Smith, Garry Mitchell, Pete Rials, Arthur Williams, Johnnie Proctor, Derrick Sparkman, and Huntley Williams.

Congratulations to the entire team for all the commitments they give to the Village of Phoenix; many of the Trustees, Clerk, and Mayor extended congratulations to the team.

Lead Water Service Line Year 2: L177263 Bid Award – the bid was awarded to Calumet City Plumbing Co. Inc. in the amount of \$5,495,900; however, this amount is being reviewed to refine it to fit the \$2,400,000 budget. Mayor Wells motioned for the board to accept the bid from Calumet for an amount of \$ 2.4M. Moved by Trustee Mahaffey, Seconded by Trustee Proctor-Harris, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

EV Charging Stations: The project is moving forward; we should see activity in April.

Dr. Willie Wilson will be funding a gas giveaway on April 4, 2026; the location for Phoenix is Gibson’s Gas Station. The Mayor will be reaching out to the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments to coordinate the event.

Hydrants Replacement – Cook County will be replacing 10 more fire hydrants in the village; this is a very important initiative to our community.

Communications – None



Clerks' Report – Clerks' report for March 10, 2026, through March 23, 2026, was as follows: General Administration- \$78,889.82; Motor Fuel Tax- \$6,528.47; Multi-Purpose- \$2,215.00; grand total- \$87,633.29.

Minutes – March 10, 2026 – Motion to approve minutes made by Trustee Mahaffey; 2nd by Trustee Proctor-Harris. Minutes approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports

- a) Police and Fire – Trustee Mahaffey - Trustee Mahaffey – Chief Wells from the police department and Chief Betton from the Fire department were in attendance and will share their detailed reports later in the meeting. Congratulations to Assistant Chief Sharp on his promotion; he has been with the department for 13 years.
- b) Public Works – Trustee Proctor-Harris– Public Works Department has two tractors that is not working. The department needs new equipment. Public Works is preparing for summer; grass cutting will start soon.
- c) Public Property – Trustee Taylor– The MPSC signed 8 new contracts this past week; if you have events that need to be scheduled, please schedule them before the dates are taken.
- a) Ordinance and Resolutions – Trustee Riley – Absent: Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 03242026A to exchange the lots sold to Givens to move from 15307 S. 153rd Halsted to 15305 Halsted, Phoenix; Moved by Trustee Mahaffey, Seconded by Trustee McCullar, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 03242026B to sale Village Own Property to Tijani Zerbouh; commonly known as 563 E 155th St, Phoenix, IL: Moved by Trustee Mahaffey, Seconded by Trustee Proctor-Harris, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 03242026C Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Phoenix Public Library District and the Village of Phoenix joint operation of transportation to benefit the residents of the Village of Phoenix: This is for Insurance of the vehicles to be paid by the Village of Phoenix; which is in support of a previous standing IGA agreement between the Village and Phoenix Public Library: Moved by Trustee Evans, Seconded by Trustee McCullar, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 03242026D Deed Village-owned property to The J&T Group of Illinois, LLC: (523 E 152nd St and 15316 4th Ave, Phoenix). The Board asks Mayor Wells to review and update the Village's agreement with J&T Group if they choose to sell the properties. The Village would have the First right to the property. Moved by Trustee Mahaffey, Seconded by Trustee McCullar, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.



Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 03242026E: Authorizing the donation of surplus personal property (Silver Ford Crown Victoria) to the Posen Police Department. Moved by Trustee Proctor-Harris, Seconded by Trustee McCullar, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

- d) Water Department – Trustee McCullar – Water sales for March 1, 2026, to March 23, 2026, are as follows: Water Sales \$44,771.94, Garbage \$15,364.47, late Fees \$5,848.95; Grand Total- \$65,985.36.
- e) Finance Department – Trustee Evans – Motion to approve bills made by Trustee Evans; 2nd by Trustee Proctor-Harris; to pay bills approved by unanimous roll call vote. The next monthly finance meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th at 6:00 PM.

Department Reports

- b) Village Administrator – A. Cooper – Administrator - Shared information that the Invest In Cook and the CDBG grant applications have been submitted. Actively looking for other grant opportunities for the Village.
- c) Village Treasurer – M. Ferrell: General Ledger balance is \$538,963.92; property taxes \$388,630.34, and Motor fuel \$14,723.99.
Revenue budgeted for March is \$179,646.00; all revenue budgeted for March has been received.
Disbursement Budgeted for the month of March \$338,529.00; balance of the Disbursement for March is \$88,571.00.
- d) Fire Chief Betton– Fire calls year to date are 147. Kudos to Preston and Jackson for all they do.
- e) Police Chief Wells – Incidents 9, arrest 3; P-Series 11; Y-Series 7; 1 Arrest: Chief Wells presented to the Board of Trustees to accept the new hire of Chicarin Mallett and Shahbaz Jahanzaib; Mayor Wells motioned the board. Moved by Trustee Mahaffey, Seconded by Trustee Proctor-Harris, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.
Mayor Wells administered the Oath of Office to both Officers, Mallett and Jahanzaib.

National Night Out will be held in August, and we are beginning preparations for the event.
Speed trailer will be posted on various streets starting April 3, 2026.

Citizen Participation – Mrs. Jackson – 908 Miller Place: Concerned about water standing in the alleyway behind her home, she would like someone to come out to assess the issue.

New Business – None

Announcements – May 20, 2026, the Village will be taking the Senior to lunch; additional details will be shared at a later time.

Meeting adjourned 8:21 p.m. – Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Mahaffey; 2nd by Trustee Proctor-Harris. Motion unanimously approved.



The next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Phoenix will be held on April 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED this 14th day of April, 2026

Patricia Harris

ATTEST: Patricia Harris, Village Clerk

