



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
VILLAGE OF PHOENIX REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE OF PHOENIX COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
April 14, 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, Trustee Riley (late).

**Comments by the President –**

- **Swearing In/New Hire:** Stephan Manning: Mayor Wells motioned the Board to hire Stephan Manning as a Village of Phoenix Police Officer. Moved by Trustee Mahaffey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Proctor-Harris: the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee McCullar, Trustee Riley, and Trustee Evans. Officer Manning received the Oath of Office administered by Mayor Wells.
- Mayor Wells extended his thanks to Dr. Willie Wilson for the gas giveaway event; it went well. Thanks were extended to the Public Works, Fire Department, and Police Department for organizing the event.
- Grant submitted for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave sewer project for 2026/26.
- Condolences were extended to Thornton Township for the loss of Trustee Gonzalez
- Condolences were extended to the Lewis family for their loss

**Communications** – Thank-you card received from Mia Webster-Cross, thanking the Village for their support and Flowers.

**Clerks' Report** – Clerks' report for March 24, 2026, through April 13, 2026, was as follows: General Administration- \$118,922.08; Motor Fuel Tax- \$5,593.18; Multi-Purpose- \$3,950.00; grand total- \$128,465.26.

**Minutes – March 24, 2026 – Motion to approve minutes made by Trustee Mahaffey; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and Assistant Chief Sharp from the Fire department were in attendance and will share their detailed reports later in the meeting. Thanks to both Chiefs for the great work done during the gas giveaway. There are a lot of dogs in the village, encourage people to buy tags for their pets per the Village’s ordinances.
- b) Public Works – Trustee Proctor-Harris– Public Works Department is repairing benches at Wells Park and will be working with Administrator Cooper to replace the mulch in the Village-owned parks
- c) Public Property – Trustee Taylor– No report for this session.
- a) Ordinance and Resolutions – Trustee Riley –: Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution #04142026A; A Resolution Adopting Property Reservation Policy; Moved by Trustee Riley, Seconded by Trustee Mahaffey, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee Riley, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 04142026B, Resolution revoking the sale of Property to Jason Hagler, Resolution #03262024A; Moved by Trustee Riley, Seconded by Trustee Mahaffey, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee Riley, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 04142026C Sale of Property to Jerry Gazdiak Construction for \$35,000; Moved by Trustee Riley, Seconded by Trustee Mahaffey, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee Riley, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 04142026D, Resolution to sell Village-owned property to BIF Construction; 5 lots; \$17,500.00: Moved by Trustee Riley, Seconded by Trustee McCullar, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee Riley, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 04142026F: Revoking Resolution # 07152024, the sale of lots to St. Andrews Manor; Moved by Trustee Riley, Seconded by Trustee McCullar, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee Riley, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

- d) Water Department – Trustee McCullar – Water sales for April 1, 2026, to April 13, 2026, are as follows: Water Sales \$15,577.20, Garbage \$7,175.90, late Fees \$3,081.35; Grand Total- \$25,834.45. Trustee McCullar asks residents to be watchful for leaks, which can affect the water bill and cause a significant loss of water. Please remember to use the “EyeOn Water” app, which sends real-time alerts to you immediately.
- e) Finance Department – Trustee Evans – Motion to approve bills made by Trustee Evans; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Riley; to pay bills approved by unanimous roll call vote. The monthly finance meeting was held on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

### **Department Reports**

- b) Village Administrator – A. Cooper – Administrator - Shared an update regarding Julie; working to make sure the village complies with new guidelines. Will continue to share updates.



- c) Village Treasurer – M. Ferrell: General Ledger balance is \$767,521.54; property taxes \$578,289.92, and Motor fuel \$16,234.25.  
Revenue budgeted for April is \$346,060.00; the balance of the revenue budgeted for the month of April is \$136,151.00  
Disbursement Budgeted for the month of April \$283,698.00; balance of the Disbursement for April is \$196,869.00.
- d) Fire Chief Betton– Report Given by Assistant Chief Sharp: Fire calls year to date are 176.
- Meet with the Seniors at St. Andrews once a month; the meeting went well; talked about scheduling a fire drill to heighten safety awareness.
  - Had a T-shirt contest; a student at Coolidge School won. The winner will be announced this week.
  - Communication system is being upgraded; Chief Fisher is partnering with the VOP fire department in this initiative.
  - Sterling Lumber is having a safety fair; the VOP is invited; the event is on April 29, 2026.
- e) Police Chief Wells – Incidents 10, arrest 1; P-Series 12; Y-Series 10; 2 Arrest: Chief Wells presented to the Board of Trustees to accept the resignation of Jamario Thompkins and Brian Walker; Mayor Wells motioned the board. Moved by Trustee Mahaffey, Seconded by Trustee Riley, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee Riley, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.
- Service calls are down, and staff are preparing for the warm weather.
  - Officers are to ride with windows down, which assists them in hearing calls for help.
  - Teen Takeovers are on the rise. If you hear something, say something.
  - Cop on the Top will be held on 163<sup>rd</sup> in Halsted; event May 15, 2026
  - Seniors are invited to lunch; tentative date is this Friday.

**Citizen Participation – Mrs. Fields – 537 E. 151<sup>st</sup> St.:** Concerned about dust and street cleaning around the homes and businesses near Sterling: Mayor asked Administrator Cooper to reach out to Sterling Lumber immediately to find a solution.

**New Business – None**

**Announcements – None**

**8:05 PM – Mayor Wells** requests an executive session to discuss Village Business: Motion by Mayor Wells, moved Trustee Mahaffey; Seconded by Trustee Proctor-Harris: Moved by Trustee Riley, Seconded by Trustee McCullar, the motion passed to go into executive session; with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee Riley, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

**8:36 PM – Mayor Wells** and Board of Trustees returned from executive session: The motion to continue the regular board meeting was motioned by Mayor Wells; moved by Trustee Mahaffey and seconded by Trustee Proctor-Harris: the



motion to return to regular board session; passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee Riley, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans

Mayor Wells motioned the board to adopt Resolution # 04142026E: MOU with GN Bank to purchase Whisperwood property with conditions of clear title and attorney clearance; Moved by Trustee McCullar, Seconded by Trustee Proctor-Harris, the motion passed with Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, Trustee Riley, Trustee McCullar, and Trustee Evans.

**Meeting adjourned 8:41 p.m. – Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Mahaffey; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

**ATTEST: Patricia Harris, Village Clerk**