REGULAR BOARD MEETING
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VILLAGE OF PHOENIX COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 8, 2026 – 6:00 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 – Treasurer Ferrell opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll Call – Trustees Mahaffey, McCullar, Evans
Absent – Trustees Harris, Taylor and Riley;
Due to the absence of 3 trustees Mayor Wells will vote

Comments by the President –
A) Coolidge Middle School Presentation – Coolidge Middle School presented the Police Department with an award recognizing its ongoing partnership, collaboration, and consistent support with school safety drills. Principal Rush presented the award, and Chief Wells accepted it on behalf of the Police Department.

B) Southland Regional Mayoral Black Caucus Scholarship Recipients – Mayor Wells announced the Phoenix recipients of the Southland Regional Mayoral Black Caucus Scholarship: Kyilee Brookfield, Jermiah Fulton, Mikayla Wilkerson, and Toriana Washington.

Mayor Wells extended condolences to the families mourning the loss of loved ones in the Village.

Mayor Wells shared an update on the removal and replacement of lead water service lines. Work is beginning in the Manor area, including 155th Street, 155th Place, and 155th Court. The initiative is funded by the government, and all lead service lines throughout the Village will eventually be replaced.

Will Davis invited the Village to visit a farm in Charleston, Illinois. Additional information regarding the outing will be shared as it becomes available.

Communications – Clerk Harris thank the Mayor, Board of Trustees and the entire Village for the support given during the passing of her son.

Clerks Report – Clerks' report for August 11, 2026 to September 7, 2026, was as follows: General Administration- $244,232.71; Motor Fuel Tax Collection - $6,637.05; Multi-Purpose- $4,270.00; grand total- $255,139.76.

Minutes – August 11, 2026 – Motion to approve minutes made by Trustee Mahaffey; 2nd by Trustee McCullar. Minutes approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports

a) Police and Fire –Trustee Mahaffey – Thanks to everyone for the support with the back-to-school event, it was a success. Police and Fire Department did an excellent job supporting the event. Trustee Mahaffey asked everyone to make sure they keep their car doors locked and if you see something say something.
b) Public Works – Trustee Proctor-Harris– Absent – No report
c) Public Property – Trustee Taylor–Absent- No report
d) Ordinance and Resolutions – Trustee Riley – Absent: Mayor Wells motioned Ordinance to be approved by the Board of Trustees
Ordinance 09082026A – Update Rental Property reporting fees: Motion to approve to Updated Rental Property reporting fees moved Trustee Mahaffey; 2nd by Trustee Evans. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.
Ordinance 09082026B – Collection Company Fees: Motion to approve update collection company fees moved Trustee Mahaffey; 2nd by Trustee Evans. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.
Resolution to Revoke and Rescind Resolution #09132022A – The Board of Trustees did not vote on this resolution; the Owner requested additional time in writing to complete the project; it was granted.
e) Water Department – Trustee McCullar – Water sales for September 1, 2026, to September 7, 2026, are as follows: Water Sales $3,227.21, Garbage $1,339.17, late Fees $218.69; Grand Total- $4,785.07.
f) Finance Department – Trustee Evans – Motion to approve bills made by Trustee Evans; 2nd by Trustee McCullar. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Department Reports

a) Village Administrator – A. Cooper – Project Updates

- Preparing for 2027 grant opportunities; additional information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Continuing development of plans for the recreation center.
- Coordinating with the engineering team to finalize and submit the sidewalk design scope for the RTA grant.

b) Village Treasurer – M. Ferrell – General Ledger balance is $457,062.54; property taxes $54,900.23, and Motor fuel $30,706.06.
Revenue budgeted for September is $153,038.00; the balance of the revenue budgeted for the month of September is $153,038.00
Disbursement Budgeted for the month of September $485,539.00; balance of the Disbursement for September is $485,539.00.

c) Fire Assistant Chief – Sharp and LT. Wilison
Resignations – Kameron Betton and Deputy Chief Deustcher – Mayor Wells – Motion to accept the resignations made by Trustee Mahaffey; 2nd by Trustee McCullar. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Fire Department Update – The Fire Department has responded to 482 calls year to date. One fire engine is currently out of service and undergoing repairs. The department conducted a successful fire drill with Coolidge Middle School. A new drawing contest will begin soon, with additional information to follow. A CPR class for seniors is scheduled for next month; further details will be shared as they become available.

d) Police Chief R. Wells –
Police Department Update – Reported 20 incidents, one arrest, 18 P-Series cases, and no Code Enforcement cases; 1 Y-Series. Taser training was completed successfully. Upcoming events include senior pizza on September 16 (registration due September 10), a department meeting on September 18 at 8:00 a.m., and a Stop the Bleeding class at MPSC on September 23. Officer Kenchin was thanked for the Air Jordan shoe giveaway at the back-to-school event.

Citizen Participation –

Rhonda Jackson, 615 Frances Street: Ms. Jackson commented on an interaction with a Village inspector regarding routine cleaning and maintenance of her property. She stated that she was not aware of any ordinance violations and noted that, as a new homeowner, she hopes to contribute positively to the Village.

Ashanette Taylor, 622 E 155th Place: Ms. Taylor expressed concern regarding rising property taxes and asked whether relief may be available. Mayor Wells stated that state and county legislators are reviewing the issue for possible solutions, but he was not aware of any current changes.

New Business – None

Announcements –
Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m. – Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Mahaffey; 2nd by Trustee McCullar. Motion unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Phoenix will be held September 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED this 22nd _ day of _ September__, 2026

Patricia Harris

ATTEST: Patricia Harris, Village Clerk