

VILLAGE OF MARYVILLE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM Call to Order

Mayor White called the Caucus meeting of Wednesday, May 14, 2025 to order.

6:30 PM Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

6:31 PM Roll Call.

Trustees Present: Vallino, Schmidt, Bell, Clark, Gulledge, Kukla

Also in attendance were Deputy Clerk Fuhler, Administrator Flannery, Attorney Genovese, Fire Chief Dankenbring, Street Superintendent Keplar, Water/Sewer Superintendent Hoffmann, Building/Zoning Administrator Fulton, and Police Chief Manley.

There were five guests.

Minutes – April 30, 2025

Mayor White called for approval of the minutes of the April 30, 2025 Caucus meeting. He asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns regarding the minutes as presented. There were none.

Motion to Approve, Moved by Clark, Seconded by Vallino: (Yes = 6)

Yes: Vallino, Schmidt, Bell, Clark, Gulledge, Kukla.

6:32 PM Request Regarding Liquor Licensing – Susan Smith

Maryville business owner Susan Smith addressed the Board regarding the closing of Speak Easy and the overwhelming costs associated with maintaining the business. She noted that she is actively seeking a new like-minded business to take over her LLC with hopes of including the current liquor and video gaming licensing.

The Board agreed to grant her 30 days to find a successor entity.

6:42 PM Request to Purchase Kenwood Portable & Mobile Radio Units – Dankenbring

Fire Chief Dankenbring mentioned that there is a pending price increase for the Kenwood portable and mobile radio units that will be significant and that he received approval from Administrator Flannery to go ahead and place the order.

Mayor White expressed interest in donating older units to a smaller community and the Board agreed to move forward.

Item to be added to the next Board Meeting agenda for formal approval.

6:48 PM Request to Purchase a Power Buggy for the Street Department – Keplar

Street Superintendent Keplar requested to purchase a Toro power buggy with tracks for use in transporting materials such as rock, aggregate, and concrete. He noted that the unit has a 36" track width, suitable for tighter spaces. Keplar stated that he received four bids and that Scott's Power Equipment was the lowest at \$21,500 and that Scott's has three units in stock in Bridgeton.

Item to be added to the next Board Meeting agenda for formal approval.

6:53 PM Proclamation: ALS Awareness Month – Mayor

Mayor White presented the annual proclamation recognizing ALS Awareness Month.

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6:54 PM Water Service & Pre-Annexation Agreement: 5711 Old Keebler Road, Collinsville – Mayor

Mayor White stated that this is the Village's standard agreement. Public hearing and Ordinance will be placed on the May 21st Board meeting agenda.

White clarified that public hearings do not require a quorum as there is no action to be taken. He noted that the Trustees are not required to attend.

Item to be added to the next Board Meeting agenda for formal approval.

6:55 PM Annexation: 2013 Hillcreek Road, Collinsville – Mayor

Mayor White stated that this is the Village's standard annexation ordinance, and that the property is contiguous.

Item to be added to the next Board Meeting agenda for formal approval.

6:55 PM Calendar Updates

5/17 Museum open; 5/19 Museum Committee meeting; 5/19 Fire Pension Board meeting; 5/19 Parks & Rec Committee meeting; 5/21 Board meeting; 5/26 Memorial Day – Village Hall and Public Works closed; 5/28 Caucus; 6/2 Community Improvement Board meeting; 6/4 Board meeting; 6/7 Museum open; 6/11 Caucus

6:59 PM Public Input

There was none.

6:59 PM Trustee Comments

Trustee Vallino reported that there are grass clippings all over the gravestones at the cemetery.

Trustee Bell reported that he toured the Police Department earlier in the day. He expressed concern about the condition of the building and inquired about plans to address the situation.

Mayor White responded that there have been many discussions regarding the matter. He stated that the decision was made to wait until the new administration and board were in place before taking further steps. He noted that they are exploring options, including building a new municipal facility that would house the Police Department, Fire Department, and Administration, or considering a stand-alone facility for the Police Department.

Administrator Flannery reported that she met with the Village's insurance company claims representative to discuss the mine subsidence claim and the process for requesting the release of escrowed funds for immediate needs. She mentioned plans to meet with IPMG to review the Village's options and to work toward a long-term solution. A detailed discussion followed.

Trustee Clark mentioned Ralph Hylton, who will be brought before the Board for approval as a new member of the Parks and Recreation Committee. She also noted that the Village's stationery needs to be updated. In addition, Trustee Clark expressed agreement with Trustee Bell's comments regarding the condition of the Police Department facility.

Trustee Kukla expressed his concerns regarding the condition of the police department building.

7:13 PM Mayor Comments

Mayor White noted that a late memo from Chief Dankenbring had been received, requesting the hiring of a paid on-call EMT, which will be added to next week's agenda.

Mayor White also stated that he has been working closely with the Administrator Flannery and the former Mayor to get up to speed on Village operations and projects. He provided updates on the following projects:

- Museum – EPA plan is in place to remediate the soil. EPA funding available. Village will need to pass a groundwater ordinance to apply for grants which will include ADA-compliant entry.
- Outreach Center – The ADA ramp has been installed, but they are still waiting on the handrail. Administrator Flannery is also coordinating the installation of locks with Fulton for the overall network plan.
- Roundabout – Road closure signs will be posted soon.
- Keebler Road (Phase III) – Funding for this project is expected to be secured by the end of the year.
- Parks/Trails Grant – The Village is applying for a \$150,000 grant from MEPRD for an entertainment pavilion, with a good chance of receiving the award. In addition, the Village is pursuing events grants of up to \$2,500 per event, with multiple applications being submitted. Administrator Flannery has been very proactive in pursuing all available grants.
- Habitual Properties – Properties at 104 S. Donk, 7513 Stonebridge Golf Drive, and others were discussed. Fulton, Flannery, and Genovese are working aggressively to address these derelict properties. Mayor White mentioned a June 1st deadline.
- Intergovernmental Agreement – Discussions are ongoing with Glen Carbon regarding fire hydrants.
- Charging Stations – A second meeting with a representative from Ameren is scheduled. A study will be conducted to determine if, when, and where to install charging stations, at no cost to the Village. Mayor White noted that charging stations will be good for tourism.

7:38 PM Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this meeting, Mayor White called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn, Moved by Bell, Seconded by Kukla

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).

Yes: Vallino, Schmidt, Bell, Clark, Guldridge, Kukla.

7:40 PM Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny L. Fuhler
Village Deputy Clerk