

VILLAGE OF MARYVILLE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM Call to Order

Mayor White called the Caucus meeting of Wednesday, October 22, 2025 to order.

6:00 PM Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor White opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6:01 PM Roll Call.

Trustees Present: Vallino, Bell, Gulledge, Kukla

Absent: Schmidt, Clark

Public Comments

There were none.

6:01 PM Minutes – October 8, 2025

Mayor White called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025 Caucus meeting.

Motion to Approve, Moved by Vallino, Seconded by Bell.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4).

Yes: Vallino, Bell, Gulledge, Kukla

6:02 PM Fire Pay for Paid-On-Call Firefighters (Quarter 3, 2025) – Dankenbring

Chief Dankenbring presented figures for 3rd quarter payout.

All were ok with paying on-call firefighters.

6:03 PM Planning Commission Items – Fulton

Administrator Fulton informed the Board that Over the Moon has resubmitted its final development plan. The plan was originally approved three years ago but was never acted upon. A few updates were required to bring it into compliance with current codes, and the plan will be presented to the Planning Commission for final approval.

Trustee Bell asked whether a sidewalk will run from Main Street to the development. Fulton confirmed that a sidewalk is included on the east side of the street.

Fulton then stated that the second item going before the Planning Commission is the Anthony Townhomes, which is a six-unit building and will be located on the west side of the new Bottle Shop. Mayor White added that Juneau has also reviewed these plans. Trustee Gulledge inquired about the installation of drainage pipe. Fulton confirmed that it will be installed and that appropriate permissions have been obtained.

The final project on the Planning Commission agenda is a demolition permit and associated building permits for the Executive Car Wash site, which will be replaced with new office buildings known as Executive Plaza.

6:14 PM Republic Services Trash Contract – Flannery

Administrator Flannery approached the Board to discuss Republic Services contract. She informed the Board that the Village's current contract with Republic Services includes an option for a three-year extension, reflecting an approximate 4–4.5% increase. She also provided rate comparisons for neighboring communities for reference. Flannery noted that a second option would be to extend the contract for an additional seven years beyond the three-year term, creating a ten-year agreement. This would lock in the rates for the extra years. Flannery stated that her recommendation is to proceed with the three-year extension and retain the option to extend for seven more years later. Trustee Bell expressed that he does not want to commit to a ten-year contract.

Rhonda Breslin, representing Republic Services, clarified that the Village could approve the three-year extension and still exercise the seven-year option later with a 90-day written notice, although she could not guarantee the same rates at that time. She highlighted that Maryville receives the highest senior discount in the area, which is approximately 38%, compared to the typical 10% offered to other communities. She added that increases over the past seven years have averaged just over 2%, despite inflation and rising costs after COVID.

Trustee Gulledge emphasized that the Board has always been committed to preserving the Senior discount, noting that many seniors rely on fixed incomes.

Breslin also mentioned that residents can opt out of automated delay notifications if they prefer, and can check service status anytime online or through the mobile app.

Mayor White stated that the purpose of tonight's discussion is to determine whether the Board supports continuing the current contract structure for the next three years.

Trustee Gulledge commented that Republic Services has generally provided reliable service and responded well when issues arise.

The Board agreed with the recommendation to approve the remaining three-year extension with the option to extend for an additional seven years later. The item will be added to the agenda.

6:28 PM Resolution of Support for Tourism and the Private Sector – Flannery

Flannery spoke to the Board regarding two potential grants. She reported that the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has opened the cycle for both the Tourism Private Sector Grant and the Tourism Attraction Grant. For the Tourism Private Sector Grant, municipalities are eligible to apply, and the purpose of the program is to enhance or attract events to the community.

Trustee Gulledge asked about the maximum award amount for this grant. Flannery responded that the range is \$10,000–\$50,000, with a required matching contribution. She added that as long as the Village meets the criteria and guidelines, an application will be submitted.

All were in agreement with the grant application.

Resolution of Support for Tourism Attraction Grant – Flannery

Flannery explained that the Tourism Attraction Grant is one the Village can apply for to support the entertainment pavilion project, with potential awards up to \$200,000.

The Mayor commented that Flannery remains very committed to pursuing all available grant opportunities that benefit the Village.

All were ok to place on agenda for next Board meeting.

Calendar Updates

10/23 Trunk or Treat Bobby's Frozen Custard, 10/24 Police Halloween party Maryville School, 10/27 Planning Commission meeting, 10/29 Special Board meeting, 10/31 Halloween trick or treating dusk until 9pm

6:33 PM Trustee Comments

6:33 PM Trustee Vallino acknowledged and thanked the Board for the recent mowing in his neighborhood.

6:35 PM Trustee Bell spoke about resident comments from the Safe Routes public hearing regarding speeding on Andra and drivers bypassing Route 159. He noted that the Police Department had recently placed the speed sign on Northwood and questioned why it was not positioned on Andra instead.

Mayor White responded that there had also been complaints on Northwood and that the Village currently has only one speed sign available. He added that the Chief of Police intends to request the purchase of an additional speed trailer.

6:38 PM Trustee Gulledge reported that the Museum Committee will be hosting an "Old Fashion Christmas" event on November 29th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Firemen's Park. He asked if the event could be added to the marquee and the board at Firemen's Park. He also noted that the Committee requested permission to place the Christmas tree next to the museum. He further stated that he has received comments regarding parking concerns on Renee Drive. He suggested implementing a "No Parking During School Hours" restriction, or limiting parking to only one side of the street.

6:42 PM Trustee Kukla informed the Board that he recently met with Chief Manley. The Chief discussed opportunities he would like to provide for police officers, including assignments with the DEA. Trustee Kukla stated he was encouraged by the initiatives the Chief is pursuing to support officers and provide professional development opportunities. He also noted that the Police Department is now fully staffed with 17 officers. Regarding speeding concerns, Trustee Kukla commented that in police operations, the term "prevent" is often unrealistic, and the focus is instead on managing. He stated that the Police Department is doing a very good job managing speeding throughout the Village.

6:46 PM Mayor Comments

Mayor White informed the Board that the Mayor's Notes are included in the packet. He stated that Administrator Flannery and all Department Heads assist in preparing the notes. He encouraged Board members to reach out to him or to Flannery with any questions.

He thanked everyone for making time next Wednesday for the Special Board meeting. The primary purpose of the Special meeting is that all municipalities have been contacted by IML to reach out to their representatives and pass a Resolution opposing House Bill 3266. The bill proposes changes to the TIF law, and the Village of Maryville utilizes TIF funds. A Resolution stating the Village's opposition to the bill will be on the agenda for Board action. In addition, the agenda will include the hiring of a full-time Code Enforcement/Inspector position. These will be the only two items on which the Board will take action during the Special Meeting.

6:50 PM Adjournment

There being no more 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 = 4).

Yes: Vallino, Bell, Gullledge, Kukla.

6:51 PM Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Warner
Deputy Clerk