

Board Meeting

January 19, 2026

Mayor Eiltes called the meeting to order. Trustees Maness, Springer, Thornton, Wittrig, and Mohr were present.

Trustee Maness moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026, meeting. Trustee Mohr seconded the motion, and all Trustees unanimously approved the minutes.

Etta Reed from the Hopedale Lions Club was recognized. She was here to request the Board's approval to repair the Ball Park Dugouts. Trustee Maness moved to allow the Hopedale Lions Club to make changes to the dugouts at Diamonds 2 and 3, but to wait on Diamond 1's dugout, at the Lions Club's cost. The motion was seconded by Trustee Springer. The motion passed with all Trustees voting "Aye".

Etta Reed also requested that the Board allow the Lions Club to make changes to the Lions' Den in the big pavilion at the park to make a new cooler. Trustee Springer moved to approve the kitchen changes in the new pavilion, with costs to be covered by the Lions Club. The only exception is that any changes to the electrical system must be made by a licensed electrician, and the Village of Hopedale must be listed as an additional insured. Trustee Wittrig seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chief Price was recognized by the Board. He was here to provide the Board with more information regarding the printers for the squad cars. Trustee Mohr moved to approve no more than \$2200.00 to purchase printers for the two squad cars to print tickets. Trustee Thornton seconded the motion, and with a "Roll Call" vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Nafziger was absent, so nothing more to present for Police and Health.

Trustee Thornton had nothing to report on Streets and Alleys.

Trustee Mohr presented information regarding purchasing a new backhoe. He will investigate other options.

Trustee Maness had nothing to report on Parks.

Trustee Wittrig moved to approve the purchase of rock and its hauling by Litwiller Excavating LLC to the Solar Field at the Sewer Plant, in the amount of \$24,646.65, using TIF funds. Trustee Mohr seconded the motion, and with a "Roll-Count vote", all Trustees voted "Aye".

Trustee Springer moved to accept the January monthly bills totaling \$102,154.23, including \$37,369.46 from the General Fund; \$53.97 from Civil Defense; \$2,383.58 from the Water Fund; \$4,267.76 from the Sewer Fund; and \$58,079.46 from the TIF Fund. Trustee Thornton seconded the motion, and by a "Roll Call" vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Springer moved to adjourn the regular meeting and go into Closed Session. Trustee Thornton seconded the motion, and all Trustees voted "Aye."

Respectfully submitted this February 2, 2026.

Laurie Elless, Village Clerk