

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 15, 2026

President Matthew Prime called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Present: Matthew Prime, Dean Hartman, Chad Gaeth, Tod Sting, Greg Miracle, and Thomas Lenhard

Council Absent: Brandt Gaeth absent.

Others Present: Treasurer Leila Rish, DPW Brent Vermeersch and Police Chief William Owens.

Guests Present: Abby Putman, Gabby Putman, Izzy Putman, Jennifer Putman, Billy Putman, Connie Sy Deb Kroswek, Robert Stanley, Nancy Barrios, Kathy Trischler.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Connie Sy addressed the council concerning setting up a DDA for Unionville. ***Motion by G. Miracle seconded by T. Sting to look at forming a DDA for Unionville. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.***

Nancy Barrios addressed the council and provided an update on county matters.

Billy Putman addressed the council concerning his support for the August 5th ballot proposal to change the Tuscola County Road Commission members from elected positions to appointed positions.

Kathy Trischler asked the council if it has any consideration of changing the existing marihuana ordinance. The council said no.

DPW REPORT: Brent Vermeersch gave his report. Well number 1 has been repaired and is back online. The vacuum truck was here to work on the sewer and will be back to doing more work. Brent asked about putting a cement pad at the baseball parking lot to make it easier for handicapped people to exit their vehicle. He will get a cost. Two roofs need to be repaired in the Little League area.

CLERKS REPORT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ***Motion by D. Hartman seconded by T. Sting to approve the minutes for May 18, 2026, as presented. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.***

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: ***Motion by T. Sting seconded by G. Miracle to pay the June 2026 accounts payables of \$32,399.97. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.***

OPENING OF BIDS: Five bids were received and opened for the 1985 Case 580E backhoe/loader. ***Motion by D. Hartman seconded by G. Miracle to accept the bid of \$5,100.00 from Timothy Schmidt. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.***

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Leila Rish gave the Treasurer's report to the Council. The water vendor received \$793.25 for May 2026. The treasurer received a letter from Tuscola County Treasurer's office concerning "first right of refusal" to acquire tax-foreclosed parcels. ***Motion by T. Lenhard seconded by G. Miracle to refuse the right to purchase parcel 043-001-001-1000-00. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.*** Report was given on an error for utility bill for account #119. ***Motion by G. Miracle seconded by to remove the amount of \$95.82 for account 119. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.*** There were four utility accounts assessed to parcels for the 2026 tax season.

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POLICE: Police Chief Bill Owens gave his report. He updated the council on the continuing education classes that he is participating in. ***Motion by G. Miracle seconded by T. Lenhard to approve Officer Owens taking a class on July 1st and 2nd in Troy on solo officer response to violence. 6 Yeas. 0 Neys. 1 Absent. Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business: The AED discussion will continue at the next meeting after getting more information and discussion about who does the maintenance. Brent will contact the Little League. DPW will report blight conditions that they observe to the Clerk and the Police Department.

New Business: Sidewalk repair will be needed after a tree fell and caused damage to the sidewalk during the storm. Brent will get cost of repair and report at next meeting.

PARKS: **The** date for painting the fence at the tennis/pickleball court has been moved to 6th and 7th of July. The Unionville Framers Market starts June 19th. There will be an Ice Cream Social on July 12th from noon until 3 PM in memory of Judy Remar for the time and service she dedicated to Unionville.

ZONING: D. Hartman, Zoning Administrator, no new requests.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was requested by President Matthew Prime, none given.

ADJOURN: ***Motion by D. Hartman, seconded by T. Lenhard to adjourn meeting at 8:36 pm. 6 Yeas. 0 Neys. 1 Absent. Motion carried.***

Next Regular Meeting: July 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

Leila Rish

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Village Treasurer