

**VILLAGE OF BROWNSTOWN  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 20, 2026**

The Brownstown Village Board met on January 20, 2026 at the Brownstown Village Hall.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance before the Board meeting.

Village President Virginia Wilber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Robin Lovett, Village Clerk, called roll and those present were: Village President Virginia Wilber, Village Trustees Samantha Wall, Jake Kelly, and Nikki Sidwell. Village Trustees Billie Enlow, Tony Thomason, and William Lytle were absent. A quorum was found to be present. Village Employees Todd Sovey, Brad Sidwell and Monica Struble were in attendance.

**Motion was made by Jake Kelly, seconded by Samantha Wall to approve the Consent Agenda Items as follows: a-January 20, 2026 Agenda; b-December 16, 2025 minutes; c-Bills – January 20, 2026; and, d-Treasurer’s Report for month ending December 31, 2025 – to be placed on file for 2025/2026 Audit. Voting aye – Jake Kelly, Samantha Wall, Nikki Sidwell, and Virginia Wilber. Voting nay – none. Motion carried.** Village Trustees Billie Enlow, Tony Thomason, and William Lytle were absent.

There were no visitors in attendance.

**Police Report** – Officer Carpenter was in attendance to present the Police Report for the month of December, 2025. Hours covered for December, 2025 were below what is contracted. To make up for this, St. Elmo PD will provide 40 hours per week coverage during the month of February, 2026. Officer Carpenter will be working full-time in Brownstown during the month of February, 2026. St. Elmo PD now has 6 officers. Officer Carpenter and Traci Baucum (SAFE) will be doing a presentation at the Brownstown Schools on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

The monthly **Code Officer report** was presented from Code Officer Sovey, a copy of which is attached to the official copy of these minutes. No issues to report. No questions.

Resident (417 E. Cherry St.) complaint about dog attacking her dog. Animal Control was contacted.

**iWorq Software proposed purchase** – The agreement requires a 3 year commitment (\$2,500 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Year; then \$1,500.00 for years 2 & 3); Village Attorney recommended changing venue from Utah to Fayette County IL –

unfortunately, this raises the fee for the software – Todd recommends leaving it as Utah; at the end of the three years, we can receive our data (Todd will need to check to make sure there is no cost for this at the end of the agreement), otherwise, if we want data throughout the agreement, there is a cost of \$2,500 to obtain the data. **Motion made by Virginia Wilber, seconded by Samantha Wall to table the approval and purchase of iWorq software and agreement until more information can be obtained regarding the venue and the cost of obtaining data at the end of the agreement. Voting aye – Virginia Wilber, Samantha Wall, Jake Kelly, and Nikki Sidwell. Voting nay – none. Motion Carried.** Village Trustees Billie Enlow, William Lytle, and Tony Thomason were absent.

Animal Control – refusing to enforce Village Ordinances and issuing citations per the County agreement. She believes that she cannot write ordinance violations. The County Agreement and Brownstown Code authorizes the County Animal Control officer to issue citations. Todd has spoken with Ashley Towler, Fayette County Board member and chair of Animal Control. She is checking into the agreement and will get back with Todd.

**Motion made by Nikki Sidwell, seconded by Jake Kelly, to ADOPT Ordinance 2026-01-01 An Ordinance Amending Section 27-9-1 of the Code of the Village of Brownstown Garbage of Household Trash. Voting aye – Nikki Sidwell, Jake Kelly, Virginia Wilber, and Samantha Wall. Voting nay – none. Motion carried.** Village Trustees Billie Enlow, William Lytle, and Tony Thomason were absent.

Todd discussed three vacated properties (308 S. Third St., 123 E. Poplar St., and 124 W. Poplar St.). Todd suggested to the Board to have these properties marked dangerous and unsafe. There is a process to this and would incur Attorney expenses.

**Village Attorney Steve Mahrt - nothing to report.**

**Village Engineer – nothing to report.**

**Public Works – Brad Sidwell has talked to Kirby Sefton, Triple S Tree Service to discuss scheduling taking down the Christmas Pole Decorations.**

Village President Wilber wants a Flag purchased to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Brad has the flag pole ready for another flag to be installed. He has also installed a light so the flags can be left flying at night.

Kirby Sefton, Triple S Tree Service, has helped put up the Christmas pole decorations this year, and will be contacted to help take them down. In the past a donation of \$200.00 has been made to Kirby's business. **Motion made by**

**Nikki Sidwell seconded by Jake Kelly to approve a donation of \$200.00 to Triple S Tree Service for helping with the installation and removal of the Christmas Pole Decorations for 2025 after the lights are taken down. Voting aye – Nikki Sidwell, Jake Kelly, Samantha Wall, and Virginia Wilber. Voting nay – none. Motion carried.** Village Trustees Billie Enlow, William Lytle, and Tony Thomason were absent.

No action taken on Ordinance 2025-12-01 An Ordinance Declaring Property Surplus (322 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St.) due to lack of super majority. This item will be placed on the agenda for the February 17, 2026 meeting.

**Motion made by Nikki Sidwell, seconded by Samantha Wall to approve Village President and Village Clerk to attend the Annual Rural Community & Economic Development Conference in Springfield, IL on February 25 & 26, 2026 with the Village covering all costs associated with said conference. Voting aye – Nikki Sidwell, Samantha Wall, Jake Kelly, and Virginia Wilber. Voting nay – none. Motion carried.** Village Trustees Billie Enlow, William Lytle, and Tony Thomason were absent.

**For discussion/action – purchase of a reception desk for the Treasurer/Water Clerk Office. Price for desk would be around \$7,000.00. Members in attendance felt the price was too much and there was nothing wrong with what is already in place. No action on purchase due to lack of Motion. Therefore, Motion made by Nikki Sidwell, seconded by Samantha Wall to continue looking for replacement desks for the office and leaving the current counter area in place. Voting aye – Nikki Sidwell, Samantha Wall, Jake Kelly, and Virginia Wilber. Voting nay - none. Motion carried.** Village Trustees Billie Enlow, William Lytle, and Tony Thomason were absent.

Philpot Electronics has been contacted to upgrade the Back-up System for Electronic Files at a cost of \$779.97. **Motion made by Nikki Sidwell seconded by Jake Kelly to approve the upgrade to the Back-up System for electronic files by Philpot Electronics at a cost of \$779.97. Voting aye – Nikki Sidwell, Jake Kelly, Virginia Wilber, and Samantha Wall. Voting nay – none. Motion carried.** Village Trustees Billie Enlow, William Lytle, and Tony Thomason were absent.

Received a request from the Brownstown High School Yearbook Committee to place an ad in the 2025/2026 yearbook. **Motion made by Nikki Sidwell, seconded by Jake Kelly, to place an ad in the Brownstown High School Yearbook for 2025/2026 at a cost of \$100.00 for a ¼ page ad. Voting aye – Nikki Sidwell, Jake Kelly, Virginia Wilber, and Samantha Wall. Voting nay - none. Motion carried.** Village Trustees Billie Enlow, William Lytle and Tony Thomason were absent.

Village Clerk provided the video gaming revenue from The Cabin, LLC and Sensation, Inc. for April 2025-December 2025.

Discussion was held concerning the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of America on July 4, 2026. An initial planning meeting with community members will be planned for early February.

**Motion was made by Nikki Sidwell, seconded by Jake Kelly to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously carried and Village President Virginia Wilber announced the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.**



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**ROBIN LOVETT  
VILLAGE CLERK**

**APPROVED: February 17, 2026**