

MINUTES

Regular Village Board Meeting June 10, 2026

The Village of Blue Mounds Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Paul Baum, Village President, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. The agenda was posted on 6/8/2026

2. Roll call: Paul Baum, Steve Burbank, Jeff Lange, Bob Messinger and Curt Winter.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

4. Village President Baum removed the Fire Department and district master agreement off the agenda. The timing is not correct. The dissolution of the municipal court has been in discussion for some time with the previous board members. Baum removed the item from the agenda. Municipal court cannot be dissolved during midterm. The annual audit report has been completed. The Peoples Community Bank has committed assets to the Village that was not on the audit to protect our money that is above the FDIC protection limits. The board approved the funds last year to hire a second police officer. Chief Hoops will put post for this position, and we will begin accepting applications. This could possibly bring in more revenue with more tickets being issued. Winter is concerned about the cost and wants to discuss offers being offered. The new website is almost completed, and the old one will be disconnected next week. Transparency is a concern to some residents. Baum stated that residents should have a say in the community and ask that they bring their questions up during the month to the Board or the clerk. Baum also asks residents to provide any history they may have for the Village of Blue Mounds as well as pictures.

5. Public Forum:

Matt Heindl, Susan Kiry, and Audra Anderson all spoke during the public forum.

6. Correction and approval of minutes:

6a. Village Board Meeting minutes of 5/13/26 were approved: Motion by Winter, second by Burbank, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Reports:

Public Works

7a. Dan Foster stated the water problem leak had been detected down to a certain area. They have had many complaints. The test totter was fixed.

Police

7b. Chief Hoops asks that everyone be patient with the 18-151 road construction. He said to be aware of Solicitors and that check scamming has increased, let him know of any problems. Overgrown lawn problems have been taken care of as well as barking dog, Division Street problem with tenants and restraining orders. Chief stated there were questions regarding excess force used for Rigland Farms. 5/23/26 there were hundreds of protesters blocking traffic, but it seems to be dying down. Chief was asked by the media about Flocking systems. We do not have them and will not have them. Gemcom updated the police equipment. No problems over Memorial weekend. Car show going well, using No Parking signs. The first Dream Makers market will be June 28th and continue through September on the 4th Sunday of each month. Hooterville Days is scheduled for August 8th. The street will be open at dusk. New UTV/ATV laws go into effect in June. Wear seatbelt, tint windows and must render aid. Job and benefits posted will be at the rate as approved by the Board.

7c. Baum stated there is no Fire report as they have not met yet.

8. Approval of bills presented for payment: Bills approved as presented. Motion by Messinger, second by Burbank, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business:

9a. The new Village sign was approved with design #2 being selected. Motion by Lange, second by Messinger, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

10 a. Liquor license, cigarette license, and operator permits, three licenses were presented for approval, Casey's, Blue Mounds Grocery, and OlbertAlvin Coffee House. All three were approved. Motion by Lange, second by Burbank, all in favor, motion carried.

10b Licenses will be issued after Board approval, but not until full payment has been made. Motioned by Baum, second by Burbank, all in favor, motion carried.

10c Theresa Row has volunteered for Board of Review and Parks & Rec. Department. Motion to approve Theresa Row on these committees. Motion by Baum, second by Messinger, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Future Agenda Items:

12. Adjournment. Motion by Messinger, second by Burbank to adjourn at 7:40 pm. all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes taken by Beverly Petrolis

Approved: July 8, 2026

Paul Baum, Village President