

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK – NOVEMBER 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bolingbrook was called to order at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on November 18, 2025, in Bolingbrook, Illinois, by Mayor Mary S. Alexander-Basta.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Mary S. Alexander-Basta requested Jerry Hix to lead the pledge to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Village Clerk, Martha M. Barton, called the roll:

Present were: Mayor Mary S. Alexander-Basta, Trustees Michael T. Lawler, Michael J. Carpanzano, Troy J. Doris, Bhavini K. Patel, and Jose Quintero.

Absent: Jean M. Kelly

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Martha M. Barton; Village Attorney, Burt Odelson; Administrator, Lucas Rickelman; Finance Director, Rosa Cojulun; Director of Public Works, Andres Orrego; Police Chief, Michael Rompa; Deputy Police Chief, Sean Koren; IT Manager, Phillip Chau; Fire Chief, Chris Jostes; and Director of Community Development, Matt Eastman.

Absent: Administrator Ken Teppel

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion Lawler, second Patel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting October 28, 2025, as submitted by the Village Clerk.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS:

Village Attorney Odelson indicated that there were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Approval of the Agenda as presented:

Motion: Quintero

Second: Doris

Voice Vote: Motion Carried

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

BILL APPROVAL:

Bill Listing A: Payables in the amount of \$ 898,339.46
Bill Listing B: Payables in the amount of \$ 972,172.62
Total: \$ 1,870,512.08

Motion: Lawler
Second: Carpanzano
Roll Call Vote: Motion Carried

(Copies were made available in the Finance Department, Clerk’s Office, and on the Village website.)

ROLL CALL: Yea 5 Carpanzano, Doris, Lawler, Patel, Quintero
Nay 0 None
Absent 1 Kelly
Abstentions 0 None

Motion carried.

TAX RECEIPTS:

September 2025 State Income Tax - \$815,680.86, 1.6% decrease from a year ago

August 2025 Sales Tax - \$4,380,356.59, a 17.6% increase from a year ago

September 2025 Motor Fuel Tax - \$295,682.40, a 2.6% increase from a year ago

August 2025 State Administrative Fee - \$35,245.50

RESOLUTIONS

25R-101

DESIGNATING THE EMERGENCY CENTERS FOR PATIENT TRANSPORT BY THE BOLINGBROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Motion Quintero, second Patel to adopt a resolution designating the emergency centers for patient transport by the Bolingbrook Fire Department:

This Resolution amends the designated emergency centers that the Fire Department is authorized to transport patients. This Resolution removes Hinsdale Hospital, changes the name of Adventist Bolingbrook to UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Bolingbrook and adds Edward Emergency Center in Plainfield, St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet and Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn. This action was reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Committee.

ROLL CALL: Yea 5 Carpanzano, Doris, Lawler, Patel, Quintero
Nay 0 None
Absent 1 Kelly
Abstentions 0 None

Motion carried.

25R-102

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BULK ROCK SALT THROUGH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS JOINT MASTER CONTRACT WITH MORTON SALT:

Motion Doris, second Lawler to adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of Bulk Rock Salt through the State of Illinois joint Master Contract with Morton Salt:

The State of Illinois entered into a Joint Master Contract with Morton Salt after soliciting for bids. This Resolution allows the Village to purchase bulk rock salt at \$67.32 per ton at an amount not to exceed 4,800 tons or \$323,136.00. This purchase has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL: Yea	5	Carpanzano, Doris, Lawler, Patel, Quintero
Nay	0	None
Absent	1	Kelly
Abstentions	0	None

Motion carried.

25R-103

APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF ALLIANT/MESIROW FINANCIAL FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS THROUGH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AND INSPIRA FINANCIAL FOR 2026:

Motion Lawler, second Doris to adopt a resolution approving the proposal of Alliant/Mesirow Financial for Health Insurance Benefits through Blue Cross Shield and Inspira Financial for 2026:

This Resolution approves the proposal of the Village’s insurance brokers for health insurance benefits through Blue Cross Blue Shield and Inspira Financial. Blue Cross Blue Shield will administer medical, dental, vision, life AD&D (Accidental Death & Dismemberment), voluntary dependent life and ASO (Administrative Services Only) STD (Short Term Disability). Inspira Financial will administer FSA (Flexible Spending Account), Dependent Care and Cobra. The total cost shall not exceed \$14,062,964.16, which is under the budgeted amount of \$14,802,738.46. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL: Yea	5	Carpanzano, Doris, Lawler, Patel, Quintero
Nay	0	None
Absent	1	Kelly
Abstentions	0	None

Motion carried.

25R-104

APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE BENEFITS THROUGH ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT FOR 2025-2026:

Motion Quintero, second Lawler to adopt a resolution approving the renewal of Workers' Compensation insurance benefits through Illinois Counties Risk Management for 2025-2026.

This Resolution approves the proposal of the Village's insurance brokers for Workers' Compensation insurance for 2025-2026 (December 1, 2025 to December 1, 2026). The total premium has increased by \$15,676.00 from last year, for a total cost not to exceed \$927,789.00, which is under the budgeted amount of \$2,937,676.40. The self-insured-retention will remain at \$400,000.00. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL: Yea	5	Carpanzano, Doris, Lawler, Patel, Quintero
Nay	0	None
Absent	1	Kelly
Abstentions	0	None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

25-038

AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE BOLINGBROOK VILLAGE CODE INCREASING CLASS "D-2" (FULL-SERVICE) FROM SEVENTEEN (17) TO EIGHTEEN (18) PIER 9 BOLINGBROOK LLC 704 JANES AVENUE:

Motion Patel, second Quintero to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Bolingbrook Village Code increasing Class "D-2" (full-service) from seventeen (17) to eighteen (18) Pier 9 Bolingbrook LLC 704 Janes Avenue.

This Ordinance grants a Class "D-2" Full-Service liquor license to Pier 9 which is expected to open at the end of November at 704 Janes Avenue. This license has been reviewed and approved by all relevant personnel.

ROLL CALL: Yea	5	Carpanzano, Doris, Lawler, Patel, Quintero
Nay	0	None
Absent	1	Kelly
Abstentions	0	None

Motion carried.

ATTORNEYS COMMENTS:

Village Attorney Burt Odelson clarified the Illinois Trust Act (passed in 2017) by making the following points:

- Local law enforcement does not interact with ICE (which is federal).

- Some municipalities have passed ordinances that merely duplicate the Trust Act.
- Some counties and municipalities have passed ordinances that limit ICE activity on their grounds. However, the Supremacy Act in the U.S. Constitution determines that states cannot pass laws that supersede or are contrary to federal law, making those ordinances unenforceable.
- The Trust Act directs municipal law enforcement *not* to help ICE and makes it a federal crime to engage with them.
- There has been no ICE staging activity on public property.
- Addressed the many communications received regarding the Village passing acts regarding signage and putting the Bolingbrook Police Department “on alert” for ICE activities, indicating that the concern is that by doing so, it will actually put people in jeopardy because those actions are not enforceable and could give residents a false sense of security. Rather than do that, the Village of Bolingbrook is following state and federal law.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE/PRESS:

- The following people commented on the issue of ICE and demanded that the Village pass a Welcoming City ordinance, expressing their disappointment with what they consider the board’s lack of action to date:

Ana Campo-Casillo	Freya Knarr	Cat Knarr
Mavie Bran*	Sophia Vitale	Cindy Dabrowski*
Reem Townsend	Zilzah Trotter	Ruben Maciel-Perez
Giselle Rodriguez	HK Wilson	Josh Jensen
John Lieb	James Harding	JD Nichols
Daniel Arreola	Wendy Zarate	Pierre Martin
Ann Natale	Elisabel Andrade	William Walsh*
Laura Hones	Hanna Hernandez	

- Diane Sellinger* commented on the illegal truck activity on Greene Road by the Super Ego trucks, asking for increased enforcement.

*non-resident of Bolingbrook (of those who indicated address)

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

TRUSTEE LAWLER:

- Thanked everyone for sharing their thoughts, mentioned that we have collaborated in the past to find solutions.
- Encouraged all to look out for others.
- Commented on Operation Christmas as a resource and a way to get involved.
- Mentioned the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts taking food donations over the upcoming weekend.

TRUSTEE PATEL:

- Echoed Trustee Lawler’s sentiments.
- Reminded residents that it is the season of giving, and to donate to the local food pantries to help those in need.

TRUSTEE DORIS:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He mentioned that voices are important, and that he tries to bring all conversations to the board, always asking the “Why?”, and that he keeps learning from each conversation.
- Encouraged all to get creative with ideas, within the law, and to listen to all sides.
- Reminded residents that the elected officials have lives and identities outside of their elected position, that each deals within his/her own ecosystem, that great things are being done, and to check on one’s neighbors.

TRUSTEE QUINTERO:

- Thanked attendees for coming and speaking with passion.
- Reminded residents that the Village is doing what it can within the limits of the law, having conversations with residents to discuss their concerns and ideas.
- Commented that the ICE situation cannot be solved at the local level.
- Mentioned that he and his wife were not born here and that they have family members who are scared, so he understands.
- Commented that board members are also doing what they can outside of their elected positions to educate residents as to the resources that are available to them.

TRUSTEE CARPANZANO:

- Mentioned a disturbing message he received while taking his two young children to Bass Pro. He acknowledged that what’s happening around us is very scary and very real.
- Reminded residents that the ability to communicate with the board also occurs outside of the board meeting environment.
- Suggested residents take that same energy to representatives on the federal level who can actually change things, as the Village cannot do anything to stop ICE as it is a federal agency.

MAYOR ALEXANDER-BASTA:

- Commented that she has had numerous conversations with residents.
- Signage has been posted inside Village buildings restricting access to internal offices.
- Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project (SSIP) has been working directly with Police Chief Rompa. Since approximately October 8th, officers have been patrolling our parking lots and there have been only two incidents where ICE agents have been on our property; no one was detained, and there was no interaction with our officers.
- Illinois At Work (IAW) sponsored a meeting regarding the rights of businesses on November 17th. Another meeting will be scheduled soon.
- There was a second meeting held on November 17th, hosted by Destinee Ortiz, Katalina Rodriguez, Dee Avelar, and Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant; with community partners such as the Valley View School District, Fountaindale Public Library District, the Bolingbrook Park District, the UC Chicago/Bolingbrook Hospital, several faith-based and NFP organizations, Illinois Senator Rachel Ventura, and others, to discuss what each entity is and can do to inform, educate, and protect its constituents. A second meeting will be scheduled soon.
- Mentioned that she is very disheartened by comments comparing our Bolingbrook Police Department to any other community. The Village’s School Resource Officers (SROs) are in the schools daily, and our community relations are second to none.

- Regarding the request that information be put out in a newsletter, the Village does not have a regular newsletter. However, Senator Ventura has made flyers available with "Know Your Rights" information that have been posted on the Village website with copies also available in Town Center lobbies.
- As for the demand for signage at the schools, the Village has no jurisdiction with the schools. They are a separate taxing body and will take whatever steps they deem appropriate.
- The surrounding communities are all doing what Aurora is doing with regards to following the Trust Act. The Village just has not codified it with an ordinance.
- In response to the comments regarding the "Chips & Dips with the Mayor" events; these were scheduled in response to a request by a local restaurant, which the Mayor saw as an opportunity to support a local business and give residents a safe place to come and engage with her and the other elected officials. There will be more to come.
- In response to requests for information about ICE activities, she indicated that ICE does not notify the Village when they are present. If residents see them within the Village, she requests that they notify the Bolingbrook Police Department with information or videos, etc. If there is a safety issue, call 911 and Bolingbrook Police officers will respond. Safety is priority #1.
- The Illinois Trust Act and federal Constitution Supremacy Clause were shared earlier in the meeting to educate and inform residents of the laws that are in place that guide what the Village can do.
- Agreed to put in writing what steps the Village has taken and will continue to take regarding ICE and the local immigration situation, but that there would be no ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Quintero, second Doris to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Mary S. Alexander-Basta
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Martha M. Barton
VILLAGE CLERK