Village of South Jacksonville

Mayor Richard Samples	*Trustee Tom Jordan*	*Trustee Paula Belobrajdic-Stewart*
Deputy Village Clerk Mindy Olson	*Trustee Steve Retzer*	*Trustee Michael Preston*
Attorney Roland Cross	*Trustee Vacant*	*Trustee Vacant*

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday August 6, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

Village Hall, 301 Dewey Drive, South Jacksonville, Illinois

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-2-9, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of South Jacksonville, Illinois, at Village Hall, 301 Dewey Drive, South Jacksonville, Illinois, at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2026.

The hearing is being held to consider the adoption of an Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027. Copies of the proposed Appropriation Ordinance are now available for examination in the Office of the South Jacksonville Village Clerk.

President Samples open the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. Treasurer Mindy Olson stated a few notes for the public. We have a balanced budget and are only increasing our overall budget for all funds by around $3,000. She moved items around to better fit usage, etc. Treasurer Olson also highlighted a few areas of note in the budget. She increased the budget for General Administration to include the new FOIA system. Code Enforcement, TIF, Motor Fuel Tax and Street all remained essentially the same as the prior year. Tourism increased some due to the playground at Coronado Park and increases in the donations account. The Police budget was increased slightly. Capital Outlay includes budgeting for the new Tornado Sirens. Subscriptions reflect the new/combined Axon contracts, and we still have the budget for a full staff of officers.

The Fire Department budget increased because of the purchase of the new fire truck and increase in fees for the ETSB 911 system. Treasurer Olson advised she reduced the amount of

rescue firefighter payments as the trend has been going down for the last several years. The Water and Street Department budgets decreased this year. We have been seeing a decrease in water purchased from the city so that is a big part of the decrease. There were no questions or comments from the Public. President Samples closed the public hearing.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES (immediately following the public hearing)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Samples.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance led by Brian English and recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken with all Trustees in attendance. Also in attendance were President Richard Samples, Attorney Brandon Clark, Police Chief Eric Hansell, Fire Chief Rich Evans, Public Works Superintendent Brian English, Code Enforcement Officer Cindy Beddingfield, and Treasurer Mindy Olson.

Approval of Agenda: President Samples asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion to approve by Trustee Jordan, second by Trustee Retzer. Roll call was taken approving the agenda as presented unanimously.

Comments from the Floor: None

Mayor's Report

- *Resignation of Trustee Christina Butler:* President Samples advised the Board that Trustee Butler submitted her letter of resignation effective August 1, 2026. There is a copy of the letter in the packets. He has only had 1 person that contacted him about the open Trustee positions. However that individual has not attended a meeting, so he is not interested. President Samples does not want to appoint anyone to the Trustee position unless they attend meetings first.
- *Fire Department Update:* Chief Evans reported that July was a slow month. They attended the National Night Out and had a lot of giveaways. The new ladder truck has all the decals and is in operation. He brought it to the meeting if anyone would like to see it.
- *Police Department Update:* Chief Hansell reported 850 calls for the month of July with 178 traffic stops and 4 criminal arrests. The officers also did 491 extra patrols involving community policing. . The department also participated in National Night Out and everything went well.
- *Public Works Update:* Superintendent English reported that the new playground for Coronado Park has been ordered. The water plant is running well. We are applying for a grant for watermain replacements from South Main to Hardin and Greenwood to Lake. The guys are working on sidewalks, and the South Diamond project should be starting in the next couple weeks.

• *Code Compliance/Enforcement Reports:* Cindy Beddingfield reports they July was a busy month with 7 letters going out. The retention pond by the shiny diner has finally been cleaned. We are just waiting for Sleep Inn to clean their retention pond. President Samples reported there were 16 building permits issued in July totally $1,117.66. Total value of construction was $221,581.37.

• *Treasurer's Report*: Treasurer Olson reported that the auditors were here last week and everything went well. She is working on finalizing numbers to enter beginning balances in QuickBooks. She also said that the final design for the Coronado Park playground is in the packets. Treasurer Olson also reported that we did not get the grant from the Gary Sisne Foundation that she applied for. She will continue to look for other grants for the fire truck.

Action Items

1. *Approval of Ordinance Appropriating Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of South Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027*: President Samples asked for a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Preston, second by Trustee Jordan. Roll call was taken approving the ordinance unanimously.

2. *Approval of the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027:* President Samples asked for a motion to approve the budget as presented. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Retzer, second by Trustee Preston. Roll call was taken approving the budget unanimously.

3. *Approval of Payables in the Amount of $675,341.77:* President Samples asked for a motion to approve the payables in the amount of $675,341.77. Treasurer Olson highlighted a few of the larger bills for July. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Preston, seconded by Trustee Jordan. Roll call was taken with all approving the payables unanimously.

4 *Approval of Approval of Board of Trustees meeting minutes for November 6, 2025, Board Meeting, December 4, 2025, Board Meeting, and January 8, 2026, Board Meeting (including executive session):* President Samples asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Preston requested the letterhead be updated on the executive session minutes to add Trustee Butler. Motion to approve the minutes as updated was made by Trustee Preston, seconded by Trustee Jordan. Roll call was taken with all approving the minutes as presented.

5 *Approval of Tourism Grant Application for Rotary Club – Oktoberfest in the amount of $7,500.00:* President Samples presented the grant application for Rotary Club - Oktoberfest. The Village has supported this event for several years. Trustee Retzer asked if this event puts "heads in the beds" for the Village? President Samples said he does not know but it is a well-

attended event. Treasurer Olson said the Board could table the vote, and she could request someone from the event attend the next meeting and provide updates and answer any questions. Motion to table the grant approval was made by Trustee Retzer. All Trustees were in favor of tabling the vote.

6 *Approval of Ordinance Ascertaining the Prevailing Wage Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen, and Mechanics Employed on Public Works for the Village of South Jacksonville:* President Samples asked for a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Treasurer Olson reminded the Board that this is an ordinance that has to be approved every year. Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Trustee Retzer, seconded by Trustee Jordan. Roll call was taken with all approving the ordinance as presented.

Discussion Items

1. *Special Board Meeting August 20, 2026:* President Samples advised the Board that there is a need for a special board meeting on August 20, 2026. Treasurer Olson said the board will need to approve a grant administrator for the water main grant the Village is applying for. In addition, the Village will need to pass a Fair Housing Ordinance that is required by the grant. She included a draft ordinance in the packet. All Trustees are available on that date for the meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session: There is no need for an executive session.

Adjournment: President Samples asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to approve by Trustee Retzer, second by Trustee Jordan. All in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Richard Samples, Village President

Attest:

Mindy Olson, Deputy Village Clerk

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

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