



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 - 6:30 PM

200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

President Kristi Richardson
Admin Chairman Owen Costanza
Finance Chairman Jeff Goings at 6:50 pm
Trustee David Allgood
Trustee Dan Cheek
Trustee Sinae Hubbard at 6:32 pm
Trustee Mark Vance at 6:40 pm
Clerk Karri Miller
Attorney Aaron Szeto
Attorney Laura Goding
Building and Zoning Official Ken Garrett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF PHONE PARTICIPATION (Roll Call)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Voice Vote)

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Allgood. Motion passed via voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hearing on The Grove appeal of Building Code

Karen Hobbs: representing the owners, noted that health department plans without a hood system have already been approved. The owner, Katie, has invested substantially in structural repairs and intends to comply with all codes.

Cindi Lengiak Bemis: the incoming manager, emphasized the restaurant's economic and community importance, seeking an opportunity to generate revenue before incurring the full cost of the makeup air installation.

Katie Lund: owner of The Grove, highlighted her community ties and commitment to restoring The Grove as a local gathering place, asking for time to make the necessary adjustments.

Mark Buckner: owner of Rockford heating and air suggested a temporary unheated makeup air system to mechanically balance pressure, addressing primary safety concerns, though it would not meet the temperature requirement.

Motion made by Trustee Allgood, Seconded by Admin Chairman Costanza to recess the hearing until April 22, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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ADJOURNMENT (Voice Vote)

The meeting recessed at 7:22 pm