



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

"A Great Place to Call Home"

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - 6:30 PM

200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

President Kristi Richardson
Admin Chairman Owen Costanza
Finance Chairman Jeff Goings
Trustee David Allgood
Trustee Dan Cheek
Trustee Sinae Hubbard
Trustee Mark Vance
Attorney Aaron Szeto
Clerk Karri Miller
Building 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 Cheek. The motion was passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT *Public Comment is encouraged. The Village Board will receive comments from the public, pursuant to State Statutes. Comments will be limited to five minutes on topics relating to the Village of Poplar Grove. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion or consideration.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hearing on the Airport Measum appeal

The hearing was opened at 6:31pm

Greg Fowler explained that the museum has outgrown its current display space, making it difficult to host events without moving exhibits, which increases the risk of damage.

The proposal is to expand the museum into the restoration hangar, which would serve as an annex to the existing museum.

The restoration hangar would house several large exhibits, including a historic aircraft and other display items, allowing additional exhibits to be relocated from the main museum. This expansion would create more open floor space in the existing museum while providing additional room for museum displays and small events.

Mr Fowler stated that any events held in the restoration hangar would be museum-related, with tables and catering set up only as needed for specific events. The restoration hangar would operate as an extension of the museum, maintaining the same hours and days of operation as the main museum.

Mr Fowler asserted that the primary use of the restoration hangar would remain museum exhibition space and requested that it be classified as **Assembly Group A-3 (Museum)** rather than **Assembly Group A-2 (Event Space)**, noting that even if events were held regularly, the primary function of the space would continue to be that of a museum. The presentation was then turned over to the Building Official for further discussion.

Anna Pivoras stated that safety is her primary concern and noted that there had been extensive discussions regarding the issue. She asked for an explanation as to why the facility continues to be classified as an A-2 occupancy when its primary use is as a museum, noting that the code appears to identify museums under a different occupancy classification.

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Hubbard to change the class to A-3.

Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Allgood, Trustee Hubbard, President Richardson

Voting Nay: Trustee Cheek, Trustee Vance

Voting Abstaining: Finance Chairman Goings

ADJOURNMENT (Voice Vote)

Motion made by Trustee Vance, Seconded by Admin Chairman Costanza. The motion passed via voice vote.