



Meeting Minutes

Location:

Village Hall -
10631 Main Street
Roscoe, IL 61073

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Wright called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

ROLL CALL**PRESENT**

Trustee William Babcock
Trustee John Broda
Trustee Molly Butz
Trustee Dayne Mead
Trustee Michael Sima
Trustee Michael Wright
Village President Carol Gustafson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of the Committee of the Whole from **August 05, 2026.**

Trustee Wright asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Sima, second by Trustee Broda. Voting yes: Trustees Wright, Broda, Butz, Babcock, Mead, Sima 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

No Public Comments.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. "Parameters for Evaluating Stand Alone Solar Energy Arrays"

The Village Board discussed how to improve the review process for future large, ground-mounted solar energy installations in the community. Scot Wrighton Village Administrator explained that the existing ordinances provide a special-use permit process focused primarily

on preventing site-specific harm, such as environmental impacts, effects on neighboring properties, and the need for fencing or landscaping. However, the board was asked to consider expanding the review to include broader, community-wide factors, such as whether a proposed solar array fits the Village's comprehensive or master plan, represents an appropriate use of the property, and supports the long-term vision for development. Tom Green Village Attorney recognized that Illinois law limits municipalities' ability to simply prohibit solar projects, but municipalities may still have discretion to establish reasonable and consistent review criteria.

Tom Green generally supported developing additional "findings of fact" or "decision rules" to make the review process more consistent from one application to another while avoiding criteria designed to automatically reject solar projects. Trustees Broda and Sima discussed considerations such as aesthetics, property values, surrounding land uses, historical or agricultural significance, buffering, landscaping, and other potential community-wide impacts. Trustee Mead also asked whether other municipalities have similar regulations that could serve as models. Scot indicated that he would research best practices and develop proposed language for the board to review.

The discussion was also expanded to consider data centers. While Village Administrator Scot Wrighton noted that the specific criteria for data centers would differ from those for solar arrays, the board agreed that the overall approach—establishing proactive, consistent review standards before individual applications arise—could be useful for both. The Village already has provisions allowing data centers as a special use in certain industrial zoning districts, but additional regulations could be considered. The board ultimately reached a consensus for Village Administrator Scot and Zoning Consultant Hillary Rottmann to develop broader review criteria for solar arrays and a separate set of criteria for data centers, while leaving wind farms outside the scope because they are unlikely to be located within the Village's corporate limits. The proposed criteria will return to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and refinement before potentially being presented to the full Village Board for final approval.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

No Public Comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wright asked for a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Broda, second by Trustee Butz. Voting yes: Trustees Sima, Butz, Babcock, Mead, Broda, Wright 6-0-0.