

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 26, 2026

The Village of Blancheater Council met in regular session and held a regular meeting on February 26, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. with the honorable John Carman, Mayor, presiding.

Mrs. Marie Brooker	Present
Mr. Grant Coffman	Absent
Mr. John Hill	Present
Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
Mrs. Lynn Lewis	Present
Mr. Josh Parks	Present

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to excuse Mr. Grant Coffman.

Vote:     Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks  
              Nay – None  
              Absent – Mr. Coffman

**Motion Passed**

**Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion for license fees.

Vote:     Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks  
              Nay – None  
              Absent – Mr. Coffman

**Motion Passed**

**Guest Speaker** – Karie Novesl – Hylant Liability Insurance spoke about the Villages liability insurance and reviewed the proposed renewal.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve Resolution 2026.008, A Resolution Renewing the Contract with Hylant Group for Liability Insurance Coverage and Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement not to exceed a premium amount of \$58,297.00, and declared an emergency per section 2.

Vote:     Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks  
              Nay – None  
              Absent – Mr. Coffman

**Motion Passed**

**Minutes**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the minutes from February, 12 2026.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks  
Nay – None  
Absent – Mr. Coffman

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Bills and Reallocations**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Brooker to approve the Bills/Reallocations from February 26, 2026.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks  
Nay – None  
Absent – Mr. Coffman

**Motion Passed**

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Hopkins had nothing to report

**Safety & Service** – Mrs. Brooker said they are continuing to work on the sidewalk out by Chubbys, the funding for the tornado sirens is now being worked on. The Village has to come up with \$18,000 after the grant. The Village is working with the School District and Astemo to see if they can help. Mrs. Brooker did let everyone know that the municipal building is the designated warming center for the Village. If anyone should need it, they would need to call dispatch at the number given on the door to gain access.

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Parks to allow the mayor to move forward with the grant for the SQ2 system which is a user-friendly flagger safety PTS system. Cost not covered by the Grant will be split between water, electric, sewer and street departments.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks  
Nay – None  
Absent – Mr. Coffman

**Motion Passed**

**Cemetery** –Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2026.006, An Ordinance Amending Speed Limits throughout the Village making it an emergency.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks  
Nay – None  
Absent – Mr. Coffman

**Motion Passed**

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to approve Ordinance 2026.006, An Ordinance Amending Speed Limits throughout the Village.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks  
Nay – None  
Absent – Mr. Coffman

**Motion Passed**

It was moved by Mr. Parks and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to approve Ordinance 2026.007, An Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on the Authorization or Establishment of Computer Data Centers within the Village of Blanchester. This is the second Reading.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks  
Nay – None  
Absent – Mr. Coffman

**Motion Passed**

**New Business**

**Discussion Item**

Mr. Hopkins had nothing further to discuss on the License Fee. He would like the mayor to work on drafting the paperwork necessary to move forward with this.

**Department Reports**

**Solicitor** – The Solicitor had nothing to report.

**Parks** – The Parks Dept. nothing to report.

**Police** – Nothing to report

**Street** – Nothing to report

**BPA** – Nothing to report

**Zoning/Maintenance** – Chris Hilderbrandt nothing to report.

**Fiscal Officer** – Regina Johnson had nothing to report.

**Mayor** – Mayor Carman had nothing to report

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Brooker that the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 PM. All agreed to adjourn.

Approved: 3-12-26

Mayor: John M Cannon

Attest: Regina Johnson