

Coal City Village Board
Public Hearing Minutes
April 22, 2026

Call meeting to order

Mayor Spesia called the Coal City Village Board Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Roll call was conducted with all present: Trustees Dave Togliatti, Dan Greggain, Pam Noffsinger, Ross Bradley, Bill Mincey, and CJ Lauterbur, along with Mayor Spesia. Also, in attendance were Chief Mike Imhof, Mark Heinle, village attorney, Matt Halloran, Chamlin Engineering, and Matt Fritz, village administrator.

Presentation of the FY27 Budget

Village Administrator Matt Fritz presented the fiscal year 2027 budget to the Board. Fritz explained that the budget document and supporting ordinance were included in the meeting packet and had been the subject of discussion over a series of previous board meetings.

Fritz highlighted that the budget shows just over a 25 percent decrease in expenditures compared to the previous year, primarily due to two major factors. First, the completion of phase 1 lead service replacements eliminated that significant expenditure from the current budget. Second, a bond debt issuance project that had been planned during last year's budget adoption was forestalled, removing over \$6 million in planned expenditures from this year's budget.

The Administrator noted that one change made between the proposed and final budget involved timing adjustments for the parks fund and OSLAD grant funding. Approximately \$400,000 was reduced from both the expense and revenue sides due to revised expectations about when the grant funding would actually be received.

Fritz outlined several major projects included in the FY27 budget. The phase 2 design engineering for North Broadway is an 80 percent federally funded project scheduled for the upcoming fiscal year. North Park will receive playground equipment replacement, which Fritz noted was proceeding ahead of schedule and should be completed within weeks. The budget also includes the beginning phases of Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) outdoor grant funding, though some grant funds may not arrive until the following fiscal year.

Two significant construction projects were highlighted in the roads budget: the Valeria Road connection to Will Road, which had been discussed during previous street project conversations, and common easement drainage ditch maintenance, particularly along the bike path, which Fritz described as long overdue maintenance work.

No questions were raised by the Board regarding the budget presentation.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

With no questions or discussion from the Board or public, Mayor Spesia entertained a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Lauterbur moved to adjourn the public hearing, second by Bradley. A roll call vote was conducted with all trustees voting yes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.



Linda Sula, Deputy Clerk