



MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

TIME: 6:30pm

LOCATION: Combined Locks Civic Center,
Council Chambers, 405 Wallace Street

MINUTES

- A. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Village president Neumeier at 6:30pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- C. Roll call:** Board members present – Neumeier, Ponto, Leicht, Talbot, Schinke, and Stutzman. Board members absent – Krueger. Village staff present – Administrator Shampo-Giese, Public Works Director Weyenberg, and Fire/EMS Chief Wiedenbauer. Others present – Judy Hebbe of the Times Villager and Keith and Laura Lindberg.
- 1. Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** None
 - 2. Fire/EMS 3rd Quarter Report:** Chief Wiedenbauer reviewed activities in the department for the previous three months. Included in the report: 21 fire calls, 89 medical calls, and one structure fire in Buchanan.
 - 3. Review proposed 2026 Fire/EMS operating and capital budgets:** Chief Wiedenbauer reviewed the proposed operating and capital expenditures with the trustees. Capital expenses include new chainsaws, oxygen battery packs, and a UTV trailer.
 - 4. Review option for Fire/EMS proposed remodel project:** This item was tabled because the plans were not ready ahead of this meeting.
 - 5. Review applications received for appointment to vacant trustee seat:** Laura Lindberg submitted her application for Trustee Ponto's seat. She expressed her interest in being more involved in the community now that she is retired. J. Ponto made a motion to appoint Laura Lindberg to the trustee seat. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. She will be sworn-in at the 11/04/25 meeting.
 - 6. Review proposed 2026 Storm Water Utility budget:** The Administrator reviewed the proposed budget with the trustees. She noted that an increase in the ERU rate is needed for 2026 due to funds being depleted for construction of three ponds located in the Village of Kimberly to meet the DNR's requirements for the Fox River. She proposed a \$5.00 increase in the ERU rate. The matter was discussed.
 - 7. Review and consider approval of Resolution 2025-11; Storm Water ERU Rate:** The Administrator explained that the resolution reflects a \$5.00 increase in the ERU rate. These funds are used for existing storm water pipes and drains maintenance, construction of storm water ponds to meet DNR requirements, and erosion problems on public land. B. Schinke made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11 as presented. RJ. Talbot seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 8. Other business, updates, and future agenda items:**
 - a. Continue to gather information about proposed TID 2 closure:** Waiting to see what happens with the mill's special assessment payments. There is a Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Community meeting scheduled for 10/28/25 at noon in Combined Locks.
 - 9. Consider motion to recess Village Board meeting and convene 3rd Quarter Water Commission meeting:** B. Schinke made a motion to recess the Village Board meeting and convene the 3rd Quarter Water Commission meeting. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 10. Consider motion to reconvene Village Board meeting:** J. Ponto made a motion to reconvene the Village Board meeting. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- 11. Consider motion to move into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – *trustee applications and appointment, firefighter wages, and benefits*:** B. Schinke made a motion to move into closed session. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- 12. Consider motion to return to open session; action if appropriate:** A. Leicht made a motion to return to open session. RJ. Talbot seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. T. Stutzman made a motion to accept the terms of the law enforcement retiree health insurance buyout and move forward with finalizing the transaction. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- 13. Sidenote:** The Village President and fellow trustees expressed their appreciation of Trustee Ponto's service to the Village.
- 14. Adjourn:** A. Leicht made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.