



MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, August 5, 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, Stutzman, and Krueger. Board members absent – none. Village staff present – Administrator Shampo-Giese, Public Works Co-Director Weyenberg and Sgt. Hambly. Others present – Judy Hebbe of the Times Villager and David Hopfensperger
1. **Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** D. Hopfensperger asked for some guidance with a barking dog issue in his neighborhood.
 2. **Review and consider approval of minutes and bills:** B. Schinke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. RJ. Talbot seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. B. Schinke made a motion to approve the bills to include the payments to Carl Bowers Construction and Vinton Construction. A. Leicht seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 3. **Administrator, Public Works Director and Law Enforcement reports – accept and file:** Activities for the previous and current months were reported. All reports were accepted and are on file in the Clerk's Office.
 4. **Discuss options for closing TID 2:** The Administrator presented options for using the last year's tax increment dollars for affordable housing. Options include working with Habitat for Humanity to use dollars for home improvements, working with a developer to renovate a building for affordable housing or returning the dollars to the other taxing districts. More information will be presented at future meetings, and the Board will plan to close TID 2 by the end of October.
 5. **Review 2025 General Fund Year-to-Date Revenues & Expenses:** The Administrator reviewed the year-to-date revenues and expenses with the trustees. Most line items are within budget for the year.
 6. **Review 2026 budget timeline:** The Administrator reviewed the budget timeline with the trustees. She noted these items: health insurance cost for the Village remains nearly flat, retirement contribution rate increased .5%, the latest cost of living shows a 2.9% increase.
 7. **Review 2026 health insurance rates:** The health insurance rates were reviewed. The Village's share of health insurance will increase less than 1%, and the employee share will increase 18%-36% depending on the plan the employee chooses.
 8. **Review updated 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (utilities and roads):** The updated 5-year plan was reviewed and accepted.
 9. **Other business, updates and future agenda items:**
 - a. **Firemen's Picnic, Memorial Park, Saturday, August 23**
 - b. **League Conference, September 17-19, Milwaukee, confirm attendance:** no trustees can attend
 10. **Adjourn:** A. Leicht made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.