



## MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 4, 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, Leicht, Krueger, Talbot, Schinke, Stutzman, and Lindberg. Board members absent – none. Village staff present – Administrator Shampo-Giese, Public Works Director Weyenberg, and LES Sergeant Hambly. Others present – Judy Hebbe of the Times Villager and Keith Lindberg.
- 1. Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** None
  - 2. Swear in newly appointed trustee, Laura Lindberg:** Trustee Lindberg recited the oath of office.
  - 3. Review and consider approval of minutes and bills:** J. Krueger made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. A. Leicht seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. T. Stutzman made a motion to approve the bills as presented to include payment to Vinton Construction. J. Krueger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - 4. 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.
  - 5. Review proposed 2026 General Fund Budget:** The latest draft of the budget was presented to the trustees. The Administrator noted that the tax levy is an estimated 4% higher than the 2025 tax levy. Trustees were asked to review the budget document ahead of the public hearing and budget adoption on 11/18/25.
  - 6. Review proposed 2026 Sanitation Fund Budget:** The Administrator and Public Works Director reviewed the proposed 2026 Sanitation Fund Budget with the trustees. There is not a request to increase the collection fee for 2026, but the Board will need to consider replacing the automated trash truck before 2030 to avoid a substantial increase in the price.
  - 7. Review and consider approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Town of Buchanan for road construction and maintenance:** The trustees reviewed and discussed the agreement for Debruin Road and Block Road future reconstruction and maintenance. A. Leicht made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Buchanan as presented. J. Krueger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - 8. Other business, updates, and future agenda items**
    - a) Public hearing for 2026 General Fund Budget scheduled for 11/18/25**
    - b) Receive plans for Fire/EMS Department proposed remodel:** To be discussed at 11/18/25 meeting.
  - 9. Adjourn:** T. Stutzman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. L. Lindberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.