



MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 18, 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 Director Weyenberg, and Fire/EMS Chief Wiedenbauer. Others present – Keith Lindberg.
- 1. Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** None
 - 2. Public hearing regarding 2026 General Fund Budget and tax levy for municipal purposes:** Village President Neumeier opened the public hearing for the 2026 General Fund Budget and tax levy. No comments were received from the public. The Administrator provided a summary of the budget and tax levy.
 - 3. Consider motion to approve Resolution 2025-12; adopting the 2025 tax levy for the 2026 General Fund Budget:** The resolution was reviewed. T. Stutzman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-12. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 4. Hear report of fundraising efforts from Fire/EMS Chief:** Chief Wiedenbauer reviewed the fundraising results with the trustees. Overall the picnic was a success, and funds raised will help pay for equipment to host fire extinguisher training and youth public outreach endeavors. The planning is underway for 2026 for a one-day event and fire apparatus parade.
 - 5. Review and discuss options for Fire/EMS proposed remodel project:** Trustees and staff discussed the latest option for remodeling of the recently vacated garage space. Chief Wiedenbauer expressed his concern with the estimated cost knowing that a new truck will be needed to replace the 2012 engine in about seven years. The consensus of trustee opinion was to remove all the chain link fence in the garage and get a price to install a decontamination shower.
 - 6. Review and consider approval of 2026 Storm Water Utility Budget:** Trustees reviewed the proposed budget. A. Leicht made a motion to approve the 2026 Storm Water Utility Budget as presented. R.J. Talbot seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 7. Review and consider approval of 2026 Sanitation Fund Budget:** Trustees reviewed the proposed budget. T. Stutzman made a motion to approve the 2026 Sanitation Fund Budget as presented. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 8. Review proposed 2026 Water Utility Fund Budget:** Trustees reviewed the draft budget. The Administrator explained that it had been calculated using a 20% increase in the Village's wholesale purchased water rate, but the recent public hearing notice shows a 31% increase. The budget will be revised after the public hearing on 12/02/25. The budget will be presented for approval at the next Village Board meeting.
 - 9. Review proposed 2026 Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund Budget:** Trustees reviewed the draft budget. The final budget will be presented for approval at the next Village Board meeting.
 - 10. Other business, updates, and future agenda items:**
 - a. Expiring terms:** Tim Stutzman, Allan Leicht, and Laura Lindberg
 - b. December meeting date 12/09/25; if appropriate:** Trustees scheduled the December meeting for 12/09/25 with a brief social gathering upon adjournment.

- 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 – *general wage & benefit discussion*:** J. Krueger made a motion to move into closed session. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- 12. Consider motion to return to open session:** A. Leicht made a motion to return to open session. L. Lindberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. No action was taken in open session.
- 13. Adjourn:** T. Stutzman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Krueger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.