



## MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, October 29, 2024

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, Ponto, Stutzman, Schinke, and Heckner (via telephone). Board members absent – none. Village staff present – Administrator Shampo-Giese and Public Works Director Swick. Others present – none.
- 1. Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** None
  - 2. Review draft of 2025 General Fund Budget:** The trustees reviewed the proposed budget. The levy is reduced by an estimated 7%. An increase in transportation aid, allocated wages and benefits from enterprise and special funds and a grant from the DOT helped to reduce the levy. Increases in operating expenses include: public safety, public works, parks & recreation, and debt service. Decreases in operating expenses include: general administration, legal and buildings. A new debt issue for reconstruction of Park Street and Paul Court, fire/ems equipment, dpw equipment, automatic doors, and park identification signs round out the capital expenses. The tax rate is expected to decrease by an estimated 28% or \$1.50 as compared to the 2023 tax rate.
  - 3. Review draft of 2025 Water Utility Budget:** The trustees reviewed the proposed water utility budget. The current rates support the 2025 utility replacement on Park Street and Paul Court, 2016 debt payments, a valve turner, water tester, upgrades to the water meter test bench, and normal operating expenses. An inflationary rate increase may be needed for 2026 as main replacement costs continue to rise significantly.
  - 4. Review draft of 2025 Sanitary Sewer Utility Budget:** The trustees reviewed the proposed sanitary sewer utility budget. The current rates support the 2025 utility replacement on Park Street and Paul Court, 2016 debt payments, manhole repairs/replacement, the rate increase from HOVMSD, and normal operating expenses.
  - 5. Review and consider approval of operator license for M. Krsnich:** B. Schinke made a motion to approve the operator license. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - 6. Other business, updates and future agenda items**
    - a) Applications & inquiries for vacant trustee seat:** Applications received from Justin Krueger, Mike Rabetski, James Karls, Matt Schmidt, Duane Dissen, and Dave Hopfensperger.
    - b) Public hearing for 2025 General Fund Budget – November 12, 2024**
  - 7. Consider motion to move into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(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. Recreation Director salary and trustee applications for vacant seat appointment:** J. Ponto made a motion to move into closed session. A. Leicht seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - 8. Consider motion to return to open session; action if appropriate:** T. Stutzman made a motion to return to open session. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. A. Leicht made a motion to adjust the Recreation Director's salary to \$10,500 and appoint Justin Krueger to the vacant trustee seat through April 1, 2025. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - 9. Adjourn:** T. Stutzman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.