



# VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

### 1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:01 pm

ROLL CALL: K. HANDRICK-Present, M. AHRENS-Present, K. SORENSON-Present, K. PAUL-Present, B. PARLIER-Present, J. LAWRENCE-Present, A. CABRERA-Absent

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

#### a. Virtual Meeting Guidelines

This meeting will be recorded and available upon request

#### b. Public Participation at Government Meetings

In-Person Attendance: Police Chief Geske

Virtual Attendance: Kevin O'Brien – Record Review

### 4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2026 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

#### MOTION – Approve March 4, 2026 Village Board Minutes

Motion made by Sorenson second by Ahrens. Motion passed by voice vote.

### 5. APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS

#### a. Review and Possible Approval of Operator License for Christopher Edwardson – GPM Southeast, LLC (R-Store)

Administrator Cherek stated Christopher turned in all required paperwork to the Village and passed background check.

#### MOTION – Approve Operator License for Christopher Edwardson

Motion made by Paul second by Parlier. Motion passed by voice vote.

### 6. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Cherek updated the Board with the daily activities of the Village staff for March and shared some upcoming events and projects. His full Administrators Report can be found in the Agenda Packet.

### 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### a. Discussion and Possible Action on Replacement Fire Engine for Engine #46

Cherek updated that Chief Hall created a committee of a few members of the Dept to search for the best replacement for Engine 46. They found some that would fit the Dept needs and maintain ISO rating, however the option to look at them did not come as they sold fast. Cherek asked Board to grant authority to Hall to put a downpayment on a truck that fits Dept needs and stays within price range set by Board. Cherek reassured the Board he would reach out to Attorney VanderWaal to create a contract to accompany downpayment. After discussion on this topic the Board reached a motion.

#### MOTION – Give Authority to Chief Hall and Administrator Cherek to Make a Downpayment with an Attorney Approved Contract on a Used Engine for Purchase up to \$100,000

Motion made by Parlier second by Paul. Motion passed by voice vote.

### 8. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. Discuss Expiration of Plan Commission Term for Gary Ruplinger

Cherek explained Ruplinger reached out not wishing to renew his term on the Plan Commission. Cherek informed them of a resident that has expressed interest in joining the Plan Commission. A replacement will be made at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Special Organizational Meeting.

#### b. Discuss Expiration of Board of Appeals Term for Paul Buchberger

Buchberger wishes to not renew his term with the Board of Appeals. A replacement will be discussed at the Special Organizational Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. There is 1 other vacant spot on the Board as well.

c. Discuss and Possible Action on Emergency Medical Service Agreement with Edgar Volunteer Fire Department

Cherek presented the Emergency Medical Service Agreement between the Village and the Edgar Fire Department for ambulance services for April 2026 thru April 2027. This annual contract remained the same rate as last year at \$10,913.

**MOTION – Approve Emergency Medical Service Agreement with Edgar Volunteer Fire Department**

Motion made by Paul second by Sorenson. Motion passed by voice vote.

d. Update on Police Department Operations with Chief Geske

Chief Geske briefed the Trustees with the daily activities and operations of the Department. He noted 106 case numbers so far for 2026, mostly traffic and some ordinance violations. Officers Lee and Lang are participating in the Seat Belt Grant again this year. It runs from February thru August with 1 day a month dedicated to traffic calls.

Geske informed the Board of equipment issues the Dept is facing. Both squads have been having recurring engine oil cooler repairs needed. The Dept tasers are nearing the end of their lifespan. It would cost \$3,161 to replace with the same model the PD currently uses however Geske feels this model will end up phasing out and buying replacement batteries or cartridges could be difficult. 2 alternate options would include a 5-year contract and prices range from just under \$14,000 to just over \$18,000 depending on Taser model. Contracts would include battery and cartridge replacements.

e. Hand out 2025 Audit Financial Report from Kerber Rose

Clerk Lang passed out the 2025 Audit books to Trustees. Kerber Rose will present the 2025 Audit at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 9. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustees questioned the following Bill Payments:

Check #49427 – Marathon Plumbing Service, LLC. – Backflow testing

Check #49453 – Stratford Sign Company – half payment for County Materials Sports Complex signs – to be reimbursed by donation source

Check #49468 – The Dirks Group – Final payment for IT upgrade for the Village

**MOTION – Approve Payment of Bills**

Motion made by Ahrens second by Paul. Motion passed by voice vote.

a. Review 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Status Report

Cherek provided the Board with an update of the General, CIP and Debt Service Fund Budgets for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The Budget reports can be found in the Agenda Packet.

## 10. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

a. Discuss and Possible Action on Resolution No. 2026-04-01A – Public Participation Plan

The Village will begin the process of updating their Comprehensive Plan beginning April 28<sup>th</sup> at the first Plan Commission meeting. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission recommends the Village adopt a Public Participation Plan outlining the process to include public participation in the Comprehensive Plan update.

**MOTION – Approve Resolution 2026-04-01A – Public Participation Plan**

Motion made by Paul second by Parlier. Motion passed by voice vote.

## 11. FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- a. Special Organizational Village Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 6:00 pm
- b. Utility Commission Meeting – PSC Rate Study Presentation – April 29, 2026 – 4:00 pm
- c. County Materials Sports Complex Ribbon Cutting – Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 12:00 pm
- d. Regular Village Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 6:00 pm

## 12. ADJOURNMENT at 7:34 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Parlier second by Sorenson. Motion passed by voice vote.

*Cassie Lang*  
Village Clerk / Deputy Treasurer