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Minutes

Historic Preservation Committee

Thursday, May 29, 2025, 5:00pm

Village Hall Board Room, 30 South First Street

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Miller at 5:08pm.

Present: Livingstone, Miller, Elmer, Schroeder, Eiler, and Stelzner.

Absent: Ahrens

Approval of Minutes: Elmer made a motion to approve the April 28, 2025 minutes, seconded by Livingstone. All Ayes

Public Participation – None

Communications – None

Financial Report - Eiler presented the balance of historical marker funds to be \$2,233 as of May 29, 2025. Pending expenses for printer, misc refreshment items, newspaper/publicity, Beautification Committee and historical marker signs on Main Street (can't be done until AFTER the marker is installed.)

Old Business

Dedication Day Review:

Discussed and reviewed the following:

- **Beautification Committee**- has a budget of \$250 to beautify the grounds. Elmer made a motion that the Beautification Committee can keep any extra funds left over for other community projects, seconded by Livingstone. All Ayes
- **Invitations** – Elmer mailed out about 70 invitations. Only one came back because they had moved but Stelzner knew the person and mailed it to the new address.
- **Speakers** -
 - Giles- Luce American Legion will open with Pledge of Allegiance
 - Elmer will be the Master of Ceremonies
 - Pastor Darin Warnecke will do the blessing and prayer
 - Village President Chris Boucher to do a brief introduction
 - Senator Rachel Cabral-Guevara will do a short speech on the importance of preserving history (confirmed with Ahrens this morning)
 - President Boucher and Heimdahl will unveil the marker
 - Fitzie Heimdahl will give a short speech about the marker program
 - Eiler to follow with a 10-15-minute history of the application process and of the Pioneer Cemetery.

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Schroeder – to deliver a 10-15 minute speech about some of the burials located in the cemetery.

Giles Luce American Legion hasn't responded to doing a military honor for the Civil War Veteran found and confirmed by the Veteran Administration. If they agree, they will be placed in this order.

Elmer will announce special thanks.

Miller will close with a thank you to the crowd and invite to receive refreshments.

- **Program** – Eiler is updating programs as changes are still coming in. Another donor has to be added and will call Pete from the Legion to verify if they will be doing the honor to John Peterson, the Civil War Veteran.
- **Sound System** – Elmer has the speaker and microphone from the Chamber of Commerce. Miller will be bringing his propane generator and 100-foot extension cord so the noise from the generator won't interfere.
- **Refreshments Update** – Schroeder gave an update that we will be serving hot dogs, cookies, and water. We have two volunteers (Livingstone & Harrison) willing to help serve the food to keep it sanitary. We are still looking for 2 more volunteers. Winneconne Historical Society has napkins, food boats, and paper plates for back-up. Schroeder will bring ice and two coolers as well. Stelzner already purchased the hot dogs, ketchup, mustard and water. Sturtevant & Associates will be sponsoring the refreshments.
- **Village**
 - Install Sign – Eiler met with Allan at the cemetery grounds on Thursday and the location of the sign was confirmed and will be installed on Friday morning (May 30th). Village will be using foam to install, instead of cement. Allan said an unveiling cloth will be put over the sign and taped on to hold it. Schroeder said she will bring something else for the day of and fasten with a ribbon.
 - A request form was filled out for the items we are in need of for the event (garbage cans, podium, tables, chairs, road barricades) but no word from the Village to confirm. Miller will follow up on confirmation of requested items and delivery of the items.
- **Winneconne News** – a nice article about the cemetery and the event was in this week's edition. Eiler sent a thank you for a great article to Becky LaDue via email. A public invitation will be in next week's paper. Eiler said Missy, from the Winneconne News, is working on something for the week after the ceremony. It will include a thank you to all the donors, participants, and a list of the burials.
- **Legion** – Eiler talked to Pete (the bugler) on Sunday about doing a ceremony of some sort for John Peterson, the Civil War Veteran. Eiler hasn't heard anything but will follow up with a phone call tonight after the meeting.
- **Thank You Cards** – Eiler suggested we order thank you post cards instead of hand writing them. Livingstone made a motion to order post card sized thank yous from DPI, seconded by Elmer. All Ayes

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Other Old Business - None

New Business - None

Follow-Up:

Miller – Confirm items requested on form have been approved and when delivery will take place, especially the podium.

Miller – Confirm barricades for 5th St (one lane)

Schroeder – finalize refreshment items

Eiler – Work with Winneconne News for newspaper announcements

Eiler – Complete and Order programs and Thank You post cards from DPI

Eiler – Contact Pete from the Legion about the Honor Guard for veteran.

Elmer – Order Thank You Cards, Send out Invitations by May 7th

Livingstone – Will share program draft with Pastor Warnecke so he knows where he is in the line-up.

Next meeting date of Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 5:30pm was set. Come with ideas for the next historical project.

A motion was made by Elmer, seconded by Livingstone, to adjourn at 6:06 pm and the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Miller. All ayes.

Minutes submitted by Janet Eiler