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Minutes

Village Board

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, at 5:30 pm
Village Board Room, 30 S. 1st St., Winneconne

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

Roll Call: Olson (present), Bouras (present), Stelzner (present), Janikowski (present), Krings (present), Miller (present), Boucher (present)

Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Business

Motion by Olson, Second by Janikowski to approve consent agenda and payment of bills:

- January 31, 2025, Treasurer's Report/Budget Comparisons
- January 2025, Check Register

Motion passes by roll call vote: Olson (aye), Bouras (aye), Stelzner (aye), Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Miller (aye), Boucher (aye)

Motion by Bouras, Second by Miller to approve January 20th, 2026 Village Board meeting minutes

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Communications

None.

Public Participation

None.

Administrator's Report

President Boucher opened with a brief request to the Board regarding communication. He asked each trustee to provide a description of what they believe constitutes effective communication and to submit a short synopsis outlining what the Board considers to be best practices for communication.

Business Update

- Per Administrator Fuller, he is working to engage key leaders and the Chamber. The goal is to increase communication, revisit capital investment plans, and ensure a strong understanding moving forward.
- Precision Plumbing's site plan is on the agenda; upon approval from the Board, they are anticipating breaking ground mid-March.

- Administrator Fuller noted that the Board voted to sell the vacant parking lot contingent on a seller's agreement and appraisal in September. The appraisal valued the property at \$6,900, with the cost of the appraisal covered by the buyer. A seller's agreement will be provided to Mr. Brooks, which includes contingencies—such as the intended use of the parking lot—and will be reviewed by legal counsel.
- Operations Update
 - Administrator Fuller noted that work on KPIs continues.
- Key Meetings & Events
 - Administrator Fuller will be attending the Spring WMCA Conference in Oshkosh.
 - The Administrator met with Discover Oshkosh to discuss the Cummins building mural, one of the largest murals facing the river. The project transforms previously unused “dead space” into an attractive feature that can draw tourists. The discussion also included exploring opportunities to optimize areas within the Village for economic development and identifying spaces in the community that could benefit from updates or enhancements.
- Finance Update
 - Treasurer Schoenberger gave update on CLA audit. All year end journal entries posted beginning February. Treasurer Schoenberger noted that it is *estimated* that the Village will end at 97% in estimated general budget consumption.
 - CLA was on-site February 16th and 17th and confirmed that the audit is progressing well. They will complete the remainder of the audit remotely and will meet with senior auditors later this week. At that meeting, CLA will confirm the anticipated completion and return date of the audit. Historically, the Village has consistently reduced the audit review timeline. Trustee Olson, Chair of PCF, and Administrator Fuller expressed appreciation to Treasurer Schoenberger for the efficient progress of the audit.

Committee Reports

Beautification – According to Trustee Stelzner, the committee did not meet in February. She thanked DPW Mankiewicz and staff for putting decorations away and confirmed the committee will have a meeting next month.

Cemetery – Trustee Krings stated Cemetery Board did not meet.

Fire District – Chief Allcox reported that the first budget installments have been received. Training on the 1,000 Islands boat is ongoing, and the department hopes to have it placed into service as the primary response vessel within the next week or two. The next fire department meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Chief Allcox also reported that Chicken Fun Night was a success and comparable to previous years, raising approximately \$12,000–\$13,000. The event also generated ideas for potential improvements in the future. The department recently purchased a LUCAS device, an automated CPR machine. One unit was purchased for the department, and the department also contributed half the cost toward a unit for the Omro-Rushford organization. The unit placed in the ambulance is now in service.

Historic Preservation – Per Trustee Miller, the group met on Jan 29th; the main discussion was the updating of the membership ordinance which is on the agenda. Trustee Miller noted that they had not heard back from State on the marker for Main Street which would provide for direction to the Pioneer Cemetery.

Library – Director O’Neal provided an update from the Library Board meeting, noting that the annual budget was approved and is sent to the Winnefox library organization. She also shared the community donations that have been received for the upcoming summer reading program.

Parks – According to Director Mankiewicz, two new operators, Tanner Percival and Denis Dainelsen, began employment on Monday, February 16. Additionally, a candidate has accepted the open Field Supervisor position. Scott Eigner has tentatively scheduled a start date of March 2. Staff also repaired two water main breaks: one at the corner of Captains Court and S. 5th Avenue, and the other on Riverview Drive between N. 2nd Avenue and N. 3rd Avenue. Director Mankiewicz is working with the Village Engineer to prepare requests for proposals (RFPs) for 2026 construction projects. Projects anticipated this year include Enterprise Road, Grant Street (6th Street to Tower Road), and the 14th Avenue extension to Wentzel Drive.

Public Works - This year’s Finderland fundraising efforts will support the Marble Park Master Plan. Regarding the Marble Park Master Plan, the project timeline anticipates the demolition phase beginning in early April, including removal of the playground. Due to active construction and logistical challenges, the Village will not be unable to provide the same level of service during that time, and due to the ongoing construction, Marble Park Beach will be closed for the 2026 season. A groundbreaking date has not yet been determined for the new beach house. Once a project timeline is finalized, the Board will be invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony. Administrator Fuller emphasized the importance of maintaining clear timelines throughout a project of this scale. Updates will be shared as they become available through the Village website, social media, and direct communication with the Board. Administrator Fuller also noted that the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation will serve as the primary contact for questions regarding the Master Plan. In addition, staff will begin sending emails and making phone calls next week to organizations that annually use Marble Park so they can plan accordingly.

Personnel & Finance – The committee met and reviewed financials – including an update on the audit status as provided by Treasurer Schoenberger.

Plan Commission – The Commission met and put forth an agenda item, Precision Plumbing’s site plan.

Public Safety – Chief Sauriol provided an update regarding an upcoming detour and road closure that will reroute some traffic through the Village. He noted that he has been in contact with a State representative, and the State does not anticipate a significant increase in traffic. At this time, they do not expect issues that would impact the parade or require temporary traffic signals. The closure is scheduled to begin in April and continue through October. Trustee Bouras expressed his opinion that traffic may be more significant than the State currently anticipates and inquired about the use of barricades. Administrator Fuller and Chief Sauriol reminded the Board that the Village must coordinate with the State when making any changes affecting Highway 116 (Main Street). Chief Sauriol added that he remains in contact with his State representative and will continue to monitor the situation.

SWEMS – According to Trustee Bouras, SWEMS didn’t meet. He noted that the new ambulance bay is almost complete, although construction has not started on living quarters yet.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion by Stelzner, Second by Miller to amend ORD-2026-001 Chapter 19 Article I Subsection 9-2 and Article IX Subsection 19-37 regarding membership in the Historic Preservation Committee to remove “members of the Village of Winneconne” and strike the word “citizen” in 19-37

Trustee Miller noted that the process of building the committee had to start from scratch because previous members were not residents, so they were removed from the committee. Trustee Miller added that members must have some connection to the Village, and the majority of the committee must be Village residents.

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Miller, Second by Olson to approve as amended ORD-2026-001 Chapter 19 Article I Subsection 9-2 and Article IX Subsection 19-37

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Olson, Second by Janikowski to approve the new building permit fee schedule as presented

Clerk Saray noted that while the Board had previously approved the contract for AJ Inspection Services, a copy of the new fees was inadvertently not included in the packet for Board review. As such, a copy of the new fees was presented for the Board to review.

Motion passes by roll call vote: Olson (aye), Bouras (aye), Stelzner (abstain), Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Miller (aye), Boucher (aye) 6-0-1

Motion by Janikowski, Second by Bouras to approve the Precision Plumbing Solutions site plan as presented

Administrator Fuller noted that the site plan was created by McMahon, and as such has been reviewed by the Village engineers. If approved, Precision Plumbing hopes to break ground mid-March.

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Olson, Second by Bouras to approve operator's licenses for the following applicants: Ava Van Ornum, Jim Bennington, and Alyssa Disterhaft

Clerk Saray stated that applications have been completed, certificates of Save Serving course completion received and a successful background check completed.

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Confirm next meeting

Tuesday, March 17th, 2026, 5:30 pm – Village Hall Board Room

Adjourn

Motion by Olson, Second by Miller to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.