

**Amundson Community Center
200 Spring Street, Cambridge
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Village of Cambridge Board of Trustees
MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** President Breunig called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present: Trustees Trendel, Jacobson, Hollenbeck, Blackwood, Schulz, Kreklau and President Breunig. Others Present: Lucy Peterson, Administrator/Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, David Dinkel, Patty Strohbusch, Kati Togliatti, Doug Tufte, Gail Tufte, Tim Glenn, Lynda Glenn, Jackie Frey, Chris Lee, and Sandy Jankowski.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- 3. Proof of Posting:** The agenda was posted in the upper and lower levels of the Amundson Community Center, Cambridge Post Office, Badger Bank and the Village Website.

4. Public Comment:

A letter from resident Bill Crist was read by Gail and Doug Tufte, 314 Oriel Lane. The letter expressed concerns about the Village's financial management and the lack of a regular Treasurer's report, lack of audit and finance committee meetings, and questions borrowing and whether cost-saving measures were being pursued.

Tim Petersen, 225 Johnson Street, made a comment regarding roosters. He said a humane solution to dealing with crowing roosters is to use a rooster collar.

Village employee Jae Ames, N2580 Kunz Rd. Fort Atkinson, shared that his concerns about aging public works vehicles and delayed replacements. He shared that he wants to meet with Public Works Committee chair Paula Hollenbeck to show her some of the issues with vehicles, equipment, and workload. He also said that the public works department has been waiting three years for a new snowplow truck and that it is very important that the village board makes this happen. He also stated concerns and issues with the dump site.

Sandy Jankowski, 715 Kenseth Way spoke about her concerns about the ponds in the vineyard and that she doesn't believe they are being maintained properly.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

- a.** Personnel Committee Minutes May 29, 2025

Trustee Hollenbeck made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Seconded by Trustee Kreklau. Motion carried.

6. Reports:

- a.** Personnel Committee May 29, 2025

Trustee Kreklau stated the personnel committee is working on the employee handbook and will share with the board when completed.

- b.** Public Works Committee June 5, 2025

Trustee Hollenbeck stated that most of the items on from the Public Works Committee are on this agenda.

- c.** Plan Commission June 9, 2025

Trustee Kreklau stated that most of the items from the Plan Commission are on this agenda. He also said that both trustees are new to this committee, and they are working to get up to date on the comprehensive plan, and reference materials.

7. Approval of Bills: Discussion and Possible Action

First run of bills in the amount of \$ 21,138.48, Second run in the amount of \$43,703.80 for a total of \$ 64,842.28.

Trustee Blackwood made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$64,842.28, seconded by trustee Kreklau. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

8. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

a. State Health Insurance:

Lucy Peterson presented the Village's current health and dental insurance costs and provided a comparison with the 2024 ETF Wisconsin State Health Insurance plans. The comparison indicated potential cost savings for the Village while also offering employees expanded options in health insurance coverage, which are not available under the current plan.

Trustee Kreklau made a motion to approve the options P04 and P07 as recommended by the personal committee, trustee Blackwood seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call.

b. Survey for Welcome to Cambridge Sign

Trustee Hollenbeck made a motion to sign the proposal for Combs Survey to complete the survey of the property where the Welcome to Cambridge sign is to be placed for \$1200. Trustee Kreklau seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call.

c. New Mural Ordinance:

Trustee Kreklau made a motion to approve the Mural Ordinance as recommended by the Economic Development Committee. Trustee Blackwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. LBK Park:

Trustee Hollenbeck made a motion to create a task force of three board members to work on the planning and implementation process for LBK park, seconded by Trustee Kreklau. Motion carried.

Trustee Hollenbeck made a motion to appoint trustees Blackwood, Schulz, and Trendel on the LBK park task force, seconded by Trustee Blackwood. Motion carried.

e. Flag Purchase:

Lucy Peterson stated that we do not have funds budgeted for American flags on village properties. The cost for two American flags is approximately \$1410. President Breunig stated he would donate \$700 towards the flag replacement. Trustees Hollenbeck and Kreklau stated they would each donate \$150. Trustees Blackwood and Trendel stated they would each donate \$100. Resident Doug Tufte stated he would donate \$250. Lucy Peterson also shared that resident called the village hall earlier today and is going to donate \$100. Staff will order the flags once donations are received, and any extra money received will be set aside for future flag purchases.

f. Katie Court:

Trustee Hollenbeck made a motion to have staff send a letter to property owners stating they need to have their curb repaired within the appropriate time period per village ordinances or that village staff will contract the repair work out and add the cost as a special assessment to the tax roll, trustee Schulz seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

g. Dane County Rezone Petition extra-territorial review:

Trustee Blackwood made a motion to approve the rezone petition extra-territorial review as presented for parcels 0612-032-8315-0 and 0612-031-8745-0 in the Township of Christiana. Trustee Breunig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

a. Application and Fee for Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Trustee Kreklau made a motion to approve the comprehensive plan amendment fee as presented. Trustee Schulz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. 6.04.070 - Restrictions on keeping of dogs, cats, fowl and other animals

Village Board recommended changes to ordinance 6.04.070. Staff will update the changes and send them to Civic Plus to process updates to our ordinance platform on the village website.

10. Correspondence:

- a. Letter from Sandy Jankowski

11. Public Comment **

- a. Glen from 225 Johnson stated that some service animals need to be off leash to perform their duties.
- b. Gail Tufte 314 wanted to know park and also stated the veterans have a coffee group and that would be a good place to bring needs such as flag replacements.
- c. Sandy Jankowski 715 Kenseth Way stated that LBK park should have a parking lot, and that at this time this park is used for people to exercise their dogs.
- d. Jackie Frey W9090 Blue Waters Pass Oakland stated that the village needs to tighten the checkbook, save money, and get back on track.

12. Questions, Referrals to Staff or Future Agenda Items:

- a. Gov 101 Training
- b. Spring Water Alley
- c. Stormwater Ponds

13. Upcoming Meetings: June 11, Fire & EMS, June 17, Water and Sewer; June 24 Village Board, June 24 Economic Development

14. Convene into Closed Session per 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of Village employees: Personnel matters and per 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Purchase of equipment.

Trustee Blackwood a motion to enter into closed session per 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of Village employees: Personnel matters and per 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Purchase of equipment, seconded by Trustee Kreklau. Motion carried on a 7-0 Roll call vote.

15. Reconvene into Open Session

President Breunig made a motion to reconvene into Open Session, seconded by Trustee Blackwood, motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

16. Possible action taken on closed session items

Trustee Hollenbeck made a motion to hire Lucy Peterson as the Village of Cambridge Administrator/Treasurer/Deputy Clerk effective immediately, seconded by President Breunig. Motion carried.

Trustee Kreklau made a motion to cancel the current contract with Lakeside International for the plow truck, seconded by Trustee Jacobson, motion carried.

Trustee Krekaau made a motion to direct staff to look at options for a new or used plow truck that will be available before winter for the board to consider for purchase, seconded by Trustee Blackwood, motion carried on a 6-1 roll call vote.

17. Adjournment: *Trustee Kreklau made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Blackwood. Motion carried.*

President Breunig adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

** The Village of Cambridge Board opts to allow a period of public comment to receive information from members of the public. Wis. Stat. § 19.84(2). The Wisconsin Attorney General advises that a governmental body should defer Board discussion on an item until specific notice

of the subject matter and proposed action can be given. (Wisconsin Department of Justice, Wisconsin Open Meetings Law: A Compliance Guide (2009).)

Note:

- 1) Persons Needing Special Accommodations Should Call 423-3712 At Least 24 Hours Prior To The Meeting.
- 2) More Specific Information About Agenda Items May Be Obtained By Calling 423-3712.
- 3) Final Agendas Are Typically Posted By 4 Pm On The Friday Preceding The Regular Meeting At The Amundson Community Center, Cambridge Post Office, Badger Bank and the Village Website

Lucy Peterson, Administrator/Treasurer/Deputy Clerk