

(Village Board Meeting, July 7, 2025)

**DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD MONDAY, JULY 7 2025
4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL, 100 NORTH WALL STREET**

Call to Order

President Selner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call

Present: Michael Johnson, Leah Goral, Jim Steffek, Vince Wertel, Brandon Ackley, Tim Schroeder, Susan Selner

Officials Present: Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Konkol, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Charlie Wanish, Director of Public Works Erika Thronson, Zoning Administrator Jeff Sanders via Zoom, Deputy John Pigeon

Approval of Agenda

Ackley/Wertel moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Remarks/comments from the village president

President Selner welcomed all present. She recapped the rules of an open meeting and explained the only opportunity for the public to speak at the meeting is if they are a preregistered citizen or to discuss an agenda topic. Unless the rules of the meeting are suspended, the public cannot speak during the meeting.

Preregistered citizens to be heard

None

Approve consent agenda, all items under the consent agenda are considered routine and will be enacted upon by one (1) motion. there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a trustee so requests, in which event the item will be removed and put on the regular agenda by the Village President

Steffek/Johnson moved to approve as presented.

- a. **Approval of Village Board minutes and other committee minutes for preceding meetings**
 - i. **Village Board Meeting June 9, 2025**
- b. **Approve miscellaneous licenses and permits Motion carried.**

Board approval of monthly disbursements

Goral/Johnson moved to approve the monthly disbursements as presented. Motion carried.

Report of Village Officials

Pigeon

- Lots of calls in the Village since the 1st of July

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- Brunch with a Cop at the Community Center will be held on August 20th
- Denmark tractor pulls and the Lions parade are coming up on July 26th and 27th will have two officers at the pulls from 6 p.m. to midnight
- Had our first golf cart registered, working on a system with records where all Brown County officers are going to be able to see who registered a golf cart
- Electric scooters need to follow the rules of the road, have been seeing kids on scooters driving against traffic, scooters need to go with traffic
- No issues with Court this month other than the difficulty finding addresses to get a hold of defendants, it is not the responsibility of the officers to find addresses for the Court
- Looking to give lieutenants access to the cameras in the park so they can go live if the Village is ok with it, so if one of our deputies is not here, they can look at the cameras
- Looking at putting active warrants in the Denmark News if the Village is ok with it, need to have Patrol Captain approval prior to publication
- Received complaints of speeding on Hager Road
- Would like to get a No Trucks sign on the East End of Grand Avenue. Trucks are taking Grand Avenue to Rosecrans Road. There is a No Trucks sign on the West End of Grand Avenue
- Flock is doing a free update on the cameras – the update will allow you to go live any time on all Flock Cameras
- One sex offender appeal pending

Thronson

- Sand filters not working at peak performance at the Tertiary Treatment Plant. The manufacturer came today and they are removing all of the sand and transferring it into a different filter then back to the main filter. They found there are some bigger size stones and sand filters are designed to have specific size sand grain. It is likely that during construction some of these stones that are a little bigger got into the filter and that is what was causing problems
- Still having problems with the chlorine analyzer at the Booster Station. Mid City and L&S Electric came to work on determining why the analyzer isn't working whenever pump two is running
- Hydrant flushing ended last week, but didn't get Daybreak Estates done, will do a final Fall flush in September doing some dead ends and Daybreak
- The water has been really clear during flushing

Sanders

- Updated the Board on the site plans – One business is growing which is Professional Fabrications, another business has grown beyond its existing site and has moved to a different site in the Village, C & J Holdings or DSD Trucking, and the Village has a new business coming in that is filling up DSD Trucking's former site in Schroeder Environmental
- Exactly what a municipality wants; to keep the businesses you have, to help them grow, this is really good news

Wanish

- Will be giving a budget to actual report next month

Konkol

- Attended the Local Government Basics and Roundtable training sponsored by the League of WI Municipalities, was a great refresher on Public Record Requests, Roberts Rules of Order, Open Meetings Law, Ethics Code, Boards and Commissions, Land Use Planning and Zoning

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- There were 4 Senator's there for the round table – overall very informative
- Received a Special Events Application and an application for Temporary Alcohol Beverage License from Denmark Fundraising for the Denmark Pulls
- Received an application to close a county highway for the Lions Parade –sent to the Brown County Highway Department for approval

Steffek

- Was at the Veterans meeting last week and was asked by the Village to bring up what the Veterans would like as the formal name for the park. Veterans Memorial Park is the formal name they picked for the park.

Selner

- State budget has been approved as of last week, and they made significant changes for local government financing. Includes increase sales tax revenue in the money that a municipality is going to get in shared revenue. For years 25-26 there will be a 2.3% increase, 26-27 it is locked in at a 3.4 % increase and for 27-28 a 2.9% increase.
- Sales tax is being eliminated on electric and gas utility bills, so they figure that will lower sales tax
- One of the things that will be available is \$3 million in there for grant writing and compliance assistance, and maybe we can link those funds for doing some grants for the park
- There is a Surface Transportation Local Program which looks like we are in the category that qualifies for local that is for communities with a population of 50,000 or less for years 2028-2030. This is for replacing streets, and I am thinking about Pleasant Avenue, we all agree Kvitek Road is a serious issue, but half the road is owned by the Village and the other half is owned by the Town, so the Village cannot apply for grants as half the road's not in our jurisdiction
- Received communication from law firm as we have a lawsuit against us, and it was for gathering information that the opposing party requested. They gave us 30 days, to get the information to them. Not sure we can have it all done in 30 days but can ask for an extension. Emailed our attorney some questions regarding the request and he has not responded yet
- We will comply with whatever requirements are needed

Selner stated we have written reports from the Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector and Plumbing Inspector

Board discussion/action on Wi-Fi in the park

Selner explained Wi-Fi in the park was installed several years ago by the school district during the COVID pandemic, so students that didn't have Wi-Fi at home could come to the park and access it. The school has discontinued the Wi-Fi at the Early Childhood Center. Selner shared that the Village has not received any feedback that people said they want it, so she is opening it up to the Board.

- We would have to talk to Heartland because they installed it, but those bills are several thousand dollars, it is not a \$500 fix
- For security reasons we should get something different than what we have at the Village Hall
- One Denmark didn't want to take over the Wi-Fi that has an access point on top of their building
- The school is willing to transfer the Wi-Fi components over to the Village
- There are a lot of grants out there for public Wi-Fi
- It is worth looking into taking the Wi-Fi over
- Baseball uses the Wi-Fi and Denmark Fundraising also uses the Wi-Fi for the Pulls

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- Not going to take any action until we have some idea of our needs and what the project cost will be

No action taken on this item. Staff was asked to get more information.

Board discussion/action on Food Truck Ordinance/Policy and issues presented at the May 12 board meeting

Selner stated Jeff Sanders has some input on how we really can't do anything about it.

Sanders stated any business that is unapprovingly serving as a restroom facility for the public has the right to put up a sign saying you're not allowed to come in, but nobody has the right to tell someone else they have to put up a sign that their customers can't go to a different business to use the restroom facility. The food truck conditional use permit allows the food truck to be there, but the conditional use permit holder is Family Dollar, so Family Dollar is the party that is responsible for providing those services or facilities. If people choose not to use Family Dollar that is not the fault of the food truck.

No action was taken on this item, as it was informational, so the Board is aware of where our authority begins and ends

Board discussion/action on hiring CART – Citizen Animal Response Team, Humane Society Sheltering/Housing Contract

Matt Witte, Vice President of Operations for the Wisconsin Humane Society and Casey Brown, Vice President of Animal Sheltering for the Wisconsin Humane Society here regarding questions the Board has for them regarding their contract. Matt, one of the Humane Officers for most of the county and villages around the area, is on the CART side of the contract, also here to answer any questions the Board has regarding CART. Witte asked what some of the questions are that the Board has for them are.

Selner stated it was really just a question of how much this would cost the Village.

Witte stated the Humane Society cost would be \$1500 per year using historical data of animals brought in from Denmark, which is \$25 per animal, so it is \$125 per month. CART is billed per call and gets \$20 per hour plus the IRS mileage rate of 70 cents per mile. CART is dispatched by dispatch, so if the Village gets a call they can direct the call to the non-emergency number or just call Matt with CART. In calendar years 2023 and 2024, there were around 60 animals in both years. That translates to about \$25 per animal, as they conservatively estimate their costs for care per animal it is at least \$25 per day. So that fee quoted in the contract \$25 a day per animal for those 60 animals, that presumes the stay only a day, and stray animals tend to stay more than one day.

A question was asked if all of those animals were coming from the Village and if some of them could be from the Town, because 60 seems like a lot. Matt from CART stated they were all Village animal pick ups, as the Town has their own Humane Officer and does their own sheltering. Included in the 60 animals are the ones brought in by Good Samaritans.

If going forward our number decreases would the contract be adjusted? Yes, the contract is a one year contract with automatic renewal for up to two more years. If there is an opportunity to terminate at any point by the party without cause, 60 day notice would be needed. If numbers significantly drop and you want to look at price, we will have that conversation. And, likewise, if numbers significantly go up, a conversation might be needed on the other side.

The Village will be provided monthly updates on the number of animals picked up by Matt from CART. CART is available 24/7, 365 days a year.

Matt, Casey and Matt thanked the Board for having them.

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Ackley/Goral moved to approve hiring CART – Citizen Animal Response Team, and the Humane Society Shelter/Housing Contract. Motion carried.

Board discussion/action on speed board statistics from Broadway Street

Selner asked the Board if everyone had a chance to look at the statistics.

Deputy Pigeon shared they tracked the vehicles on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, as they wanted to get a weekend in the statistics. Pigeon stated the highest count of vehicles in those 5 days was 8. That is traffic only going one way so if doubled it would be 16.

Selner stated most of the traffic was before 10 a.m. when our park opens. Selner feels the statistics showed us that yes, there is traffic there, but not at peak park hours. Selner shared we put the speed board on Broadway Street because of the concerns we had from the residents regarding a lot of truck traffic in that area.

No action was taken on this item; it was information provided for the Board

Board discussion/action to determine if a tree located on private property at 322 Wisconsin Avenue is a public nuisance

After a lengthy discussion it was decided with the tree being on private property, the Village has no authority over it. There will be some information in Constant Contact letting residents know to check on the condition of their trees (i.e. is it rotting, sick, does it need to be taken down, etc.)

Board discussion/action on Ordinance 06-2025, an Ordinance amending Subsection A of Section 126-3 of the Village Code concerning adoption of codes

Selner shared there was an error in our ordinance that directed appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals for Building violations, but that has nothing to do with Zoning. Selner stated she checked with our attorney and with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and they both agreed it has nothing to do with zoning and the Village Board should be the ones hearing the appeal. **Wertel/Ackley moved to approve Ordinance 06-2025, an Ordinance amending Subsection A of Section 126-3 of the Village Code concerning adoption of codes. Motion carried.**

Adjourn

Wertel/Johnson moved to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk/Treasurer