

DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
6:00 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL, 100 NORTH WALL STREET

CALL TO ORDER

President Selner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

- Present: Brandon Ackley, Leah Goral, Jim Steffek, Vince Wertel, Tim Schroeder, Michael Johnson, Susan Selner
- Officials Present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Charlie Wanish, Director of Public Works Erika Thronson, Village Attorney Mark Bartels, Deputy Rusk, Deputy Pigeon, Building Inspector Chelsea Myers,

Approval of Agenda
Steffek/Wertel motion to approve the Agenda. 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

- Jim Bowski 310 Highridge Ave. People are constantly walking on his side of the road where there is no sidewalk when there is one on the opposite side.
- James Bielinski 410 Woodrow Ct. Fire Department is having Chicken Booyah this Sunday and would like more people from the Village to be there. There is a light on Woodrow Dr that flickers. Kids on scooters and bikes without lights at night riding down the middle of the street. Salm's has noise blasting all night. Snow Plowing blades are not appropriately sized to clear the streets.

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

- a. **Approval of Village Board minutes and other committee minutes for preceding meetings**
 - i. **Village Board Meeting February 9, 2026**
 - ii. **Sex Offender Board of Appeals February 9, 2026**
- b. **Approve miscellaneous licenses and permits**

Wertel/Schroeder moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

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

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Written reports from Electrical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, and Zoning administrator

Rusk

- Drug take back day is 4-25-26.
- Starting 4-15-26 Golf carts will be allowed again so get them registered
- Overnight parking in effect until 4-1-26
- White Durango needed a new battery
- Calls on Daybreak Estates for male walking around is being addressed
- Scooters and bikes are to abide by the rules of the road
- Described the difference between electric bike and electric motorcycle
- Pedestrians walk on the street instead of the sidewalk as long as they are walking against traffic
- Send a letter to the resource officer to help educate students about walking on the sidewalks instead of the streets

Chelsea

- Have a few projects coming in.
- Working on updating Cloudpermit
- There was an inspection done at 120 Wisconsin. Owner received the fines and would like them removed. Do not see a reason to remove them at this time.
- Tried to do some training with Cloudpermit

Thronson

- Heat exchanger arrived and should be installed in the next couple of weeks
- Extra work with the GIS Engineer for sanitary sewer televised results
- Got more complaints about Kvetik Rd. We will do some repair work ourselves
- New Street banners arrived today
- Survey crew to locate for the new batting cage-in the park

Wanish

- Nothing to report

Selner

- Attended 4 hour emergency management training. There will be training for the staff and board coming up

- Meeting with Greater Green Bay Chamber of Commerce Economic Development, the airport director was there and went through how they have one of the highest ratings for on time and not cancelling flights. As a small Village if there is something that we haven't encountered, someone there usually has and can point us in the right direction

BOARD DISCUSSION ON THE DAYBREAK ESTATES, HIDDEN HOLLOW COURT AND WOODROW STREET DRAINAGE

Thronson – we would need a wetland delineation to see what we are up against. The Village doesn't have a stormwater easement in the area. The subdivision's restrictive covenants state property owners will maintain the grade and clear vegetation

Magalski – Material might be able to be wasted on site but would be determined by the Wetland Delineation. It would be more economically feasible and constructable if the material could remain on site, however that does increase the footprint of disturbance. Cost would be between \$25,000 to \$30,000 but it could also make a problem down the line as well

Selner – because the Village doesn't have an easement, we don't have anything recorded to indicate the Village is responsible for any of this. We always want to work with citizens but must consider the precedent we are setting

Ackley/Schroeder moved to have a public meeting with residents and the Village to cover the cost of the engineer to be at the public meeting. Motion Carried

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A NEW ORDINANCE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL AUTHORITY IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION

Selner reported that emergency management training pointed out the need to have ordinances in place to allow financial authority to cover response needs in a disaster. Emergency conditions may not allow the board to meet to approve funds. The proposed ordinance will grant access to funds in a declared emergency for the EM Director or the Village President.

Schroeder/Wertel moved to approve a new ordinance for emergency management operations and financial authority in an emergency situation motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING LOT BID APPROVAL

Thronson received 2 bids which McMahon analyzed

Wertel/Goral move to accept the lower bid, Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PAY FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Ackley recused himself and left the meeting

Johnson/Wertel moved to post job with \$15,000 annual salary, Motion Carried

Ackley returned and stated he would have to decline a hired position but can accept it if he is appointed

Selner/Wertel motion to reconsider the previous motion, Motion carried Ackley recused

Selner/Steffek motion to rescind previous activity and replace with the Emergency Manager will be appointed with a salary not to exceed \$15,000, Motion Carried Ackley recused

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Ackley demonstrated the app from Info Grove on a public notification system

Johnson/Schroeder moved to approve 5 year plan from Info Grove for a Public Notification System,

Motion Carried

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ORDINANCE 2026-02, AMENDING CHAPTER 126 SECTION 126 A SUB 1 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION 'TO ALLOW FOR BOTH UDC DELEGATION AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION DELEGATION' AND 126-3 ADOPTION OF CODES; PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE, BY ADDING 'UNIFORM STATE DWELLING CODES, COMMERCIAL BUILDING CODES' SECTIONS A 1-9 OF THE VILLAGE OF DENMARK MUNICIPAL CODE

Wertel/Goral motion to approve ordinance 2026-02 amending chapter 126 section 126 A Sub 1 Building Construction 'to allow for both UDC delegation and Commercial construction delegation' and 126-3 Adoption of Codes; plumbing and drainage, by adding 'Uniform State Dwelling Codes, Commercial building codes' Sections A 1-9 of the Village of Denmark Municipal Code, Motion Carried

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ORDINANCE 2026-03, AMENDING CHAPTER 224, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS AND OPERATORS, SECTION 224-8 A BY ADDING TO SUB A, ADDING SECTIONS 1-7, AND SECTION 224-14 EMERGENCY ORDERS BY ADDING SUBS (A), (B), AND (C) OF THE VILLAGE OF DENMARK MUNICIPAL CODE

Ackley/Johnson moved to approve ordinance 2026-03 amending chapter 224 Duties and responsibilities of owners and operators, section 224-8 A by adding to Sub A, adding Sections 1-7, and section 224-14 Emergency orders by adding Subs (A), (B), and (C) of the Village of Denmark Municipal Code, Motion carried

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON REAPPOINTMENT OF JIM STEFFEK TO THE BROWN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A THREE YEAR TERM

Ackley/Wertel moved reappointment of Jim Steffek to the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors for a three year term, Motion carried

CLOSED SESSION

- **Wertel/Johnson moved to convene into closed session pursuant to:**
- **Wis. Statute 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, as it relates to economic development whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session**
- **Johnson – aye, Goral – aye, Steffek – aye, Ackley – aye, Wertel – aye, Schroeder – aye, Selner – aye. Motion carried.**

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION UNDER WIS. STATUTE 19.85(2) TO TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEM(S) IN CLOSED SESSION

- **Steffek/Wertel moved to reconvene into open session under Wis. Statute 19.85(2) to take possible action on item(s) in closed session. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON POTENTIAL USES PROPOSED FOR BLIGHTED PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE

No motion made

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

Wertel/Johnson motion to continue negotiations for sale of Village property. Motion Carried

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ADJOURN

Goral/Schroeder moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Charles Wanish, Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer