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**DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026**

**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: Jim Steffek, Leah Goral, Tim Schroeder, Michael Johnson, Brandon Ackley, Susan Selner

Excused: Vince Wertel

Officials Present: Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Konkol, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Charles Wanish, Director of Public Works Erika Thronson, Building Inspector Chelsea Myers, Deputy Jeremiah Rusk

Approval of Agenda

**Johnson/Steffek moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Discussion/action on Ambulance Service Extension Agreement, Service Proposal and Service Agreement - Nathan Riehl here to answer any questions the Board may have

Nathan Riehl, the Director of Medical Operations for county Rescue, introduced himself and stated he was here to answer any questions. Riehl started by saying he appreciates the Board allowing him to come in. Riehl pointed out that when you look at the contract proposal, you see large increases over the next 5 years and wanted to give a bit of history of where they are at with the proposals. County Rescue has been covering the Village of Denmark since around 2009 and the last contract that has been auto renewing is from 2001, and the rate at that time was \$9.64 and has gone up 2.5% since then. This proposal is being made system wide, so it isn't just isolated to Denmark, New Denmark, and Cooperstown, it is the entire system. So, as they reevaluated their system after the last 5 years, they really had to make some decisions as a company. To put it into perspective, all of the contracts they are currently under came due in January of 2022, which means they would have had to have notices out by June of 2021 during the pandemic. During that time, as a company, County Rescue was focused on trying to keep ambulances and ambulance garages and people. Realistically, since 2022 they have been operating under the 5-year contracts that auto renewed for all of their municipalities. That also means they were stuck at the same rates for the last 5 years. Riehl stated he is willing to adjust the terms of the agreement to add if either party can terminate the agreement upon a certain amount of time given notice.

**Ackley/Schroeder moved to sign the Ambulance Service Extension Agreement for services through the end of the year 2026. Motion carried.**

Remarks/comments from the village president

President Selner welcomed all present. She recapped the rules of an open meeting and

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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 Bielinski, 410 Woodrow Court, has a concern about when hydrant painting was done, clippings going in storm sewer, why can't the Village clean the catch basins when they know a big storm is coming, how rough the railroad tracks on North Avenue are, and has the Village ever considered calling the railroad to see if they can fix that? Selner made an exception here and stated we did contact them already last year and were told that we are on the waiting list that is years long. And, finally in Bielinski's opinion the money that will be used for the dog park should go for streets instead.

Willie Mae Barbier, 130 Wisconsin, inquired about a deed of ownership for the property next to hers and asked if a parking lot was being put there. Barbier had an open records request at the Register of Deeds, and stated she actually owns that property, and that is her deed on the property next to her. Barbier stated this should be fixed, because she would like a good deed on her home. Barbier also said she had a title search company where someone said they would falsify a title search for her, but she is not willing to do that.

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

**Goral/Steffek moved to approve as presented.**

- a. **Approval of Village Board minutes and other committee minutes for preceding meetings**
  - i. **Village Board Meeting May 11, 2026**
- 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

Selner stated there are written reports from the Zoning Administrator and Electrical Inspector

#### Rusk

- Coffee with a cop will resume in June, the next event will be June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. and will be relocated back to DeGrand Family Restaurant
- Have numerous complaints about juveniles recklessly driving in the parks and on the roads. Deputy Pigeon took a report of a juvenile male on a dirt bike spinning circles on the high school soccer field, parents notified
- Criminal Damage to new windows at ONE Denmark, windows were damaged with large pieces of rock, no cameras or possible suspects at this time
- Responded to a flock call, it was reported that the vehicle was stolen from the State of Michigan. Deputies were able to locate the suspect & suspect vehicle and vehicle was later returned to rightful owner
- Chief Rousseau, is here. With all the news of Flock Cameras lately, there is a lot of criticism about officers. We asked him to come and speak on Flock and the benefits it provides and policies and

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procedures in place to negate any sort of misconduct with its use within the department.

Chief Deputy Rousseau thanked the Board for having him and stated he will give an introduction to the ALPR program and how it is implemented at the sheriff's office, so when you hear me say ALPR that stands for Automatic License Plate Readers. That is the general technology. Flock happens to be one of the companies that implement that technology. ALPR has been around for 20 or 25 years. It has only recently had some increased scrutiny in the public eye, that has been due to some factors that are outside of Denmark. And, quite honestly outside of Brown County as a whole. There are a lot of misunderstandings of what the technology does, and more importantly, what the technology doesn't do. At its core, what the technology involves is a camera that is installed on one of our public roadways somewhere and it captures pictures of license plates and vehicles that drive past. A computer program is used to turn that license plate into something that is searchable. So, if a law enforcement officer wants to search for a license plate, like ABC123, they are essentially searching through those images to find out where the vehicle is. People think we can see inside of cars, track where their cars are going, what grocery store you are visiting, and what time you start work, we cannot do any of that. The way Rousseau explains it is it would essentially be no different than parking a DEO at a corner and telling them to write down every license plate of every car that drives by. That is what the technology does. It is a force multiplier to let us put that camera out there and capture the data. The FLOCK tool, just any law enforcement tool, gives us access to a lot of information, and by information, I mean what vehicles drove past, what type of vehicle it was. And we take that responsibility seriously. A couple of examples have been shown in the news where officers have been charged for misusing that system. If you ask me, do I think police officers should be charged for misusing a system like that, I will tell you absolutely every day. FLOCK isn't the only tool, there are a whole bunch of other tools we use, such as our records tool and our crash reports. We do capture that data, and we do have systems in place to provide some accountability for that. The sheriff's office has been contracted with FLOCK for about 4 ½ years, and has cameras spread throughout Brown County. Primarily, they are going to be on the interstate system and on some of the busier local roads. We don't have these set up in front of people's houses or in areas where they are trying to be covert, I think at this point everyone knows when they are driving past a FLOCK. From a law enforcement perspective, that tool for us has been invaluable. I can give you many examples of times where it has helped us in what we are doing. One of our first uses of FLOCK when we started the program was a hit and run fatality where a pedestrian was struck and killed by a vehicle, and it was in the middle of the night, there was no one around. They used FLOCK data to solve that crime that could have gone unsolved. On the flip side, it doesn't always have to be a crime. We had a call last week where there was an elderly female that was experiencing some dementia symptoms that received a call from a scammer. The scammer talked her into clearing out her bank account and going to Walmart to buy gift cards. We put the plate in FLOCK and were able to identify her as being somewhere near the area of Walmart, one of our deputies drove to Walmart, found her, and stopped her before she purchased the gift cards with the scammer still on the phone with her.

From an accountability side, we are able to track and figure out what searches our deputies are doing and have some systems in place to make sure they are using it appropriately. The system has tagged suspicious searches that they dig into, and will find out they are not suspicious, they are using it for a legitimate law enforcement purpose. Every search has to be tagged, not only with the officer that did the search, what plate they were searching for, the reason why they are searching for it, and the type of case that it is being used for. So, there are some systems of accountability in place. The Sheriff's office initial negotiation with FLOCK and the contract developed provided them with a level of scrutiny over what we were going to allow and what they were going to allow. One of the big misconceptions in the contract is our data being sold. FLOCK does not sell our data, and they can't give our data to anyone else. All of our data is retained by the agency, so for the Village of Denmark, that would be the Sheriff's office. You see these stories of officers from other parts of the state that are using it inappropriately and are charged for it, and I 100% support that. There is no place in our agency, and in my opinion, there is no place in law enforcement for people who are using it inappropriately. So, I look at some of those as examples of that accountability system working. If that accountability system wasn't working, we wouldn't know that people were using it inappropriately.

Selner thanked Chief Deputy Rousseau. Selner stated one the reasons we first approved FLOCK is realizing that we are at the edge of the county and it would increase what our police department could do. So, it is a force multiplier 100%. And we would not be able to staff having a 24 hour police officer sitting at an intersection writing license plates down feverishly. It is an example of using technology for public safety. I think from my experience one of the things that is greatly underscored is the number of silver alerts that are handled. They also play a crucial role in mental health emergencies, not just criminal emergencies.

### Thronson

- Every thing is in the written report

### Myers

- Have been busy, 121 active permits, and 11 in draft or submittal which means they haven't submitted applications or payment yet, 28 closed and 5 waiting for payment
- Court was delayed for 120 Wisconsin Avenue
- Received 2 new complaints and are working on a process to streamline them better by notifying people and sending letters
- Stopping over at the mobile home park this evening to check on progress
- Green Bay Road addition passed all inspections
- Pavillion at 415 Hidden Hollow was non-compliant, the residents found a new contractor and I will be meeting with him this week
- Will discuss with Deputy Rusk issuing citations to 120 Wisconsin again as we aren't getting any response, and maybe contact Attorney Bartels about issuing a raze or repair order if owner/manager do not respond

*Selner stated that another one that she thinks has not complied is Mr. Hermans on North Avenue. Thronson stated she Mr. Hermans texted he will be cutting grass this week. Grass/weed ordinance violation letters were sent out last week, but Mr. Hermans texted her prior to sending him a letters saying it would be done this week. Selner said, cutting, right, but the wall and shelter are still there, it was supposed to be removed, I think by the end of April. Thronson questioned unless he takes care of the property right? Selner stated well they are structures so those are supposed to be removed.*

***Selner would like to congratulate Wanish and Myers for getting the permitting for Zoning, Building, Electrical and Plumbing set up. They have done a lot of work to bring it up to speed and online and we are starting to see some of the benefits from it. So, thank you both for the work that you've done on that.***

### Wanish

- Registered for the Treasurers Institute through UWGB that will be held July 13-17, the institute is a 4 year program (one week of classes each summer) and after that you can get certified as a Treasurer

### Konkol

- Sent the Brown County Tax Agreement stating we will go with Option A as we have in the past with the County mailing out the Property Tax bills and charging us for the postage
- The Devilbears will be having a Fireworks display on June 26, at the Highridge Diamond, all permits have been obtained

### Steffek

- Has a couple notes from the June Brown County Planning Commission meeting
- Anyone who uses BrownDog the support on it is expired, there will be a new software called

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BrownDog 2.0 coming mid-summer there will be some minor changes. Most features will be the same with some upgrades

- Brown County population is about 278,217, and the Village of Denmark, from 2020 to 2021 at census time to the middle of the census period of 2025, has added 272 residents. That is a 11.3% gain in that period. We are tied with of Lawrence, and only second to Hobart which had a 13.2% gain at that time.
- One more interesting fact is that the county wide population is 278,217. Of that population, 22.7% is a minority, the largest part being Hispanic with 10.3%

### **Ackley**

- Emergency Management update
- Last update given was that we were in the process of submitting everything for the reimbursement of snowstorm, everything was submitted
- There has been a handful of meetings in the office, but went to all the meetings on reimbursement
- Looks like from everything that I submitted, I am hoping for between \$15,000 and \$20,000 coming back to the Village, the downfall is, we may not know until after the budget cycle in October, and not get paid until sometime next summer
- There is only one person that handles all claims for the entire state, for the snowstorm. I believe she is going to be starting to look at the small municipalities first to make sure they are covered before big ones that are getting \$100,000 plus
- Keep your eyes peeled for a stormy Wednesday, it could be a doozy

*Selner thanked Ackley for watching out for us. I think this is a case if all that paperwork hadn't been done, we wouldn't be getting any reimbursement for the snowstorm costs and any money we get is going to help. **Ackley stated there were 187 documents he had to submit.***

### **Selner**

- Attended a meeting of the Green Bay Chamber last week
- We should be doing a priority list for street repairs/replacement
- We have been applying for grants for Pleasant Avenue, The Board needs to look into our 5-year street and utility capital improvement plan and start applying for available grants.
- We never came through as a Board with a policy that says what is most important to us, and these are things that are stopping us from doing anything, and I think that having an understanding that we all have common goals it will help us to make good decisions
- If we aren't looking at 5-10 years down the road, we may be making decisions that we regret, so I would like to see us looking at forward planning
- Talked with Jed Aspley from Brown County Environmental, there has been a complaint regarding noise coming from Salm Partners that has been reported to him
  - Aspley did measurements
  - Salm Partners presented a possible solution, which has been approved
  - The equipment is ordered and they expect it to be installed soon, do not know exactly when, but there is a plan and Jed will be following up with the measurements to see if it is effective.
- Just letting you know there is a plan to cut down on the noise
- Went to Wrightstown to the meeting that I encouraged all of you to go to, and it would have been really great for you, we did a mock meeting, a lot of stuff about Robert's Rules of Order, we are doing some stuff really good that other people are not (sending emails bcc to trustees, how we handle public comment), and there are some other things we will make some changes

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on, but nothing critical. So, all in all I think we are on the right path

- They also had little crib sheets with Roberts Rules of Order that I took one of each for each trustee
- They also pointed out there is a digital handbook for village officials, or you can get a hard copy for \$50, and I think we will be pursuing that as it is always helpful to be current with what the state rules and regulations are
- We had a Parks Committee meeting, and I am investigating borrowing money
- Also looking at sponsorships and donations
- Right now, we are at a competitive stage with our taxes and that is something I always consider and do not take lightly

Board discussion/action on Resolution 02-2026, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR 208 compliance maintenance annual report

**Ackley/Johnson moved to approve Resolution 02-2026, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR 208 compliance maintenance annual report. Motion carried.**

Board discussion/action on Daybreak Estates Area Stormwater Analysis – Village of Denmark

Selner stated Mick Magalski is available on Zoom for questions

Thronson stated this specific item is for the stormwater study that we had talked about at the public information meeting. Since then, Magalski did some more comparison from the survey work that had been done using what the residents talked about during the Public Information Meeting. And McMahon provided a proposed agreement for the analysis, but first there are a few things that need to be done before the analysis. The ditch really needs to be cleaned up. After the meeting Thronson took some pictures of the ditch. There was a bridge that was built at 415 Hidden Hollow. After looking on Brown Dog GIS from 2000, 2005, 2014, 2017 and 2023, a bridge showed on the aerial photos in 2017. It wasn't the owners now, it would have been the previous owners, or whoever, I don't know how many times this residence changed hands, but there was a bridge on concrete blocks in the drainage ditch. The bridge would impede flow in the ditch. The way the bridge is sitting now, it is vertical in the ditch, so it is blocking the ditch. Magalski made some comparison of what the original plan was to find out if that property exists now the same as how it was approved on the site plan. Either something wasn't constructed right or things were removed. As far as a berm is concerned, there is supposed to be a 5 foot berm and a 4 foot ditch and that is nonexistent at this stage. The study could be a possibility if these things don't work, but the ditch really needs to be cleaned up. There is a bridge, and it is sitting in the ditch line, there are concrete blocks that the bridge was believed to be sitting on, there is a lot of brush and logs and debris. Thronson mentioned she couldn't see the bridge last fall because the vegetation was too high.

Mick Magalski of McMahon Engineering stated he would like to start with a brief overview of what was discussed at the Public Information meeting, and quickly visit all the individual concerns that the property owners had by address

- 415 Hidden Hollow - Property owners said that they have water in the yard and flooding in the basement several times a year. Owners have been there for a few years.
- 411 Hidden Hollow – Approximately the back one third of the yard floods
- 413 Hidden Hollow – They have experienced some yard flooding also
- 884 Woodrow – Water in the past has come up past the easement stakes in the yard
- 831 Woodrow Street – has retaining wall erosion
- 870 Daybreak Court – August 2024 was the worst flooding that Tim had witnessed – Tim also made the comment that the yard flooding gets worse later in the year after vegetation grows,

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which supports the theory that the ditch line definitely needs to be cleaned out

So, April of 2026, the area saw multiple historic rain events, and after hearing all the property owner's comments, looking at the survey work and looking at the plat, specifically the grading plan for the plat. I sent Thronson a markup of that cross section for the plan which shows the ditch depth at each property. Thronson asked Magalski to put it on the white board and asked if Magalski wanted to show them the depth where it sits now or the one that has the note on the top, the original 2005 plan. Magalski started with the depths that exist now. Magalski stated looking at the area, 415 seems to be the most impacted. You can see starting at the upper left portion that ditch is literally only 6 inches deep for the first 50 feet of their lot along the west side. Progresses then 10 to 22 to 32 and ends at 30 inches deep at the property line. According to the original grading plan for the plat, there was supposed to be a 5 foot berm, and the ditch was to be maintained at a minimum of 4 feet deep. There is no indication that a berm was ever constructed or existed at that lot. Thronson stated there is evidence that the perm was constructed, it is shown on the 2005 record drawings. If it wouldn't have been constructed, the record drawings would not have shown it. The berm may have been graded out when the house was built or when additions were made to the back yard, like the pool, fence, etc. Magalski stated it is pretty evident why that flooding does occur at that location. Looking at the ditch depths on the southwest corner of 411 Hidden Hollow and 831 Woodrow Street, you can see how the ditch gets progressively deeper and looking at the ditch depths at the southwest corner of 411 Hidden Hollow it is understandable how you can see that there was some flooding in that rear one third of that yard. So really, it is a product of things not being constructed and/or in conformance with the original plat. Some rear yard flooding and standing water during the historic events that we had in April, I don't think is atypical by any means. Looking at the vegetation, all the debris, the bridge, the trees, everything that's lined that ditch, it is actually performing quite well in my opinion. **Staff will communicate to property owners that they should clean out the ditch that is on their property and also follow up with the owner's of 415 Hidden Hollow Court. No action taken.**

#### Board discussion/action on Memorial Park Site Improvement Design Services

Selner stated we have another proposal and Brad Werner is here from McMahon Engineering. Werner has been working on our improvement plan for Memorial Park. Thronson shared this is based off of the concept plan and the Parks Committee wanted to get a proposal for the utilities, streets, parking lots, and lighting (the main infrastructure for the park).

Werner went over the talking points of the Site Improvement Design Services Agreement and asked if anyone had any specific questions.

Selner stated we talked about it for 2027 and if we went ahead with construction we'd probably start right after the ball league's finish, so that would be late July or early August. Selner shared one of the things we were talking about was how the sidewalk runs all the way around the back of the ball diamond, and there are options for using Ballard lighting, with timers and different colors, and go on as you walk. There is a whole bunch of things we need to design, but it could look very interesting. Selner shared in her opinion that she didn't want to see it lit up like a ball diamond, and wanted to still be part of a park, but to be safe.

Selner stated, so, if we go ahead with the full design, we are not losing anything if we don't go ahead with construction right away. The design is going to stay, it is not contingent on the passage of time, and the costs keep going up. **Ackley/Steffek moved to have McMahon complete a 90% design of the Memorial Park Master Plan for site improvements and design services. Motion carried.**

#### Board discussion/action on application for licenses to sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

**Steffek/Goral moved to approve all applications for licenses to sell Fermented Malt Beverages**

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**and Intoxicating liquors from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Motion carried.**

Board discussion/action on Operator's License applications to serve alcohol from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

**Goral/Ackley moved to approve all Operator's License application to serve alcohol from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Motion carried.**

Board discussion/action on Tobacco/Cigarette/E vaping devices application to sell cigarettes/tobacco and e-vaping devices from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

**Goral/Johnson moved to approve all Tobacco/Cigarette/E-Vaping devices applications to sell cigarettes/tobacco and e-vaping devices to sell cigarettes/tobacco and e-vaping devices from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Motion carried.**

Board discussion/action on Mobile Home License application to operate a Mobile Home Park from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026

**Johnson/Schroeder moved to approve the Mobile Home Park License application to operate a Mobile Home Park from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Motion carried.**

Board discussion/action on Fireworks Sellers Permit application from Denise Karl to sell Fireworks at 658 DePere Road

**Ackley/Steffek moved to approve the Fireworks Sellers application from Denise Karl to sell Fireworks at 658 DePere Road. Motion carried.**

Adjourn

**Schroeder/Steffek moved to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk/Treasurer