DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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, Vince Wertel, Brandon Ackley, Susan Selner
Officials Present:	Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Konkol, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Charles Wanish, Director of Public Works Erika Thronson via Zoom, Zoning Administrator Jeff Sanders via Zoom, Deputy Jeremiah Rusk, Building Inspector Chelsea Myers

Approval of Agenda

Selner stated we will drop Item #15 from the agenda and there is a correction on Item #16. The zoning change should be I-1 Limited Industrial District not I-2 Heavy Industrial District. **Steffek/Wertel moved to remove Item drop #15 from the agenda and change Item #16 zoning change from I-2 Heavy Industrial District to I-1 Limited Industrial District. Motion carried.**

Selner stated if any public comes in to comment on the Public Hearings the Board will allow it.

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 Bielinski, 410 Woodrow Street, shared his concerns about park improvements over fixing the roads, the noise issue at Salm Partners and feels the Village Board should take a drive around town and look at the condition of 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

Wertel/Johnson moved to approve

a. Approval of Village Board minutes and other committee minutes for preceding meetings
   i. Village Board Meeting September 14, 2026
b. Approve miscellaneous licenses and permits
   Konkol stated she had an application for an operator's license that she questioned regarding a background check and asked Deputy Rusk to look into it. Rusk stated he would look into it.
   Motion carried.

Board approval of monthly disbursements

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

Selner stated we have written reports from the Electrical and Plumbing Inspectors.

Report of Village Officials

Sanders

- Has nothing to add other than what is in the report unless anyone has any questions

Rusk

- Will be doing Drug Take Back and Trunk or Treat on October 24th
- Suspicious situation at Cobblestone Hotel, an unknown suspect ripped up some underground wiring. Officers arrived, and noticed the wires were not damaged, but Spectrum wires were pulled out of the ground. Spectrum was notified to fix the issue
- Homecoming weapon call Brown County Sherrif's Office Deputies were dispatched to the Village for a weapon call involving a knife. A juvenile called in that someone was chasing them with a knife. Contact with the caller was made, and it was determined that no knife was seen or brandished at any time. The call occurred while students were out toilet papering
- Also, I believe the Sex Offender Residency Board will be having a review with an appellant from June, I plan to speak with the individual on the 24th and it should be on the December agenda for the Board review

Thronson

- Nothing to add. There is a lot of information in the public works report. Does the board have any questions?

Myers

- C & J Holdings and One Denmark Community Center have Occupancy Permits
- Nothing has changed at 576 Green Bay Road-it appears to be in the same condition, tenant/owner cleaned up the yard, but the building is in poor repair along with the accessory structure
- 440 South Wall Street no compliance, has not reached out regarding a structural engineer, due date was September 25, 2026
- Waiting for Attorney Bartels to issue the raze/repair order for 120 Wisconsin
- 239 De Pere Road is not compliant – I spoke to the owners about the unique building they would like to try to construct. They will submit a permit application once they get through the zoning process. One wall was taken down one wall remains

Steffek

- Has the resident on Pine Street with the emotional support animal been checked on lately? There still seems to be an accumulation of stuff in the yard

  Selner stated part of the problem we have is they were supposed to clean up the backyard and that falls under the Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector, we will have them follow up on that

Konkol

- Badger Books have arrived, however I will not be using them for the November election, as it is too close, and I have not been trained on them

Wanish

- Computer updates – Thronson's is not installed, Konkol's is good
- We had to reboot the Firewall as the internet was slow and that is what Spectrum recommended

Selner

- New Denmark got a call that they referred to me, someone stated there are semis backing up at Kwik Trip and there should be a sign for round about ahead, but I don't know if that will solve the problem
  Thronson stated there are signs there. They were installed when the roads were built
- The Denmark App is ready for testing, and we are looking for volunteers to test it, is there anyone else on

the board that I can put down as a tester other than Schroeder? Wertel and Goral volunteered to be testers for the App

- Denmark Derby was a big success and what happens with success is money, and we have more than we started with, the question is how do we handle it? The committee for the Derby asked if they could reserve $3,000 as seed money for next year, so I spoke with Wanish and there are ways we can record it separately in the budget. Wanish stated he will work with Konecny to make sure everything gets set up and done properly. It might mean creating a new account within the fund. Wanish said in his opinion every event should have a separate account within the fund. Selner stated she will get back to the Derby Committee and let them know that we will hold the $3000 seed money for them
- Went to the League of Municipalities Civic Connections conference that was held for 2 1/2 days, I went for a day and a half. Things I learned at the conference are:
    - Physical therapy is included with our insurance – we will be setting up a meeting regarding this benefit
    - Got a lead from the Commissioner of Railroads, and am going to see if I can get the railroad crossing on North Avenue fixed
    - They had a panel that was discussing data centers, which is the number one topic throughout the state. Selner made it clear that no one has approached the Village, we are not looking for one, there are no plans to have a data center in the Village of Denmark. Two attorneys were talking about money and gave an example of the annual income from a data center. The annual income is $50 million. A lawyer pointed out what a data center is proposing is not illegal in the State of Wisconsin. There are town boards and village boards facing some serious decisions on what they want to do about data centers and my hope is if people discuss it that it would be an informational meeting not a debate

Konkol shared with Selner that Deputy Rusk did some checking on the operator's license application that she gave him regarding some questions she had about a background check as mentioned in Item #6 under approval of miscellaneous licenses and permits. Selner asked Rusk if he would like to go ahead and share the information now. Rusk stated yes. Rusk shared with the board what he found regarding the applicant. After discussion, which included setting a standard for what will be approved and what will not be. In the past we have approved operator's licenses with some similar charges the applicant has, with a review after a certain time. If this license is issued, it is only good until June 30,2027. The Board can review again in June at renewal time. **Goral/Schroeder moved to approve the application for Operator's License and review in June of 2027. Motion carried 6-1. Ackley voted no.**

Board discussion/action on defining temporary use period for fireworks

Selner stated there was a developer that came in to meet with the Economic Development Committee wanting to put a Fireworks store up in Denmark and stated under state law you cannot store fireworks. Sanders shared the Zoning code has to accommodate fireworks and the zoning code would need to be amended in order to even allow a fireworks store as a use. Selner asked Deputy if there were any issues with fireworks being sold from the temporary use stand by the dog groomer. Rusk stated there are no issues, however there are illegal fireworks that go off in the Village on the fourth of July. It was brought up during the meeting that the developer would also be selling utility trailers. Selner stated we do not have an ordinance for retail sales. After discussion, the board would like to invite the developer to the Plan Commission to hear exactly what the developer plans to do.

Board discussion/action on purchasing a Reserve Class B liquor license from another municipality

Goral/Johnson moved to approve the purchase of an additional Reserve Class B liquor license from another municipality, but to make sure the purchaser will commit to buying it. Motion carried.

Board discussion/action on Resolution 05-2026, a Resolution Establishing the Customary time for Halloween Trick or Treat

Ackley/Goral moved to approve Resolution 05-2026, a Resolution Establishing the Customary time for Halloween Trick or Treat. Motion carried.

Board discussion/action on employee wage increase for budget

Steffek/ Ackley moved to increase employee wages by 3.5% for the 2027 budget. Motion carried.

Board discussion/action on schedule for the budget

Wanish stated committee meetings will be held in October, and he will send out emails for availability next week. The budget approval meeting will be held on November 11, 2026

Wanish went over talking points of budget to actual.

Board Discussion/action on Water, Sewer and Stormwater budgets

Wertel/Johnson moved to approve the water, sewer and stormwater budgets contingent on adjustments made during discussion. Motion carried.

Board discussion/action on the Park and Recreation Committee's motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of a Fill and Grading Permit for the tractor pulling track

This item was dropped from the agenda as the Zoning Administrator and Public Works Director approve the Fill and Grading Permits

Board discussion/action on the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve an Application for Zoning change for Tax Parcel Number VD-731, located at 685 Copenhagen Lane in the Village of Denmark, from B-2 General Business to ~~I-2 Heavy Industrial~~ should be I-1 Limited Industrial

Wertel/Ackley moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve an Application for Zoning change for Tax Parcel Number VD-731, located at 685 Copenhagen Lane in the Village of Denmark, from B-2 General Commercial District to I-1 Limited Industrial District. Motion carried.

Board discussion/action on a Proclamation request – Deer Donation Month

Schroeder/Steffek moved to approve the Proclamation request to approve November "Deer Donation Month" and encourage all hunters to donate wild game as private acts of generosity through organized programs like the Wisconsin DNR's Deer Donation Program and to support local hunger relief efforts. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Wertel/Johnson moved to adjourn at 6:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk/Treasurer