

Village President D. Besson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

- 1.0 **ROLL CALL** –Pres. D. Besson. Trustees: M. Bennett, T. Brinkmeier, J. Chesney, S. Riemer and I. Thomson. Administrator S. Kulik and Village Attorney J. Wesolowski. Audience (0).
- 2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.
- 3.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - 3.1 **Motion** (Chesney, Riemer) to approve minutes. **Amendment Motion** (Bennett, Riemer) to amend minutes section 5.1.2 to replace “M. Bennett inquired about the road in front of her home...with “M. Bennett inquired about 111<sup>th</sup> and Abbott to Woodside Rd” and remove D. Besson comment regarding inappropriate for M. Bennett to discuss the road in front of her residence. **Motion** (Besson) to use AI generated actual statements for the minutes; motion fails for lack of second. On the Amendment motion, Ayes: Bennett, Thomson, Riemer, Nays: Brinkmeier, Chesney, Besson; (3,3); motion fails as a tie. **On the main motion:** Ayes: Brinkmeier, Chesney, Besson, Riember, Nays: Bennett, Thomson; motion passes 4-2.
  - 3.2 **Motion** (Chesney, Riemer) to approve claims paid with the January 2026 Pcard: \$23,447.29; motion passes unanimously.
- 4.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - 4.1 Committee of the Whole – J. Chesney
    - 4.1.1 **Motion** (Chesney, Thomson) to approve Resolution 26-09 approving a revised Purchasing Policy for the Village of Hales Corners; motion passes unanimously.
- 5.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - 5.1 Board of Health Meeting – February 11, 2026 – J. Chesney reported.
  - 5.2 Plan Commission Meeting – February 16, 2026 – D. Besson reported.
- 6.0 **VILLAGE OFFICIALS REPORT**
  - 6.1 Village Administrator
    - 6.1.1 **Recommendation for a Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” Retailers License: Emanuel Lutheran Church, Spring Ceilidh & Auction, March 21, 2026 – S. Kulik** reported on request. **Motion** (Chesney, Brinkmeier) to approve; motion passes unanimously.
    - 6.1.2 **Change of Agent. Mega Marts LLC, d/b/a Pick ‘n Save, 5800 S. 108<sup>th</sup> St, Jacob Medina** – S. Kulik reported on item. **Motion** (Thomson, Brinkmeier) to approve; motion passes unanimously.
    - 6.1.3 **Request for purchase replacement electronic poll books** – S. Kulik reported.
      - 6.1.3.1 **Motion** (Chesney, Bennett) to approve Resolution 26-10 authorizing 2026 Equipment Replacement Fund Budget Amendment and authorization to purchase replacement electronic poll books from Pellara PDS. I. Thomson inquired about repercussions if it was not authorized. S. Kulik commented there are two options. The first is that we would use the epoll books but the poll workers would have to handwrite the voter and ward numbers on the slips, a huge margin for error and duplication. The second option is going back to paper poll books. This would mean double the amount of poll workers and long lines as voting would have to go back to ward specific check in. This leaves a large margin for error and scheduling a retraining on the paper process. S. Riemer inquired how long we have had the current equipment. S. Kulik

responded seven years and that the Village was one of the first communities to use the equipment. The return on investment due to efficiencies of this equipment is 3 years.

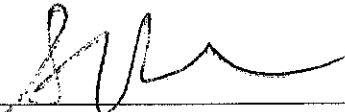
**On the motion,** motion passes unanimously.

**7.0 VILLAGE PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**7.1 Discussion on Village Board new administrator priorities** – D. Besson commented that this item will go the COW in March and for the Board to come up with their own priorities and / or rank those that have been distributed.

**7.2 Village Administrator tasks report** – D. Besson referred to the task reports provided in the packet. T. Brinkmeier asked S. Kulik to review the tasks and advised on how any deficiencies could be addressed. S. Kulik responded that on the accounting side, the audit fees are likely to increase as they could be used to complete some of the higher level accounting that she performs, that debt management is covered by Carol Wirth, the Village's financial planner and that an overall knowledge of Wisconsin Administrative laws could be addressed with assistance of the Village Attorney. A committee was formed to deal with long range 5-year capital planning. S. Riemer asked if the age of our financial software will make it difficult for a new hire. S. Kulik replied that she did not think so as current staff is very familiar with the system. The biggest challenge is getting something that is web based to enable other departments to see their information. At this time, several departments are tracking it with spreadsheets. Ideally, a software conversion could be done as long as you have a dedicated implementation person so staff are not trying to run both systems while a new system is being tested. S. Riemer asked what ROI would be on software. S. Kulik commented that the price tag begins at \$150,000 so 3-5 years is the most likely return. It's the time savings that you would see if all the spreadsheets went away that are used for budgeting and tracking. The earliest you could implement anything now, using prefunded monies, would be 2029.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT – Motion** (Chesney, Thomson) to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; motion passes unanimously.

  
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Sandra M. Kulik, Administrator/Clerk