

**VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
VILLAGE BOARD
NOVEMBER 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

President Jeanne Bellile called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center at 531 N. Nash St., Hortonville, Wisconsin.

Trustees present: Grace Abitz, Bob Jewell, Shauna Keel (arrived at 6:01pm), Jane Olk, and Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel.

Trustees absent: Jim Moeller

Officials/Staff present: Administrator Nathan Treadwell, Clerk-Treasurer Jane Booth, Director of Public Works Aaron Steber, Chief of Police Kristine Brownson, Library Director Alexandria Krause, and Attorney Ashley Lehocky.

Consent Agenda

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Olk] to approve as outlined. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- A. November 7, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes
- B. Licenses and Permits
- C. Presentation of accounts and other claims against the Village

Agenda Changes

None

Preregistered Citizens to be heard

None

Committee Reports

None

Unfinished Business from previous meetings

None

New Business

Discussion and possible action on officially accepting donation of lot 31 and Out lot 1, otherwise known as Jag Lane.

Motion [Olk/Arndt Vanden Heuvel] to accept the donation of lot 31 and Out lot 1, otherwise known as Jag Lane.

Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on the potential closure of Pine Street and allowing for open intoxicants

Brett Springstroh would like to do a Turkey Bowl as part of the Hometown Holidays celebration. This is something new that will be added this year. This will be done on Pine Street and Main Street behind the alley.

Motion [Olk/Keel] to approve the closure of Pine Street and open intoxicants.

Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Pay Application # 2 for North Mill Street Project

Motion [Olk/Jewell] to make payment #2 for North Mill Street Project in the amount of \$233,721.07

Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Memorial Square designs

Administrator Treadwell said that these were some of the designs that our engineer compiled. In 2017 this was created with a donation, and also will the memorial still be part of this? The space isn't being utilized very efficiently, and that is why we have been looking at this.

The question was asked if anyone had talked to the Quinn family.

Administrator Treadwell said no. Discussion on memorial bricks displayed on a wall going with the Memorial Square theme. A water hookup and or bottle filler was also discussed. ADA accessibility would also be factored in.

Options were discussed.

Administrator Treadwell said MSB will give us an updated version at a later date with our choices that were discussed.

Discussion on emergency fix on County Highway M

DPW Director Steber said that this is more of an FYI for the board. Last week they were putting in new culverts on M, and one of their excavators hit our force main and we had to have an emergency fix to repair that.

Discussion on creating Term Limits for Village Board

This was asked to be put on the agenda by a board trustee. The only thing I would see with term limits is that they can become problematic. Legal advised that a charter ordinance would need to be made, and along with that every two years you do have an election.

Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel said she feels there are term limits and that is two years. You can either be elected again or not.

Trustee Keel said that we are elected officials and if people are passionate, they can fill out the paperwork.

Village President said that she did some research and found only 4 municipalities that currently have term limits.

Report of Village Officials

Clerk-Treasurer: The report is in the packet. I handed out the campaign finance paperwork to the incumbents.

Director of Public Works: The report is in the packet.

Chief of Police: The report is in the packet.

Library Director: Nothing super significant, I did finish a UW course on digitization, and I am hoping to digitize the 1994 teacher strike as my first project.

Attorney: Tyler will be at the next meeting. He is the new attorney.

Administrator: The report is in the packet. I am finishing the last-minute numbers for taxes and budget preparations.

Any other miscellaneous topics for future discussion

None

Communications and Miscellaneous Business

Black Otter Lake District news: Nothing new

Building permit report: None

Hortonville-Hortonia Fire District news:

Gold Cross Ambulance run reports and news: The October run report was submitted.

Hortonville Civic Association: We are in the works of bringing a circus to town on or about the end of June.

Senior Activities Committee: Report was included in the packet.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present

None

Motion to appoint minute taker for Closed Session

Motion [Bellile/Olk] to appoint Shauna Keel as minute taker for Closed Session.
Unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

Motion to go into Closed Session (Motion noting statutory exception and roll call vote)

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Olk] to go into Closed Session under State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employees over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility."
Unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

5-minute recess to clear meeting room

Board to return to Open Session (roll call vote)

Motion [Keel/Jewell] to return to Open Session. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

Motion [Jewell/Olk] to change Sean Kuske's status from OIC in Training to Operator in Charge.
Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Any action on matters discussed in Closed Session

None

Adjournment

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Olk] to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried. The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Jane Booth, WCMC

Village Clerk/Treasurer