

**VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
VILLAGE BOARD
APRIL 17, 2025 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED MAY 1, 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: Bob Jewell, Shauna Keel, Carrie Lathrop, Jim Moeller, Jane Olk, and Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel.

Trustees absent: None

Officials/Staff present: Administrator Nathan Treadwell, Clerk-Treasurer Jane Booth, Director of Public Works Aaron Steber, Chief of Police Brian Bahr, and Library Director Alexandria Krause.

Officials Excused: Attorney Ashley Lehocky

Consent Agenda

Motion [Moeller/Arendt Vanden Heuvel] to approve as outlined. Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A. April 3, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes

B. Licenses and Permits

- i. 6 Month Class "B" Beer License Otto Miller Concession Stand
Hortonville Youth Sports 130 John Street
Danielle Menting, Agent

C. Presentation of accounts and other claims against the Village

Agenda Changes

None

Preregistered Citizens to be heard

Robert Perzentka, 910 Wyman Street, New London, was here to say that he didn't agree with the Business License. Starting a business is hard.

Mary Ellen Ahlgrimm, 665 Commerce Street with Ahlgrimm Explosives, is here to oppose the business license. We should be offering incentives, particularly the businesses on Main Street. Where will this stop with the licenses? We pay \$19,000 per year for property taxes.

Grant Krull, 224 W Main Street, I am new to Hortonville and my family is new to Hortonville. We spent a lot of time to facelift the Heritage Inn. The last chief of Police 3 times on the corner of Main and there were 28 different occasions where people didn't stop for the stop sign. I could see justification for tickets, I am sure you could find the funding for this with the money from tickets. I haven't seen police stop anyone on Main Street.

Pat Lund-Moe, 352 Nye Street, I am here to propose the amendment for the Senior Activities Committee. The amendment is confusing to me, we have been going for 2014 and we set the agenda. If a Village Board trustee is appointed to the committee, that is a lot, there is a lot going on. We have a mealsite manager. I am concerned with the appointment and the amount of the work that is involved.

Committee Reports

None

Unfinished Business from previous meetings

None

New Business

Discussion and possible action on Appointment of Citizen members of the Commission

President Bellile said that Mike Bellile, Roger Retzlaff, and Tom Banker will stay on the Planning & Zoning Commission for another three years.

Library Board representative will be Trustee Carrie Lathrop as the board rep.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will be Christina King, Deb Obry, and Tom Banker are returning their term for another 3 years.

Senior Activities will be Trustee Jane Olk as the board rep.

Motion [Moeller/Arendt Vanden Heuvel] to approve the committee appointments with the exception of R-9-25 contingent upon passing.

Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion on creation of potential annual business license

Trustee Moeller said that Jody from Hardtails said she was against the business license. She was not able to be here for the meeting.

Trustee Bellile read an email that Kay Brick from Bricks Hardware had written.

Consensus was to not create a business license for the Village of Hortonville.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution R-8-25 No Mow May 2025

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Jewell] to approve resolution R-8-25 No Mow May 2025.

Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution R-9-25 To Repeal the Amendment to change the Senior Activities Committee Board Membership

Administrator Treadwell said that this is an amendment to repeal the previous resolution from last year.

Discussion ensued as to not making the village board representative the chair. Remove the wording that the village board rep NOT be the chair.

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Keel] to approve R-9-25 with removing the third WHEREAS, which reads, the Strategic Plan suggested that a senior citizen task force should be created by the Village Board with a chairperson appointed who is a Village Trustee.

Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution R-10-25 Creation of Jag Lane

Motion [Jewell/Keel] to approve resolution R-10-25 for the creation of Jag Lane.

Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Memorial Square Engineering Contract

DPW Director Steber said this is for final construction ready documents, Ayers has some turnover going on now, and when the price came in it was a little higher than we expected. We had MSA give us a quote and it came in at less than ½.

Motion [Moeller/Olk] to approve the MSA quote in the amount of \$27,300 for the Memorial Square Engineering Contract.

Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Manhole Rehab project.

DPW Director Steber said that this was in our budget for this year. We received three quotes. The plan is that they are going to tackle the worst ones that are leaking now. The cost from Summit is \$25,000 for manholes 1-10 and includes a 10-year warranty.

Motion [Moeller/Keel] to approve the quote from Summit in the amount of \$25,000 for the manhole rehab project.

Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Report of Village Officials

Clerk-Treasurer: The report is in the packet.

Director of Public Works: The report is in the packet. Construction on the playground and splashpad is continuing at Alonzo Park and we should still be good for our opening day. Next Wednesday we will have two groups of third grade classes for Arbor Day here at 9:30 am and two third grade classes coming at 11:30 am.

Chief of Police: The report is in the packet. One note I wanted to make was that at the Nash and Main Street intersection we were averaging about 7 accidents per year and there has been one accident last year, which is a significant decrease in accidents. We are continuing to patrol that area.

Library Director: I have had nothing new since the last meeting.

Attorney: Nothing

Administrator: The report is in the packet. I talked to Brian Parker regarding the Nature's Haven Property along with a few of the other developers that are interested in that property. I did get an update from the Wisconsin economic development corporation; I had applied for that for that small business grant last year and we were told that we were denied. They had some funds leftover, and they basically said that we will be able to get those funds requested for the downtown. This will be run through the economic development committee.

Any other miscellaneous topics for future discussion

None

Communications and Miscellaneous Business

Black Otter Lake District news: My report was a handout here, we had our meeting on Tuesday, and we are still waiting on our feasibility report along with additional sampling this summer before they can complete it. Small repairs on the harvester and getting that out as soon as they can.

Building permit report: None

Hortonville-Hortonia Fire District news: We met on the 9th of April. I handed out some information along with the Fire Department budget. The new truck got pushed back a couple of months, scheduled for December 11, 2028. They are working on auto aid with New London, and we have been for four years. The other note is that the Fire Department needs to update their JAWS and cutter, approximate cost is \$42,000 and is battery powered, and they would keep the old one as a backup. This amount will come out of the existing budget. The current one is 13 years old and was a free demo unit from Pierce. Fire calls are a little low and EMS calls are average for this time of year.

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

Hortonville Civic Association: The Circus is going to be moved from Miller Park to Alonzo Park as it won't fit in Miller Park. June 29th is the date for that with two shows.

Senior Activities Committee: Report was submitted.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present

Robert Perzentka gave some examples of Incentives for businesses that the Village could potentially do.

Adjournment

Motion [Moeller/Keel] to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried. The Board adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Jane Booth, WCMC
Village Clerk/Treasurer