

**VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
VILLAGE BOARD
MAY 1, 2025 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED MAY 15, 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:

Officials/Staff present: Administrator Nathan Treadwell, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Lauren Prochnow, Director of Public Works Aaron Steber, Chief of Police Brian Bahr, and 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 17, 2025, 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

Craig Dreier – 52 Parkview Lane. Had a couple conversations with Nathan with 480' sign. Looked at the ordinance and couldn't see where it states a sign that big. I consider that to be a temporary sign. The semi-trailer there for 6 months is the vessel for the sign and should go away as well. Does the developer's agreement state there should be 2 signs? What is the developer's agreement. Concern is regarding the sign size.

Other thing – this morning at 6:15 we were woken up to the bobcat backing up. With a different developer it was an issue. Is there an ordinance stating this? What times are allowed in the morning and at night?

The construction crew has been parking and creating tire ruts. Wondering when this will be fixed.

Committee Reports

None.

Unfinished Business from previous meetings

None.

New Business

Discussion and possible action on appointments of Committee Members

President Bellile noted on the updated sheets that Trustee Lathrop was added to Public Works and Public Facilities Committee, need a motion to accept.

Motion [Moeller, Olk] to approve.
Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on 2026 early CIP Purchases – Police squad and PW Truck

Administrator Treadwell: I asked for both of these to be on here. My concern is the chips manufacturing was dwindling around covid and due to the tariffs, will the cost be going up? Does it make sense to purchase them sooner rather than later? We're currently not coming to you with quotes, we're just looking for direction on this.

Chief Bahr: It's in our best interest to buy early but I'm fine with waiting. Last quote I checked was \$46,000-47,000.

DPW Steber: We need a new water utility truck, hoping to make it to 2026. Current truck is a 2013, rusted out. It has a crane on the back for the lift station. Crane cannot be moved, must stay with the truck. We may be able to recoup some money through auctioning the old truck.

President Bellile: What would the projection be? Administrator Treadwell: Could be 2.5 increase/higher?

Trustee Moeller: I wouldn't go looking in advance for something we haven't purchased. With limited information if we need to move up the timeline ok but maybe drive the vehicle a little longer.

Trustee Vanden Heuvel: Is it just the chip issue? Would it hurt to get a ballpark figure to see what the vehicles would cost? Treadwell: It's hard to predict, maybe they will increase, maybe not.

Discussion ensued.

Board majority suggested waiting until next year. No motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on the purchase of additional meters for the water utility

This is making sure we have enough meters to the 2 new subdivisions created in the last 2 years, we need to do a 10% change out of the meters every year. The order was placed at the beginning of the year for 100, and we have 69 we need for new developments and the order would bring up the 200 that we need.

Steber: It allows us to chip away at the ones that aren't reading. First 100 were in the budget, second group would not be. Cost is \$35,000-40,000.

No motion is needed at this time. Will be bringing back an invoice for board approval.

Discussion and possible action on Alonzo Park Backup Generator - Certificate for Payment

Steber: First payment app for the backup generator at Alonzo. New cast was put on and new electrical was being installed so they are making good progress and on schedule.

Motion [Moeller, Keel] to approve the contract of McMahon Engineering for the backup generator at Alonzo Park in the amount of \$85,122.00
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. We did do our Arbor Day celebrations last week with the 3rd graders, every year we're a little more organized. We also have staff out in Steven's Point for training.

Chief of Police: The report is in the packet. One thing to note that medications were dropped off in Fond du Lac - 180 lbs of prescriptions were delivered.

Library Director: None.

Attorney: None.

Administrator: The report is in the packet. Working with developers on Parker Heights property for a preliminary concept plan to see board interest. Started with staff looking into processes we do and how to improve them.

Any other miscellaneous topics for future discussion

Update on pocket park.

Communications and Miscellaneous Business

Black Otter Lake District news: Nothing new. Next meeting is Thursday, May 22.

Building permit report: None

Hortonville-Hortonia Fire District news: Fundraiser is on May 17.

Gold Cross Ambulance run reports and news: None

Hortonville Civic Association: Nothing new.

Senior Activities Committee: We met this afternoon. Monday is Cinco de mayo potluck with games. Planning events during the summer. Autumn Fest is in the planning stages; next meeting is June 12.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present

None.

Motion to go into Closed Session

Motion [Jewell, Lathrop] to go in into closed Session under State Statute 19.85(1)(e)
"Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." Specifically, potential purchase of public property
Roll call vote. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

5-minute recess to clear meeting room

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Board to return to Open Session

Motion [Vanden Heuvel, Moeller] to return to open session, roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Any action on matters discussed in Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

Motion [Moeller, Keel] to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried. The Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Lauren Prochnow, WCMC
Village Clerk/Treasurer