

**VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
VILLAGE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED SEPTEMBER 18, 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, 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 Brian Bahr, Library Director Alexandria Krause, and Attorney Ashley Lehocky.

Consent Agenda

Motion [Olk/Jewell] to approve as outlined with the correction noted. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 1 abstain (Arendt Vanden Heuvel) to the minutes 0 nays, 6 ayes, 0 nays to the licenses and permits and the presentation and other claims against the Village, motion carried.

- A. August 21, 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

Claire Abitz, 326 N Olk Street stated that the design could be stronger, and the cost of \$300,000 plus is not well spent on the current design. I wish there were some kind of solution that we could refurb what we have or do it later. I think we could do something with what we have.

Judy Peterson, 104 N Lake Shore said she agrees that that is an outrageous amount of money. I paved the parking lot behind Otter Creek and was told that they would come and pave the rest of it. I feel the money could be used for that. I was told that it would be fixed back there and that it won't cost \$300,000 to fix that parking lot back there.

Committee Reports

None

Unfinished Business from previous meetings

None

New Business

Discussion and possible action on Halloween Proclamation

Sunday, October 26th, 2025, between 3:00 and 5:00 pm. will be the Trick or Treat hours for the Village of Hortonville.

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Keel] to approve the Halloween Proclamation.

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

Discussion and possible action on Columbarium Contract for design services

Administrator Treadwell said that we would need a contract for this. This is a large vault that would have around 42 niches on either side with concrete all around it to be used for burials.

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Olk] to approve the contract on the Columbarium Contract for design services not to exceed \$2,300.

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

Discussion and possible action on Alonzo Park shelter design contract

Administrator Treadwell said that we have some donors that want to donate a large sum of money for a pavilion type structure with a kitchen. We are seeing if we can repurpose anything that is there now, and maybe to utilize the concrete that is already there. They will provide us with a couple of different examples.

Consensus was to bring this to a Public Facilities Committee and look at the previous park plan.

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Keel] to table this agenda and bring to a later Village Board meeting.

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

Discussion and possible action on Ehlers contract for TID 7 creation

Administrator Treadwell said that part of the goal with this is the park in Natures Haven. The issue is the wetlands, and they will have to amend some things there in order for them to be financially reasonable. We are looking at ten years out at some larger road projects that this TID will help fund. This is a longer term TID.

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Olk] to accept the contract with Ehlers for the creation of TID 7 in the amount of \$18,000.

Roll call vote, 6 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 start the Fountain Court and John Street projects; they were both milled and will be paved on Monday.

Chief of Police: The report is in the packet. Officer McCready stopped in for orientation and she was chosen for the SRO Officer. I believe we have resolved the siren issues with a loose wire.

Library Director: No report

Attorney: Nothing new

Administrator: The report is in the packet. We did start working on budgeting, hoping to start the process in October with the Board.

Any other miscellaneous topics for future discussion

Need to schedule a Public Facilities Committee meeting.

Communications and Miscellaneous Business

Black Otter Lake District news: We had our annual meeting on last Wednesday, the budget was approved, we were able to thank the volunteers that have done a lot of work on the lake.

Building permit report: The August building permit report was submitted.

Hortonville-Hortonia Fire District news: None

Gold Cross Ambulance run reports and news: None

Hortonville Civic Association: Nothing new

Senior Activities Committee: Our next meeting is September 11, 2025, at noon.

Comments and suggestions from citizens present

Claire Abitz said that she looked up the last Public Facilities meeting and it was 2 years ago, and the Memorial Square was not discussed at that time.

Motion to go into Closed Session

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

Unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

Board to return to Open Session

Motion [Jewell/Keel] to return to open session at 6:52 p.m. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

Any action on matters discussed in Closed Session

None

Adjournment

Motion [Keel/Olk] to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried. The Board adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Jane Booth, WCMC
Village Clerk/Treasurer