

**VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MAY 21, 2026 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED JUNE 4, 2026**

President Jeanne Bellile called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center at 531 N. Nash St., Hortonville, Wisconsin.

Trustees present: Therese Abitz, Dalton Davis, Jim Moeller (arrived at 5:03 pm), Jane Olk, Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel

Trustees excused: Carrie Lathrop,

Officials/Staff present: Administrator Nathan Treadwell, Clerk-Treasurer Jane Booth,

Discussion of Fire Fee Ordinance

Administrator Treadwell presented the proposed fire fees, which would place EMS and fire charges on the tax bill based on a structure's square footage. The proposal includes three categories: vacant land with no assessed value, vacant land with assessed value, and land with improvements. Vacant land with no assessed value would not be charged. Vacant land with assessed value would be charged a flat fee of \$50.00; approximately 293 parcels in the village fall into this category. For parcels with improvements, the fee would be based on total improved square footage, which is about 4 million square feet village wide. Under the full-cost model, a home with approximately 1,500 square feet would pay about \$93.57. If the capital budget and fire truck fee were removed, the estimated fee would be \$52.98. These figures are based on last year's budget and housing data. Under this proposal, the school district, which has a large amount of square footage and currently pays nothing toward fire services, would pay approximately \$18,000. The non-profits would be included as well; there are 43 nonprofits that have assessed value. The village has ten of those. The villages water and sewer would pay for their portion as well.

Adjourn

Motion [Moeller/Arendt Vanden Heuvel] to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried. The Committee adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jane Booth, WCMC
Clerk-Treasurer