

**VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE  
VILLAGE BOARD  
MAY 21, 2026 MEETING MINUTES  
APPROVED JUNE 4, 2026**

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: Therese Abitz, Dalton Davis, Jim Moeller, Jane Olk, and Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel, Carrie Lathrop (by phone)

Trustees excused:

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

Officials excused: Library Director Alexandra Krause

**Consent Agenda**

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

A. May 7, 2026, Regular Board meeting minutes

B. Presentation of accounts and other claims against the Village

**Agenda Changes**

President Bellile said to move item 8 and item A under new business to before unfinished business.

**Preregistered Citizens to be heard**

None

**Committee Reports**

Library Board – Library book sale they made over \$3,000.

**New Business**

**Discussion and possible action on Presentation on School District Update  
Todd Timm on the HASD update**

Todd Timm shared information showing that every public school district in Wisconsin can be researched through the DPI website. He noted that some districts are consolidating while others are shutting down.

The Hortonville Area School District (HASD) currently serves approximately 4,200 students and ranks in the top 30 school districts in Wisconsin for enrollment. Out of the state's 421 school districts, HASD scored higher than 85% of districts overall. While the district is not as diverse as some districts of similar size, it scored the same as or higher than 93% of districts in measures related to students being on track for graduation.

Graduation was held last night outdoors and drew a packed crowd, with attendance estimated at over 4,000 people. Scholarship awards totaled approximately \$1.5 million.

Last year, the district changed its approach to reading instruction by focusing more heavily on phonics and sound-based learning methods. In addition, the district's math growth scores are extremely high.

he district's CPI was 2.63%, and the state revenue cap increase was \$325 per student. HASD maintains a fund balance policy of 20%–25%. The district receives approximately \$11,650 per student in funding.

Because the district owns and operates its own transportation system, facility replacement costs are somewhat higher. However, the district's MOD rate has improved.

Todd also expressed appreciation for the support and partnership provided by the local Village Board.

No action was taken, discussion only

### **Discussion and possible action on Presentation on Outdoor Comprehensive Plan**

Joe Stevenson, Principal Planner from ECWRPC, presented the Outdoor Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the project is currently under contract by \$5,000, which was viewed positively. He also highlighted the strong work completed by the data analytics team and GIS software staff, who prepared an excellent presentation.

Key demographic findings for Hortonville showed that the community has a relatively high median household income and strong median home values. The area also has both a large senior population and a significant middle school to high school age population.

As part of the planning process, the committee conducted a survey and used an online social pinpoint tool, receiving approximately 152 responses from the community.

The presentation emphasized that Hortonville has a good blend of different styles of parks, and that the area's natural resources are especially strong. Natural spaces ranked among the highest-rated amenities by survey participants.

The community's strengths were identified as playgrounds and ball diamonds, which are performing very well. Areas identified for potential improvement included the addition of a dog park and disc golf opportunities. Parking was also identified as a concern, with residents expressing a desire for additional parking options.

The plan outlined three major goals:

1. Invest in parking improvements.
2. Expand connectivity throughout the community.
3. Strengthen Hortonville as a family-focused recreation destination.

Joe also noted that grant services are available and provided as part of the planning support process.

No action was taken, discussion only.

### **Discussion and possible action of future projects**

Administrator Treadwell said that the county is pushing off the reconstruction of the east of the downtown reconstruction segment until 2027. This would be from Miller Park to Nash Street.

The start date for the downtown reconstruction will be July 6 through October 31 and signs will be posted.

No action was taken, discussion only

### **Unfinished Business from previous meetings**

#### **Discussion and possible action on Road Maintenance Agreement between Village of Hortonville and Town of Hortonia**

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Moeller] to approve the road maintenance agreement between the Village of Hortonville and the Town of Hortonia.

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.

Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel would like to see line painting done on Nye Street.

**Chief of Police:** The report is in the packet. I did go door to door for the residents that will be impacted by the No Parking. I am getting after the ordinances people and their junk. The \$1,000 scholarship went to Rachel Racine, and she is going to be an attorney.

**Library Director:** Report was in the packet

**Attorney:** Continuing to work with staff on ongoing matters.

**Administrator:** The report is in the packet. Working on a plethora of issues right now. New intern will be starting on June 1, and I am excited for that. There will be a public hearing in the next month or so and I will also hand deliver that.

### **Any other miscellaneous topics for future discussion**

None

### **Communications and Miscellaneous Business**

**Black Otter Lake District news:** Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026. Most of it is centered around maintenance on the harvester, they can start harvesting in June.

**Building permit report:** None

**Hortonville-Hortonia Fire District news:** Nothing new

**Gold Cross Ambulance run reports and news:** None

**Hortonville Civic Association:** Nothing new

**Senior Activities Committee:** Trustee Abitz sent out the report to all board members.

### **Comments and suggestions from citizens present**

None

**Motion to go into Closed Session**

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Olk] to go into closed session under State Statute Section 19.85(1)(g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved." Attorney Pluff said that the closed session is for the purpose of dog licensing in the Village and ADA licensing.  
7 Ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Board to return to Open Session**

Motion [Arendt Vanden/Moeller] to return to open session at 8:02 p.m. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

**Any action on matters discussed in Closed Session**

None

**Adjournment**

Motion [Moeller/Olk] to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried. The Board adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Jane Booth, WCMC  
Village Clerk/Treasurer