VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
VILLAGE BOARD
OCTOBER 15, 2026 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED NOVEMBER 5, 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, Carrie Lathrop, Jim Moeller, and Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel.
Trustees absent: Jane Olk
Officials/Staff present: Administrator Nathan Treadwell, Clerk-Treasurer Jane Booth, Director of Public Works Aaron Steber, Chief of Police Brian Bahr, and Attorney Ashley Lehocky.
Officials excused: Library Director Alexandrea Krause

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

A. October 1, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes
B. Presentation of accounts and other claims against the Village

Agenda Changes
None

Preregistered Citizens to be heard
Thomas Hipp, 720 Giese Street, referenced a letter he had provided to the Board and expressed concern about construction traffic on Village streets. He said he had contacted Tom McHugh several times and reported that Paula Jensen told McHugh that morning that a vehicle had nearly struck her. Hipp said drivers were disregarding posted signs and warned that someone could be injured. He noted that approximately 10 houses had been framed and that construction traffic would likely continue for some time. He also expressed concern about the lack of consequences for violations and suggested that McHugh install cameras to monitor traffic activity.

Grace Abitz, 213 W Main Street said hello again, I have lived in Hortonville for ten years. I went to a candidate forum in Grand Chute, and it was 90 minutes of big questions, and I encourage all of you to watch it. Having served on the Village Board I know the issues we are facing. The video was done with the League of Women Voters and when I get the link, I will share that information. Thanks for letting me share and thanks for all that you do.

Committee Reports
None

Unfinished Business from previous meetings
None

New Business
Discussion and possible action on Plat of Survey for 131 E Main Street and 137 E Main Street.
Administrator Treadwell said that this was brought to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Basically, a neighbor is giving land to another neighbor. The Planning and Zoning Committee didn't have any issue with it.

Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel asked about the easements and was told that the easements were dismissed when the house was foreclosed upon.

Attorney Lehocky said the easements do not get dismissed.

Trustee Moeller asked why the property lines go through the adjoining property.

Administrator Treadwell said that this will be brought back with a CSM at a later date.

No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action on Public Works Foreman Position
DPW Director Steber said that most of the guys want to apply.

Trustee Lathrop liked the fact that the job duties includes any and all other duties assigned by the Director of Public Works.

Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel asked if we could make the CDL a requirement.

DPW Director Steber said that wouldn't be necessary.

Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel asked if we can include the wording, perform/oversee. This should be a working foreman.

Motion [Moeller/Davis] to approve the public works foreman job with the changes noted.
Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution R-18-26 Board Pay Resolution
Motion [Moeller/Davis] to approve R-18-26.
Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution R-19-26 Amending Personal Manual Part-Time Vacation alteration
Administrator Treadwell said that they don't get sick leave and it ends up being a small amount of time that they are out. Most of these would be the Court Clerk, most of the Library Staff and our part-time DPW employee, and the custodian.

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Davis] to approve R-19-26 to amend the Village Personnel Manual amending personal manual part-time vacation alteration.
Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on We Energies requesting that the Village Change our Subdivision process.
Administrator Treadwell said that WE Energies reached out because they are mad that McHugh is getting building permits. WE Energies claimed that all other communities do it that way. I asked why I would negotiate on your behalf with the developer.

Attorney Lehocky said she has never put that in a developer's agreement.

Trustee Davis said that it sounds like a Tom McHugh and We Energies issue.

Administrator Treadwell said I don't know why we would get in the middle of that.

No action was taken, discussion only.

Report of Village Officials

Clerk-Treasurer: We did have a resignation, Lauren Prochnow, the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer has resigned. We did have five applications to date, and interviews are set up for next week. The Administrator posted the ad on Indeed yesterday, so we will be getting other applications. My report is in the packet.

Director of Public Works: The report is in the packet. The binder coat paving on Main Street will be put in on the 26th.

Chief of Police: The report is in the packet. I just want to touch on the E-bike thing, and quite frankly I am just not ready. What I have right now is just so vague, helmets are important. That is to come. I had a crossing guard resign; she is starting school next week. Patrol shift for William Pagel. He was the training officer and already on staff and wants to be added into the schedule as a fill-in.

Library Director: Nothing

Attorney: I am here, surprise. She had told us she would be out on vacation, but that was canceled.

Administrator: The report is in the packet. Good amount of time spent with the downtown project. Working with the Fox West Chamber on Hortonville Halloween on Main. Working on ongoing IT issues, and the phone upgrade is being done.

Any other miscellaneous topics for future discussion

Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel would like to address our no parking zones because they have changed.

The truck topic that was talked about earlier.

Trustee Moeller said that this can discussed at Public Safey Committee.

Communications and Miscellaneous Business

Black Otter Lake District news: Nothing

Building permit report: The September building report was submitted.

Hortonville-Hortonia Fire District news: We met last night and covered the fire and EMS budget. EMS has $8,000 left from their grant last year, and they are applying for another grant. They are proposing an increase of $15,000 in their budget for 2027 and most of that will be the concrete sidewalk and the construction of the building addition. There was some discussion about the ambulance portion, and I referred Jack to give Nathan a call. They would like to expand an additional bay onto the building for an amount of $300,000 or in lieu of that putting in a 40 x 40 shed for about $75,000 and them doing a lot of the work. Good news is that the new truck that they ordered got moved up about six months and the current delivery date is June 28, 2028.

Gold Cross Ambulance run reports and news: None

Hortonville Civic Association: None

Senior Activities Committee: This week was Autumn Fest, and the food was by Donaldson's and Creekside Creamery**.**

Comments and suggestions from citizens present

Nick, a Gold Cross operations manager reported that the Western Consortium includes 21 communities. He said response times remain a key concern, with a goal of just under 11 minutes. Gold Cross has added whole blood availability and offers municipal partners free first responder training through the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) level.
Gold Cross uses dynamic deployment, with ambulances stationed in New London and Greenville, and is completing a major software update.

Adjournment

Motion [Davis/Moeller] to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried. The Board adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Jane Booth, WCMC
Village Clerk/Treasurer