VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
VILLAGE BOARD
NOVEMBER 5, 2026 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED NOVEMBER 19, 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, Jane Olk, and Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel.
Trustees absent:
Officials/Staff present: Administrator Nathan Treadwell, Clerk-Treasurer Jane Booth, Director of Public Works Aaron Steber, Chief of Police Brian Bahr, Library Director Alexandrea Krause, and Attorney Ashley Lehocky (arrived at 6:05 pm).

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

A. October 15, 2026 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
None

Committee Reports
None

Unfinished Business from previous meetings
None

New Business
Discussion on setting the Public Hearing date for the 2027 Budget
Public Hearing date was set for Thursday, December 3, 2026.

Discussion on 2027 General Fund Budget
Administrator Treadwell said that this year the increase for staff is 3%. The CPI is at 3.1%. We did have some reductions in the local road from the state because we didn't have a road project last year. We increased the library amount by 3%. Net new construction was around 4%.

Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel asked about the sale of vehicles, and if we sold one vehicle or two.

Trustee Olk asked about Senior Activities and if we fund them or how does that work. The Village Board has the final say whether we want to allocate funds again or not.

Trustee Lathrop asked if all employees are getting a 3% raise.

Administrator Treadwell said that generally yes.

Discussion on Truck traffic on Giese, Wayne, and Gail
Attorney Lehocky informed the board that she had met with a resident, and she didn't see what he was complaining about when she was there. I don't see from an enforcement standpoint; there is much we can do. One thing he mentioned to me was that everyone gets one warning, and I don't feel it is repeat offenders. I appreciated the conversation, but I didn't personally observe anything when I was there. I feel he just wanted to be heard.

Attorney Lehocky said that maybe if we added a sign to both sides of the road, people might see it better.

President Bellile said she is going to give us all a history lesson. There used to be canning factory in town, and there was a minimum of 75 trucks loaded coming every day. There was a stop sign on Bath, and these poor trucks had to stop. Then we switched the stop signs to Mill Street, which allowed the semis to shoot straight into the canning factory. This used to be a dead end, and the people there are shell shocked. I understand keeping the big heavy construction off it. I don't feel we should do anything, other than what Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel suggested.

Trustee Moeller said if you do add a stop sign, we might get even more complaints.

Chief of Police Bahr said that we have sent emails out and we have put officers out there.

Trustee Lathrop said it is a matter of learning the traffic pattern. When the houses are built you will still have more traffic out there.

Chief of Police Bahr said when he has been back there, it is people looking at the lots. Those people are not using the construction entrance, because GPS will not take them that way.

Administrator Treadwell said that the goal was to keep most of the heavy construction equipment off of the main roads.

Discussion and possible action on O-11-26 Repeal and Replacement of the Village of Hortonville's Zoning code
Administrator Treadwell said that one thing that was missing was a good amount of discussion on the downtown zoning district for fuel stations not an accessible use. All of this went through the Planning and Zoning Commission within the last couple of months.

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Olk] to approve ordinance O-11-26 to Repeal and Replacement of the Village of Hortonville's Zoning Code adding into the prohibited fuel stations.
Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried

Discussion on Special Event Permits
Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel said this was created a couple of years ago, and I feel the form is very outdated. I wanted a good refresh on this especially since we have redone the downtown. It is not about charging a fee, it is about how much this is going to affect the DPW, and the Police Department.

Discussion ensued on the Halloween on Main event.

Trustee Olk asked if this were something that Public Facilities Committee could revamp and bring it back to board.

Report of Village Officials

Clerk-Treasurer: The report is in the packet. We had a 70% voter turnout. We had 1,429 voters out of 2,042 registered voters.

Director of Public Works: The report is in the packet. I want to thank everyone that helped with the Halloween on Main.

Chief of Police: The report is in the packet. Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday, at 5:30 pm.

Library Director: No official report, plugging away at the 2027 staffing and budget.

Attorney: We had a new attorney start with us, here name is Kristine Hooker, and she has done a lot of municipal work**.**

Administrator: The report is in the packet. Asphalt patching was finished today. They patched the portion of Crystal Springs and Hardtails. The concrete was finished being poured yesterday, they still have a little bit of earth work to do, and sign installation. I am keeping a list of feedback and maybe changes for next year for the next Halloween on Main with Fox Chamber.

Any other miscellaneous topics for future discussion
Trustee Arendt Vanden Heuvel asked to have the Fox West Sign on a future agenda.

Communications and Miscellaneous Business
Black Otter Lake District news: Next meeting will be in January.

Building permit report: The October building report was submitted.

Hortonville-Hortonia Fire District news: Nothing new

Gold Cross Ambulance run reports and news: The September run report was submitted.

Hortonville Civic Association: None

Senior Activities Committee: Meeting next week

Comments and suggestions from citizens present
Kathy Gruenewald said that Friday was a blast, and please get seating, because old people can't sit on bales of hay.

Appoint a minute taker for Closed Session
Motion [Bellile/Lathrop] to appoint Jane Olk as the minute taker for closed session.

Motion to go into Closed Session
Motion [Olk/Davis] to go into closed session under State Statute Section 19.85 (1)(c). Unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

Board to return to Open Session
Motion [Davis/Arendt Vanden Heuvel] to return to open session at 8:55 p.m. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

Any action on matters discussed in Closed Session
None

Adjournment
Motion [Davis/Arendt Vanden Heuvel] to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried. The Board adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Jane Booth, WCMC
Village Clerk/Treasurer