



**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Lake Hallie Municipal Building
13136 30th Avenue
Lake Hallie, WI 54729

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order according to Chapter 19.84 and 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes by President Spilde at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Spilde were present. Mr. Berg and Mr. Lehmann were not present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the January 6, 2025 Agenda as presented

Mr. Hudson made a motion to approve the January 6, 2025 Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

5. Public Comments: Public comments are limited to two (2) minutes and will be limited to issues that have an impact on the Village of Lake Hallie. An exception to the two (2) minute limit may be made at the discretion of the Village President.
No comments from the public in attendance.

6. Committee/Department Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

Mr. Spilde stated that the Special Meeting that was scheduled for 6:00 tonight had been cancelled due to illnesses.

B. Police Chief/Police Commission Update

Chief Organ presented the following update to the Village Board for December 2024:

1. On December 3, 2024, Dane Simmons submitted his resignation as a full-time officer with the Village. Dane was hired as an LTE in October 2021 and full-time in April 2022.
2. On December 27, 2024, Kelcie Kluck resigned her Police Clerk position. Kelcie was hired in January 2023.
3. The Police Department has received 56 applications for the Police Clerk position which has been reduced to 14 applications for background questionnaires. The Police Commission will interview 5-6 applicants on January 14, 2025.
4. Body Armor Reimbursement – In June 2024, Body armor was purchased and received for Officer Samantha Lancette at a cost of \$860. A request has been submitted to the federal body armor grant program for a 50% reimbursement. On November 14, 2024 the department received \$474 for this reimbursement.
5. On November 17, 2024, a Lake Hallie officer responded to the Subway in Walmart for a report of someone passing three counterfeit \$100 bills. The \$100 bills were very obviously fake as they had, "COPY" printed on them and were missing several other watermarks. Detective Bowman was able to determine whether the Subway employee and a friend were co-conspirators in the crime and were identified. The Subway employee was arrested for one Felony count of Forgery-Uttering, one Felony count of Bail jumping, one Misdemeanor count of Theft, one Probation Violation-Warrant and one count of Party to a Crime. The male subject who passed the counterfeit bills could not be located but was referred to the District Attorney's Office for three Felony counts of Forgery-Uttering, one Misdemeanor count of Theft by Fraud and one Felony count of Bail Jumping.

6. On December 6, 2024, a Lake Hallie officer responded to Interstate Batteries for a report of individuals cashing fraudulent checks from the business. The total amount of money fraudulently taken from the business totaled \$17,122.84. Detective Bowman sent out a subpoena to Royal Credit Union, where the checks were all cashed. After receiving the results of the subpoena, Detective Bowman, was able to identify the subjects involved, who were from Minnesota. Over a two-day period, the two male subjects cashed a total of 7 checks between the two of them, before both being denied by RCU for fraudulent activity. The subjects cashed the checks at multiple RCU locations in Minnesota including, St. Paul, White Bear Lake, Hugo, Inver Grove Heights and Edina. Both subjects are currently at large but have been referred for multiple criminal charges of felony Unauthorized Use of an Entity's Identifying Information or Documents (commonly known as Identity Theft) and felony Theft by Fraud, to the District Attorney's Office.

C. Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission Update

No updates.

7. New Business:

A. Discuss/approve the maintenance/revaluation costs with Bowmar Appraisals

Mr. Spilde stated, as you are aware, we have to do a re-assessment. Mr. Spilde reviewed the following from Bowmar Appraisals:

Here is a 4-year contract I would propose to replace the existing contract which would include 3 years of maintenance and the revaluation.

2025 – Maintenance cost \$27,200

2026 – Revaluation cost \$145,000

2027 – Maintenance cost \$27,400

2028 – Maintenance cost \$27,600

The 4-year total contract cost = \$227,200 would be spread out equally over 4 years,

2025 - \$56,800

2026 - \$56,800

2027 - \$56,800

2028 - \$56,800

Mr. Greenwood asked if there were any other vendors in the area that did this? After further discussion of looking into other vendors and getting other estimates, the Board decided to bring this back at the next meeting.

B. Discuss the 117th Street reconstruction project

Mr. Spilde stated that as he told the Board at the last meeting, the total estimated costs for the project is \$1.6 million. \$382,500 is for water main if we were to run water main all the way to 50th Avenue and over to 40th hooking onto the existing. That is the decision the Village Board has to make; what we want to do with the water as the cost would be shared with the residents. Mr. Shawn Nyhus, Public Works Director did explain some of what would have to be done such as the curb stops and 16" main that would need to go in. Ms. Barb Buker, 4534 117th Street, Lake Hallie, asked if she heard correctly that the residents are going to be charged for the water things that are being put in? Mr. Spilde responded that if you already have Village water, it wouldn't cost you anything. The decision needs to be made whether we put water in now or have to tear up all the blacktop later on down the road.

C. Discuss/approve options for the Old Village Hall

Mr. Spilde stated that we have a couple of issues going on. We have a boiler that has been in need of repairs for many years. N.L. Stock Inc. has been putting band aids on to keep things going but it's getting to the point where we were highly recommended that we do something for a new boiler. We did receive a quote from N.L. Stock Inc. for \$116,683.00. Mr. Spilde thought it was a little excessive and we need to get some more quotes. The other issue is the cooking range and the pilot keeps going out and therefore fills the building with gas smells and we cannot have that so we need to replace that. Mr. Greenwood stated that the pilot light going out could be a number of things. One being its natural gas so it could possibly be a leak in the line. He said this estimate seems excessive. The Board does not want to close the building up. They would like to get a few more quotes so this will move to a future meeting.

D. Discuss/approve recommendation by Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission to approve Park Use Agreements for the following:

1. Chippewa Valley Raptors Softball Tournament ~ May 30 – June 1, 2025
2. Hallie Elite Girls Softball Tournament ~ June 27 – 29, 2025

Mr. Hudson made a motion to approve the approve Park Use Agreements for the following: Chippewa Valley Raptors Softball Tournament ~ May 30 – June 1, 2025 and Hallie Elite Girls Softball Tournament ~ June 27 – 29, 2025, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

E. Discuss/approve purchasing a new truck to replace trucks 7 & 14

Mr. Shawn Nyhus, Public Works Director, stated that speaking with Mr. Sam Bautch, Public Works Foreman, that the Board had set \$100,000 aside for us to go ahead with this. Mr. Nyhus said they are looking at a new baby dump that would replace truck 14. There is nothing wrong with the truck but it's a 2004 and at some point, those diesels are going to get expensive. The new truck that we can get has as big of a motor as a diesel, but it is gas. The couple that I have looked at and gotten prices for are a crewcab with a 9-foot dumb bed and are running around \$73,000 but he is assuming we could get a better Municipal price than that. They would not need a plow. We would just need a mount, the wiring and the control. Mr. Nyhus also stated that the cons of getting rid and trucks 7 & 14 are getting rid of 7 because it is nice having that pickup truck so you're not driving around a 1-ton dump bed. Truck 7 is a 2007 F-150, and the body of the truck is pretty much gone, but the frame isn't bad. The worst part is we aren't going to get anything for it. Mr. Spilde would like Mr. Nyhus to go out and get a few other quotes and we will bring this back at the next meeting.

F. Discuss/approve replacing the service body on truck 13

Mr. Nyhus stated that truck 13 is a 2013 F350 and it has a service body on it right now. The cross members are completely rusted off. Mr. Nyhus got a quote for a new service body, installed by Wisconsin Body & Hoist - \$14,881. A flat bed through Pete's Trailer was \$3900.00, another \$1250.00 for the install and then almost another \$1000 for some tool boxes. That total if we go with flat bed with toolboxes and a ladder rack is approximately \$6600.00. At Big Sky Boxes in Lake Hallie, we can get an 8 foot bed ranging from \$2000 - \$3000 used. The Village Board is leaning towards the flatbed, but Mr. Spilde would like Mr. Nyhus to come back with a concrete number on this before any action can be taken.

G. Discuss/approve replacing the 2014 Peterbilt truck

Mr. Spilde asked if this is something we want to do before it is not worth anything. Mr. Nyhus stated that it does have really low hours and miles. Mr. Nyhus feels we should still be able to get \$80,000 - \$90,000 for this truck as it is in amazing condition, but it's also 11 years old. I talked to Universal, and they are about 2 ½ years out on getting trucks in so Mr. Nyhus feels it is very important to start discussions. It would be better to lock in now as prices just keep going up. Mr. Spilde would like Mr. Nyhus to bring this back to another meeting with more information.

8. Old Business:

A. Discuss/approve changes to the ATV/UTV ordinance

Mr. Spilde stated that the ordinance that we approved and signed had a couple of mistakes. One was we referred To Townships and not Municipalities as shared roads and the other one was the wording on the name of the Club. They have been corrected, and we need to get the amended ordinance signed for approval to be published.

Mr. Greenwood made a motion to approve changes to the ATV/UTV ordinance, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

9. Approval of Minutes: Minutes are unapproved & changes could be made when it is addressed during the meeting.

A. December 16, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hudson made a motion to approve changes made to the December 16, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes pending changes of SHE to S-E-H, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

10. Finance:

A. **Treasurer's Report: (Usually 2nd Meeting of each Month)**

1. None

B. **Claims & Disbursements.**

1. January 2, 2024 Check Register in the amount of \$380,314.45 (Manual checks #2977 – 2982, Checks # 41229 - 41273

Tax Collection reimbursement checks # 3745 - 3746)

Mr. Hudson made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 Check Register in the amount of \$380,314.45 (Manual checks #2977 – 2982, Checks # 41229 – 41273 and Tax Collection reimbursement checks # 3745 - 3746), seconded by Mr. Greenwood. On roll call vote Mr. Hudson, Mr. Greenwood, and Mr. Spilde voting aye. Motion carried.

11. Licensing:

A. Operator(s):

1. Merissa Moquin @ 10547 25th Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703 for Lake Hallie Sportsman's Club

B. Social Use Permit/Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License (Village Hall Rental/Park Rental):

1. None

C. Golf Cart License:

1. Daniel Paine @ 3074 109th Street, Lake Hallie, WI 54729
Make/Model: 2019 Yamaha
2. Lisa Kloss @ 12920 24th Avenue, Lake Hallie, WI 54729
Make/Model: 2008 Fairplay Electric

Mr. Greenwood, on single vote, approved the Operator license for Merissa Moquin @ 10547 25th Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703 for Lake Hallie Sportsman's Club and the Golf Cart Licenses for Daniel Paine @ 3074 109th Street, Lake Hallie, WI 54729 Make/Model: 2019 Yamaha and Lisa Kloss @ 12920 24th Avenue, Lake Hallie, WI 54729 Make/Model: 2008 Fairplay Electric, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

- 12. Convene** to closed session under 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.

Mr. Spilde made a motion at 7:56 p.m. Convene to closed session under 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, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

- 13. Re-convene** to open session. Announce any action taken in closed session.

Mr. Greenwood made a motion at 8:20 p.m. to open session, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Action of closed session: To make offers to 2 people for the Public Works Operator positions and a \$2.00 wage increase to the PD Office Clerk.

14. Adjournment.

Mr. Greenwood made a motion at 8:21 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Zeinert
Clerk-Treasurer*