

City of Neillsville

MINUTES

Grants Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 - 4:00 pm.

City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Erpenbach at 4:05 pm.
2. On roll call:, Natalie Erpenbach, Deanna Heiman, Barb Petkovsek, and Jill Neville and Brent Shoup. All members present.
3. A motion was made by Heiman and seconded by Petkovsek to approve the Agenda. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Heiman and seconded by Neville to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, Grants Committee Meeting as presented. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
5. Citizen appearances- None.
6. Ad Hoc Technology Committee update
 - a. Erpenbach reported Clerk Winder made contact with Dirks Group in early June 2026, with Friemoth and Erpenbach present. Discussion on contract, term, and co-managed services held. Contract will renew July 1st under existing contract terms for a like period of time (24 months).
 - b. Clerk Winder arranged a visit from another network management service provider. Company representatives provided information and sent a quote for services they could provide. No action taken.
7. Housing Loan programs discussed.

Discussion held on next steps for 2027 Housing Program utilizing any TID No. 3 remaining balance for housing purposes. Shoup and Jody Conner will begin looking at similar programs and report back at a future Grants meeting.
8. Committee discussed the following Grant Applications:
 - a. Discussion and review of Grant applications that have been submitted but no decisions have been made as of the meeting date. No additional action taken:
 - i. *WI Emergency Management – Cybersecurity Grant Cycle 1 – Round 2*
We did not receive this grant but funds may become available in the future.
 - b. Grant applications that have been awarded and are in various stages of completion.
 - i. *Listeman Foundation – discussed current needs and possible July 2026 request. Erpenbach, Petkovsek and Friemoth will discuss.*
 - ii. *WI Emergency Management - Cybersecurity Grant Cycle 1. \$42,000 awarded. Waiting for final \$7,538.25 reimbursement yet. Next report due 7/12/2026.*
 - iii. *WI Emergency Management - Cybersecurity Grant Cycle 2- \$82,600 awarded. Jan 2026 thru August 2027 managed service costs plus MFA fobs (\$1000). Jan 2026 expenses (\$3,633.74) have been submitted but not yet received. Next project report due 8/12/2026*

- iv. WEDC – Community Development Investment Grant – Erpenbach is working with property owners on this CDIG grant - 150 E. Division St. project. Business opened in late May and they are doing well. Erpenbach to work with property owners to complete Grant requirements soon.
- v. Tourism Room Tax grants awarded to City of Neillsville were \$1,500 to Historic Preservation Commission, \$1,500 to Beautification and \$500 to Murals Committee. Noted HPC claimed and received \$1500.

Erpenbach contacted Fire Chief Meyer about the newly released FEMA *Assistance to Firefighter's* grant – Due June 22nd. At this time Meyer said we did not need to apply for this grant.

Discussed other possible City needs and areas to watch for grant funding:

- Grant to pay for updating the City Comprehensive Plan;
- City sidewalks and streets;
- Arboretum possible improvements (TID No. 4 funds available?)
- Discussed Listeman Park (Northside) and playground equipment. City wide playground equipment is old. Suggest this be added to a future Planning Commission agenda.

Noted Chief Mankowski is applying for the current League of Municipalities Insurance program annual grant.

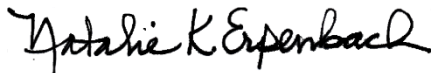
- 9. Old Business – Heiman gave a brief update on status of the THRIVE grant received by Neillsville Improvement Corporation and the continuing work being done at the School District of Neillsville level on the “Safe Routes to School” project.

10. New Business – None

- 11. Motion by Heiman and seconded by Shoup to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted



Natalie K Erpenbach, Recording Secretary