

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
JOINT STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 13, 2026

A Joint Street & Utility Committee meeting was held May 13, 2026 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Utility Committee Chair Emmett Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Notice of the meeting was posted in the following locations: Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, Turpin's Hometown Grocery and the Shullsburg Post Office. Roll Call - Emmett Reilly, Cheryl Mulcahy, Duane Wedige— All Present. Others present: Nick Doyle, Dave Turpin, Jose Trejo, Tom Kleiber, Dan Morrissey, Darrell Morrissey, Andy Foley, Laura Weiskircher and Janelle Schumacher.

Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Street and Utility Committee meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Proposed PSC Electric Rate Change – The Committee discussed an electric rate increase that is being proposed and will increase the rate of return for the Electric Utility from 1.54% to 5%. Laura Weiskircher discussed the process which will include notifying customers and holding a public hearing led by the PSC. Reilly questioned the sales tax and Weiskircher explained the sales tax was only being charged for half the year and is no longer being charged or showing up on customer bills. The Committee further discussed the energy charge from Alliant Energy and Weiskircher explained there are fluctuations in the charges and the power cost adjustments. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to move the proposed Electric Utility rate increase to the upcoming Council meeting agenda. All aye, motion carried.*

Water Tower Notification System – The Committee discussed the water tower notification system and the fact that the Brightspeed bill for the phone line has doubled in price recently. The phone line is used for the notification system. Trejo and Kleiber discussed the wastewater treatment facility using an internet-based system that is significantly less expensive. The Committee recommends Trejo make the change to a similar system as long as it's feasible at the water tower. *Motion by Wedige second by Mulcahy to make the change to using an internet-based notification system. All aye, motion carried.*

Electronic Recycling Event – *Motion by Mulcahy second by Wedige to approve the electronic recycling event for June 20, 2026. All aye, motion carried.*

Truck, Van and SUV No Parking Signs – The Committee discussed the possible removal of several signs in town restricting truck, van and SUV parking. Wedige commented that they should either be enforced or removed. Reilly stated he is not in favor of removing the signs. There was additional discussion about the police department issuing tickets and enforcing it. Reilly would like to see it referred to the Police Committee. *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to refer the item to the Police Committee. Motion carried, with Wedige abstaining.*

Street Department – Turpin had no general updates.

The Committee discussed a cracked curb on Virtue Street that a resident had reported. Turpin stated that M & M Concrete had poured it, but it likely was cracked during snow plowing. There was further discussion about repairing or cutting it. Reilly asked if the curb is still serving its purpose and the group agreed that it is. The Committee directed Turpin to cut it. Reilly reiterated that when complaints come in, they should be in writing with a signature and date.

The Committee also discussed special assessments being issued for South Mineral Street and decided to move forward with the normal process with a public hearing.

Mayor Dan Morrissey mentioned several street related issues and requested the Committee take a look at them to get repairs scheduled in the future.

Sewer Utility Updates – Kleiber updated the group regarding an issue at the clarifier that he had been working on. Morrissey thanked the city employees for fixing the issue and commended them for all helping and saving the money by doing the work themselves. Kleiber commented that the wet testing would be done soon and that the EPA inspections had good results.

Electric Utility Updates – Doyle updated the committee that boring work would continue. He brought up the Badger Park project and a possible increase in the required size of the electric transformer for the project. Doyle recommends they use the smaller of the two sizes, 150 vs 300 and that the larger transformer would only be needed if every outlet in the park is used at the same time. The initial cost for the larger transformer is only \$5k but it will also cost more in day-to-day use.

Doyle also commented that he needs to purchase a new tool, a 12-ton wire press/crimper at a cost of \$5924.00. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve the purchase of the new tool. All aye, motion carried.*

Water Utility – Trejo updated the Committee that he plans to do fire hydrant flushing on May 26th and 27th. He also stated his CCR annual report is completed and can be viewed online. He discussed the DNR sanitary survey and stated they found two deficiencies related to the fluoride vent and control outlets. September 30th is the deadline to have the repairs done. He also reported that state water sampling results have been good. He will be attending the SWWO Conference next week and has been working on filling the swimming pool.

The Committee discussed a fire hydrant at 460 South Galena Street and whether or not it could be moved or removed in order to accommodate a resident's garage. Trejo stated the requirement is to have one hydrant every 600 feet, so it could be removed because of the hydrant on Hillside Court. There was further discussion about whether to move it or remove it, but the committee wants to wait to hear from the Building and Zoning administrator to see if the location for the new garage is feasible.

At 10:01a.m. *a motion was made by Mulcahy second by Wedige to adjourn. All Aye, motion carried.*

Janelle Schumacher
City Clerk/Treasurer