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Present: President Mancl, Trustees Flugaur, Hess, Hummel, Radtke & Zurfluh

Absent: Trustee O'Connor (excused)

Also Present: B. Martinson, D. Tremmel

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Ben Martinson presented a summary of the proposed 2026 budget.

Teresa Bousquet thanked everyone for their work on the budget. Her concern is the increase in taxes. She appreciates the yard waste pickup.

John Wasshausen is wondering if the money is being well spent and being distributed on what is needed.

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Motion (Zurfluh/Hess) to approve the Consent Agenda (meeting minutes from November 12, 2025 Board meeting and to approve monthly bills and the journal entries for the previous month). Motion carried. All ayes.

Public Comment: None

President's Report: President Mancl thanked the staff for their work on the budget.

Airport Commission: Review of minutes.

Police and Fire Commission: None

Plan Commission: None

Public Works: Review of minutes.

Motion (Flugaur/Radtke) to approve the 2026 Water Utility Budget. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Flugaur/Radtke) to approve the 2026 Wastewater Budget. Motion carried. All ayes.

Parks & Recreation: No meeting held.

Chair Hummel reminded everyone of the tree lighting ceremony to be held Sunday, December 7, 2025 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Safety: Review of minutes.

Planning, Legislative & Property: Review of minutes.

Motion (Zurfluh/Flugaur) to approve Ordinance #3 – Finance & Taxation (as changed). Motion carried. All ayes.

Finance, Human Resources & IT: No meeting held.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Village Administrator Report:

Motion (Radtke/Hess) to approve the 2026 Village Budget and set the levy as recommended at the public hearing. Motion carried 5-1. Roll call vote (Flugaur – aye, Hess – aye, Hummel- no, Radtke – aye, Zurfluh – aye, Mancl – aye).

Trustee Hummel proposed amended motions with the following changes to the budget: 1) Motion to remove from the general budget the wastewater expenses, loan payments and equipment funds; 2) Motion to provide \$45,000 to support Nepco Lake maintenance and water quality, and 3) Motion to reimburse Nepco Lake property owners who are charged for snow removal. None of the three proposed motions received seconds, so the original motion was then voted on.

Motion (Radtke/Flugaur) to approve the Labor Policies and Fee Schedule dated December 3, 2025, effective January 1, 2026. Motion carried. All ayes.

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

Motion (Zurfluh/Hess) to authorize the Clerk to pay all routine bills that come in through December. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Zurfluh/Radtke) to appoint Karen Thiel, Becky Taylor, Kathy McGrath, Karen Isaacson and Laura Vechinski as the primary election workers; Becky Taylor & Kathy McGrath as the special voting deputies for Edgewater; and Nina Pelo, Joan Jesse, Cheryl Stewart, James Markland and Amanda Erdmann as substitute workers for the 2026-2027 elections. Motion carried 5-0, (Hess – abstain).

Trustee comments:

Trustee Radtke thanked the community members who spoke at the public hearing tonight and stated that hopefully we can resolve this matter and be able to answer their questions.

Trustee Hummel stated that the Nepco Lake residents need an explanation and response to their concerns and as to why the suggested amendments were not even discussed.

Trustee Zurfluh stated that he voted to approve the budget because it was already completed. He suggested the appropriate committees should discuss Trustee Hummel's three suggested motions in future meetings.

Trustee Hess stated that it is "too late in the game" to amend the budget now.

Trustee Flugaur stated that the Village has amazing services and parks. He recommended that everyone enjoy the parks and walking trails that are available to all Village residents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Diane M. Tremmel, Village Clerk-Treasurer

The following Village bills were approved for payment:

Abts Grubofski & Vruwink LLC-legal fees monthly retainer	1000.00
Ace Hardware-misc. supplies	119.01
Alliant Energy-monthly statements	2834.51
Amazon Capital Services-snow & ice control	41.99

Applied Industrial Technologies-street machinery	283.32
Belco Vehicle Solutions LLC-police vehicle expenses	4132.26
Carquest Auto Parts-street machinery	356.22
Cash-tax drawer change	2000.00
Cintas Corp-monthly statement	525.81
Compass Minerals-snow & ice control	7385.87
Creative Designs-fire dept. first responder supplies	762.00
Diane Tremmel-refundable shelter deposit	25.00
Diversified Benefit Services-December health reimbursement	105.74
Diversified Benefit Services-health insurance deductible reimbursement	25.00
Energenecs-wastewater outside services	486.56
Insight FS-street machinery; small equipment; wells	3333.30
Kim Holcomb-reimbursement for batteries	6.99
Minnesota Playground Inc-installation of play equipment & safety surfacing	283758.64
Postmaster/US Postal Service-postage stamps; water bill postage stamps	780.00
Precision Grading & Utilities Inc-2 nd St project (TIF)	18077.50
Quill LLC-tax forms	32.99
Rapids Rental & Supply Co Inc-tools & supplies	101.98
Rapids Sheet Metal Works-fire station furnace maintenance	995.01
Rent-A-Flash – street sign	27.08
Solarus-monthly statement	1066.77
Spring Green-prepayment for 2026	3433.27
State of Wisconsin-November court report	162.29
Wood County Treasurer-November jail assessment	50.00
Aflac-monthly statement	217.78
AgSource Coop Services-wastewater outside services	798.00
Airway Clear-antichoking device (police capital outlay)	84.97
Alliant Energy-shelter house; street lighting	2864.83
American Welding & Gas Inc-fire equipment replace & maintain	39.13
Amoco-monthly statement	856.62
Bank-A-Count Corporation-check stock	224.06
Comfortaire Heating Cooling Plumbing-Well #3 heater	235.50
David Mock-work related safety gear	100.00
Diane Tremmel-mileage	112.00
E-Con Electric Inc-fix street lights	261.28
Gannett Wisconsin LocalIQ-publication of notices	185.81
Mailboxes & Parcel Depot-water testing	15.12
Marco Technologies LLC-monthly copier contract & usage	69.62
Napa Auto Parts/Nekoosa-tools & supplies	25.00
The Dirks Group LLC-monthly Microsoft 365	39.84
Tweet Garot Mechanical Inc-wastewater outside services	992.00
Verizon-monthly statement	387.36
We Energies-monthly statement	2031.61
Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources-wastewater certification for K. Murray	45.00
WM Corporate Services Inc-dumpster rental	350.00
WM Corporate Services Inc-monthly statement	11793.25
Brady Reiman-boot allowance; work-related safety gear	333.00
Caleb Peaslee-boot allowance	280.00
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	511.35
Energenecs Inc-wastewater outside services	4314.61
Farrell Equipment & Supply Co Inc-tools & supplies	1125.64
Insight FS-street machinery; small equipment	1849.80
Josiah Mertes-police vehicle gasoline	40.57
Kim Holcomb-mileage	107.10
Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank-monthly direct deposit fee	50.00
Principal Life Insurance Company-monthly premium	59.41
Scott Drew-unused sick leave health insurance reimbursement	2789.97

Security Health Plan-monthly premium	38505.80
Service Motor Company-street machinery; small equipment	3753.83
Truck Company of Wisconsin-street machinery	248.64
USA Blue Book-maintenance of pumping plant	151.24
Wis. Dept. of Administration-monthly website hosting	65.00
Zarnoth Brush Works-street machinery	905.00

Wages & Salaries – December wages **80129.09**

The following Water Utility Bills were approved for payment:

Alliant Energy-monthly statement	2495.52
Badger Meter Inc-maintenance of meters	24.57
Midwest Meter Inc-maintenance of meters	494.50

Building Permits:

Electrical/HVAC Permits:

Plumbing Permits:

Tri-City Services/Mitchell & Erin Trantow-emergency water heater replacement

Excavation Permits:

Zoning Permits: