

The Village Board meeting was held at the Marshall Buehler Center and also set up as a Microsoft Teams meeting.

The agenda for this meeting was posted on the Municipal Building door, the entrance of the Police Department/Marshall Buehler Center, and at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank in Port Edwards, as well as on the Village website.

The Village Board meeting was called to order by President Mancl at 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Mancl, Trustees Flugaur, Hess (via TEAMS), Hummel, O'Connor, Radtke & Zurfluh

Absent: None

Also Present: B. Martinson, D. Tremmel

Citizens: Larry Isensee, Mike Beam, David & Joann Walter, John Wasshausen, Matt Tranel, Carol Parker (TEAMS), Scott Steen (TEAMS), Krista Howland (TEAMS), Robert M. (TEAMS), Barb (TEAMS)

Motion (Zurfluh/Radtke) to approve the Consent Agenda (meeting minutes from December 3, 2025 Board meeting and to approve monthly bills and the journal entries for the previous month). Motion carried. All ayes.

Public Comment: Larry Isensee expressed his concerns about the taxes to services ratio. He also questioned the budget process because no one seconded the motions presented at the December meeting. Several Board members stated that it was too late in the budget process to discuss the motions. He is pleased that the Board mentioned scheduling a committee of the whole meeting to debrief the budget process and asks that they follow through. There is closure on the road issue but he would like the Board to address the taxes to services ratio.

Mike Beam stated he is also concerned about the imbalance between the property taxes and services. He believes the Village has the highest tax rate of all the Wood County municipalities. He feels the Village should create a task force to reduce costs.

John Wasshausen referred to the latest FHR meeting and stated that no one has ever hinted there is anything "shady" going on. He asks for a more equitable tax situation for them.

President's Report: President Mancl stated that she will be working on scheduling a committee of the whole meeting to debrief the budget process to discuss what works and what does not.

Airport Commission: No minutes available. Trustee Zurfluh gave an update on the Commission's activities.

Police and Fire Commission: None

Plan Commission: None

Public Works: No meeting held.

Parks & Recreation: No meeting held.

Public Safety: No meeting held.

Planning, Legislative & Property: No meeting held.

Finance, Human Resources & IT: Review of minutes.

Motion (Radtke/Flugaur) to award the full-time employees a \$50.00 Chamber gift certificate as a safety award for only one lost time incident in the past 29 years. This is a budgeted item. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Radtke/Flugaur) to approve Service Award Program (SAP – f/k/a LOSA) payment for 2025 qualifying firefighters in the amount of \$300.91 per firefighter, in the amount of \$1,805.46 and the annual corresponding maintenance fee of \$920.00 for a total of \$2,725.46. This is a budgeted item. Motion carried 6-0 (Mancl – abstain).

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Village Administrator Report:

Motion (Mancl/Radtke) to approve Wood County Certified Survey Map dividing Lot 1 of WCCSM 10763 (being part of NW ¼ of NE ¼, 35-22-5) into three lots – Owner: RC Small Town LLC. Motion carried. All ayes.

Ben Martinson stated that MSA gave a presentation at the Public Works meeting regarding the proposed 2027 road project for 2nd Street from Market Ave to Ver Bunker Ave. They are currently looking into different grants and loans to help fund the project.

The ice skating rink is currently closed because of the weather conditions and may not be open this season.

The 2025 budget spent 93% of the expenditures. Bills are still coming in for 2025 and will continue through the end of February when the auditors will be here. Will have an updated budget comparison in March.

Ben Martinson stated that if anyone has questions regarding finances or the budgets, please do not hesitate to contact him.

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

Motion (Zurfluh/Hess) to approve a Temporary Class “B” beer license for the Port Edwards Lions Club for a fisheree to be held at Nepco Lake Park for one day only January 24, 2026. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Flugaur/Radtke) to approve an Operator’s License for Nathan Bogdan (BK Oil Inc/Amoco), valid through June 30, 2026. Motion carried. All ayes.

Trustee comments: Trustee Hummel thanked Ben and Diane for meeting with him to answer his questions regarding the budget. He also thanked President Mancl for setting up a meeting for debriefing the budget process.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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

The following Village bills were approved for payment:

Mid-State Technical College-Office – January tax settlement	38314.84
Port Edwards Schools – January tax settlement	490765.49
Wood County Treasurer-January tax settlement	272971.56
Abts Grubofski & Vruwink LLC-legal fees monthly retainer	1000.00
Ace Hardware-tools & supplies	239.95
AgSource Coop Services-monthly statement / wastewater testing	997.50
Alliant Energy-monthly statements	7007.86
American Welding & Gas Inc-fire equipment replace & maintain	39.86
Amoco-monthly statement	1058.39
BGA LLC-January building inspection services	2000.00
Cintas Corp-monthly statement	850.96
Clean Power LLC-monthly statement	228.89
Delta Dental of Wisconsin-monthly statement	1760.55
Diversified Benefit Services-health insurance deductible reimbursement	463.30
Farrell Equipment & Supply Co Inc-snow & ice control	538.51
GenComm-fire department capital outlay	3462.10
H&S Protection Systems Inc-fire security system	608.53
Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce-annual membership dues	473.50
James Leiser-unused sick leave health insurance premium reimbursement	112.59
Jeffery Abley-reimbursement for Mid-State book	146.70
League of Wisconsin Municipalities-annual dues	1029.56
Municipal Property Insurance Company-annual premium	27950.00
Napa Auto Parks/Nekoosa-misc. supplies	489.56
Port Edwards Water Utility-clear utility bills added to tax statements	1136.84
Port Edwards Water Utility-10% penalty to tax bills	113.69
Port Edwards Water Utility-quarterly statements	2182.89
Postmaster/US Postal Service-postage stamps	156.00
Praxis Consulting-quick clerk 2026 – court	1100.00

Scott Drew-unused sick leave health insurance premium reimbursement	2789.97
Security Health Plan-monthly statement	38505.80
Solarus-monthly statement	1068.33
Spectrum Insurance Group LLC-annual premium	57229.00
State of Wisconsin-December court report	296.39
Town Web Design LLC-website hosting	1220.00
Tractor Supply Credit Plan-parks	63.29
Truxcessorize Inc-snow & ice control	525.00
Verizon-monthly statement	387.31
VFIS/Glatfelter Specialty Benefits-annual service award program for fire dept.	2725.46
Wis. Municipal Clerks Association-annual dues	65.00
Wis. Municipal Court Clerks Association-annual dues	55.00
WM Corporate Services Inc-monthly statement	11807.90
Wood County IT Dept-quarterly charges; annual renewals	5328.55
Wood County Fire Chief's Association-annual dues & subscription	363.00
Wood County Treasurer-December jail assessment	90.00
Workhorse Software Services Inc-annual support	4350.00
Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce-safety award gift certificates	600.00
Aflac-monthly statement	435.25
BGA LLC-monthly building inspection expense	2000.00
City of Wisconsin Rapids-first half ambulance bill	23660.00
Concentra Health Services Inc-DOT drug tests	128.00
Core & Main LP-maintenance of mains; road & streets maintenance	97.30
Delta Dental of Wisconsin-monthly statement	1608.11
Diggers Hotline Inc-maintenance of mains	398.40
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	148.40
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	609.19
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-January health reimbursement & annual fee	230.00
E-Con Electric Inc-wastewater outside services	2729.00
Insight FS-fuel for pump	964.04
Kenneth Murray-refund for overpayment of premium	48.62
Lonn Radtke-unused sick leave health insurance reimbursement	479.05
Marco Technologies LLC-monthly copier contract & usage	45.77
MSA Professional Services Inc-CDBG survey services	698.75
MSA Professional Services Inc-roads & streets (2 nd St-R&S Fund)	19040.00
Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank-monthly direct deposit fee	50.00
Principal Life Insurance Company-monthly premium	59.41
Quill LLC-miscellaneous office supplies	592.91
South Wood County Humane Society-2026 contract	1900.00
The Dirks Group LLC-monthly Microsoft 365	39.84
Toms Garage-police vehicle expense	92.77
Tweet Garot Mechanical Inc-wastewater outside services	3589.15
USA Blue Book-maintenance of pumping plant	718.03
USA Blue Book-maintenance of pumping plant; chemicals	5562.94
We Energies-monthly statement	3824.68
Wis. Municipal Judges Assoc-annual dues	150.00

Wages & Salaries – January wages**70372.55****The following Water Utility Bills were approved for payment:**

AgSource Coop Services-monthly statement / testing	280.00
Alliant Energy-monthly statement	3574.11
Badger Meter Inc-maintenance of meters	24.57

Insight FS-fuel for pump	877.69
Kristie Ponce-refund for overpayment of water bill	145.48
Mailboxes & Parcel Depot-testing	16.27
Precision Grading & Utilities Inc-2 nd St water main break	3675.00
USA Blue Book-maintenance of pumping plant	997.25
Wausau Chemical Corporation-chemicals	7877.37
WI State Lab of Hygiene-outside services / testing	62.00

Building Permits:**Electrical/HVAC Permits:**

Rivers Power LLC/Tranel Properties-200 amp service upgrade
Tri-City Services/Karen Isaacson-replacement HVAC
Clark Electric/Cheryl Wessling & Al Crider-200 amp service to storage building
Sebastian Meronek/Maribeth Lacasse-Salo – replace 100A panel

Plumbing Permits:

Tri-City Services/Larry Miller-replace water heater

Excavation Permits:**Zoning Permits:**