

VILLAGE OF CAMERON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2025 | 6:00 P.M.
300 N 1st Street, Cameron, WI 54822

1. Meeting called to order by Village President Russell Hulback at 6:00 p.m. Answering Roll Call were: Village President Russell Hulback; Trustees Randy Hill; Dave Ebner; Kathy Krug; Denise Paddock; Steve Johnson; and Jessica Larson. All present. Staff Present: DPW-Ebert; C-T Story; Officer Robinson; William Koepp, Building Inspector. Guests: Chris Fitzgerald and Darrin Hodeck both from Barron County Sheriff's Dept; Chris Gierhardt, Weld, Riley. Citizens present four.
A Call for Caucus was opened by President Hulback. A waiting period of an additional ten minutes allowing any late arrivals. Nominations were opened for Village President. Trustee Johnson nominated President Hulback, seconded by Trustee Paddock. Two calls for further nominations in the room were called. Nominations were closed. Nominations for Board of Trustees was opened. David Nelson moved to nominate Carla TePaske, seconded by Trustee Krug. Trustee Ebner moved to nominate Trustee Randy Hill for re-election, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Trustee Hill moved to nominate Trustee Dave Ebner for re-election, seconded by Trustee Paddock. Trustee Johnson moved to nominate Trustee Jessica Larson for re-election, seconded by Trustee Hill. Calls were made for further nominations. As none were made, Trustee Krug moved to close the 2025 Caucus, seconded by Trustee Larson.
2. Minutes: None
3. TREASURERS REPORT
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Krug to approve payables as presented. All aye. None opposed.
Motion carried. 7-0.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS & STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Public Comments: Brady from Cooper Engineering here in Amy's place. FYI, no statement.
 - b. Building Inspector Report: Bill Koepp reported that November has been slow, the burned duplex is being cleaned up.
 - c. Public Works Report: DPW Ebert reported that 609 W Main St is coming down later this week with alternate routes on the sidewalk and parking stalls; 115 E Main St is a 'no-go on driveway'; 18" frost in ground and water temps are way down to 46-47 degrees so will be keeping an eye on that. The PW submitted report was reviewed by board.
 - d. Law Enforcement Report: None.
 - e. Clerk Report: None.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Consider/Act on Police Chief Position and Barron County Sheriff Dept Temporary Coverage vs Long-term coverage vs Appointment of Jessica Larson as Interim Police Chief;
Chris Fitzgerald presented to the board with a presentation of offering a contract to the village in the amount of \$271,822.18 per year with a 5-year contract which would include two full-time officers dedicated to the village of Cameron 12-hours per day 7 days per week or a short-term hourly rate of \$64.00/hour in the interim while hiring roughly estimating 100 hours at \$6,500.00 for 6-hour blocks for temporary coverage.
Motion by Trustees Ebner/Hill to temporarily contract with Barron County Sheriff's Department up to \$15,000.00 for 230 hours of coverage approximately. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.
Motion by Trustees Ebner/Johnson to appoint Jessica Larson as the Interim Chief of Police. All aye. None opposed. Abstained: Jessica Larson. Motion carried. 6-0.

- B. Consider/Act on Effective Date of New Part-Time Patrol Officer Wage Increase;
Motion by Trustees Paddock/Krug to approve the pay rate for the part-time patrol officers to be effective January 5, 2025. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- C. Consider/Act on Resolution 2025-001 – CD Investment;
Motion by Trustees Hill/Johnson to adopt Resolution 2025-001 CD Investment as written. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- D. Consider/Act on Resolution 2025-002 – Closure of Building Fund Checking Account;
Motion by Trustees Larson/Johnson to adopt Resolution 2025-002 closing the building fund checking account as written. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Consider/Act on Engagement Agreement for General Municipal with WeldRiley;
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Paddock to approve the engagement letter with WeldRiley [for General Legal]. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
 - B. Consider/Act on Legal Services Agreement for Municipal Court with Coe, Cuskey, & Stephens, S.C.;
Motion by Trustees Ebner/Larson to approve retaining legal services with Coe, Cuskey, & Stephens, S.C. [for prosecution services]. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
 - C. Consider/Act WI Municipal Judges Association Annual Conference;
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Krug to approve the annual judge's conference for Judge Skaar. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
 - D. Consider/Act on Authorized Signor Removing Roger Olson and Implementation of Second Signor – a Trustee;
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Ebner to remove Roger Olson as an authorized signor and implement the second signor to be Trustee Randy Hill. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. Abstained: Randy Hill. 7-0.
 - E. Consider/Act on Onward Accounting Engagement Agreement;
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Larson to approve the engagement agreement with Onward Accounting. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
 - F. Consider/Act on Operator License applications for: L. Osterberg; D. Paddock; Jeffrey Geneman, Jr.; and D. Viltz;
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Ebner to approve operator licenses pending background approval. Abstained: Denise Paddock. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
 - G. Community Center Updates;
 - i. Consider/Act on Security System Including Cameras and Key Fobs;
Consensus of the board to contact Kiewitz for quotes for re-keying. Other action to be placed on a future meeting.
 - ii. Consider/Act on Updated Reservation Form;
Motion by Trustees Ebner/Johnson to use the new reservation form for all facilities for the Village of Cameron. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
 - H. Street Committee Updates;
Updates on financial review and blacktopping schedule for 2025.
 - I. Law Enforcement Committee Updates;
None.
 - J. Water and Sewer Committee Updates;
None
 - K. Consider/Act on LTE [Limited-Term-Employment] Part-Time 15-20 Hours Per Week Court Clerk Assistant position;
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Paddock to approve an LTE court clerk assistant position not

to exceed 20 hours per week and not to exceed \$20.00 per hour. All aye. None opposed.
Motion carried. 7-0.

- L. Consider/Act to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) and (f), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations regarding discussion of payroll, municipal court, and police departmental employment positions including the current and hiring of future chief of police position.

Motion to close at 7:35 p.m. Roll call: Hill – aye; Ebner – aye; Krug – aye; Hulback – aye; Paddock – aye; Johnson – aye; Larson – aye. Motion carried. 7-0.

- M. Consider/Act to Reconvene into Open Session and to take any action on Closed Session items if necessary;

Motion by Trustees Hill/Krug to open at 8:55 p.m. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.

Motion by Trustees Paddock/Johnson to authorize Chris Gierhardt, Village Attorney to draft a contractual for Sawyer County in the amount of \$2,051.67 and an overpayment of payroll wages for \$5,438.24 for Officer Robinson. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0. [Clerk Note: Sawyer County amount was actual \$1,374.62]

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustees Hill/Krug to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. All aye. None opposed.
Motion carried. 7-0.