

VILLAGE OF CAMERON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2025 | 6:00 P.M.
300 N 1st Street, Cameron, WI 54822

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order by Village President Russell Hulback at 6:00 p.m. Answering roll call were: Trustees Randy Hill; Dave Ebner; Kathy Krug; Village President Russell Hulback; Trustees Denise Paddock; Steve Johnson; and Jessica Larson. All present. Staff present were: DPW Jaden Ebert; C-T Ardith Story; Chief Tony Engel. Others Present: Building Inspector Bill Koepp; Cooper Engineering Amy Kelsey; Citizen Tiffany Noll.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Citizen Tiffany Noll presented to comment on the raze order at 301 N 10th Street.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Treasurer's Report;
 - b. Minutes of Meetings; 6/9/25 Regular Board;
 - c. Barron County Economic Development Corporation Annual Request Fee of \$1,250.00;
 - d. Street Closure Request: Cameron Business Association Request for Street Closure in the Alleyway near the end of Pine Ave from N 10th St to S 8th St. to be closed on September 20, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;
 - e. Street Closure Request: School District of Cameron – Cross Country Meet Request for Street Closure on South Limits Avenue from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. for the dates of: September 11, 2025, October 6, 2025, and October 16, 2025;
 - f. Purchase of Public Works signage for (2) Message Board Signs for Parks \$875 each, (1) Brush Site Sign \$450, and (1) Pine Grove Cemetery Sign \$450;President Hulback asked Trustees if anyone had any questions about the consent agenda items. No requests.
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Paddock to approve Items 3A-3F consent agenda as presented. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
4. **STAFF REPORTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES**
 - a. Building Inspector Report: Bill Koepp presented to report on activity on building permits, an update to the storage of materials on Clayton Street, Bobcats Plus update, and advised the board of UDC permits allows for two years which supersedes local ordinance of six months for building permits.
 - b. Public Works Report: DPW Ebert reported that the walking trail is cleared but not complete; blacktopping streets came out nice; risers complete; filled potholes; a contractor gouged the new blacktop on Birch Ave; will be working on drop offs starting on 2nd St.; the 2nd St. house fire debris has been cleaned up and out; weed notices have gone out and being managed; the Splashpad had its annual inspection and passed without any issues.
 - c. Law Enforcement Report: Chief Engel reported that Luke Schroeder, a cadet, accepted an offer of employment for the Police Department; discussion on police radios which Chief will present to the Law Enforcement Committee; the truck squad is back from the auto body shop; some steps have been put in place to try to deter the destruction and vandalism at the park including requesting patrol officers to sit at the parks while completing their reports so there is a presence there; review of National Night Out planned for August 5th at Mosaic;
There were 62 calls received into the Cameron Police Department for the month from June 5th thru July 10th. Nature of calls included: (1) 911 Hangup; (1) 911 Non-Emergency; (1) Abuse / Abandonment / Neglect; (1) Motorist Assist; (1) Breathing Problems; (7) Calls for service; (1) Damage / Vandalism; (2) DNR Complaints; (3) Dog Case; (2) Domestic Disturbance; (2) Outside Fire; (1) Structure Fire; (2) Fraud / Deception; (1) Fuel Spill; (1) Harassment / Stalking / Threat; (2) Information; (1) Littering; (1) Lockout; (2) Lost & Found; (1) Missing Person; (2) MVA Non Injury; (2) Noise Complaint; (1) Ordinance Violation; (1) Property Dispute; (1) Suicidal; (2) Suspicious; (5) Traffic complaints; (7) Traffic Stops; (1) Trespassing; (4) Warrants; (2) Welfare Checks.
 - d. Clerk Report: The land swap for 12-1/2 Ave is complete; the Kauffman lot purchase is complete and the village owns the lot officially now; hired Laurie Nyhagen for the LTE position as court clerk assistant; both parties for

the raze orders have requested an extension; Barron County owns 1109 Ludlow now and have agreed to come clean up the exterior and haul off the junk; a couple of operators licenses were denied; working with the weed commissioner and public works on weed notice letters; a review of the PFP fee and the data for other utilities providing Direct Charges and options on this fee [consensus of the board to provide more information to the full board]; an update on the PUD Housing on N 2nd St is the company is working out finalizing funding sources and expect to have 1 or 2 foundations in by this Fall; a request from the Community Center coordinator to have a pet policy in place [consensus of the board to get a draft pet policy and present it at the August meeting]; and review of budget cycle and schedule for the upcoming budget.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider/Act on Raze Order Extension Request for both Parcel #111-1067-31-000 and Parcel # 111-1089-15-000;
Tiffany Noll, owner of 301 N 10th St., presented requesting an extension of the raze order, it is not her primary residence any longer and looking at selling it. Board discussed the order and considered the request. Recommendations by building inspector if allowing a 90 day extension to have a written agreement with a licensed general contractor listing out the items to be fixed or repaired as well as proof of funding for the repairs.
Motion by Trustees Paddock/Larson to extend the raze order on 301 N 10th St., 90 days with the recommendations the building inspector made as well as Ms. Noll to stay in contact with the Village Clerk at the Village Hall. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
Board reviewed and discussed 1103 W Main St and its state of disrepair and the asbestos siding and the length of time it has sat vacant with no attempt to repair.
Motion by Trustees Ebner/Paddock to deny the extension for 1103 W Main St. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- b. Consider/Act on William Koepp Invoice in the amount of \$11,068.00;
Board reviewed the invoice with Mr. Koepp. Invoice is the last of the third year.
Motion by Trustees Hill/Krug to pay the invoice for \$11,068. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- c. Consider/Act on Solution Heating and Cooling for Village Hall Furnace and A/C Replacement;
Review by President Hulback and Property Committee Chair for furnace replacement and quote options and thermostat. {Clerk Note: Funds will come from the Property/Building account}.
Motion by President Hulback/Trustee Johnson to approve the furnace and A/C replacement for \$8,723.63 plus an additional \$300 for a programmable thermostat. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- d. Consider/Act on Resolution 2025-12: Public Comments at Meetings;
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Paddock to approve Resolution 2025-12. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- e. Consider/Act on Resolution 2025-06: Sewer Rate Increase of 10%;
Motion by Trustees Ebner/Hill to act on the 10% increase for sewer rate. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- f. Consider/Act on the Adoption of the 2025 Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule for Municipal Court;
Motion by Trustees Hill/Larson to accept the adoption of the 2025 Traffic Schedule for court. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- g. Consider/Act on Public Works opening a new cemetery gravel roadway between Third Addition Block 1 and Third Addition Block 2 at a cost of \$1,209 for materials;
Trustee Hill, Parks-Cemetery Committee Chair reviewed the opening up of another cemetery block. Thoughts on a mausoleum and possibly concrete for headstones and creating ½ grave sites for half size for cremations at lower costs. Will review at future meeting. [Clerk Note: Funds will come from the Cemetery account].
Motion by Trustees Hill/Ebner to approve a gravel roadway for the Pine Grove Cemetery at the cost of \$1,209 for materials with Public Works doing the labor. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
- h. Consider/Act on Road Name 12-1/2 Ave to Bobcat Lane;

Motion by Trustees Ebner/Johnson to rename 12-1/2 Avenue to Bayer Avenue. All aye. None opposed.

Motion carried. 7-0.

- i. Discuss Playground Equipment Fundraiser and Update from Clerk and Possible Consider/Act on Playground Equipment;

Trustee Hill, chair of Parks-Cemetery Committee reviewed the park equipment for two play sets totaling \$65,000.00. Current fundraiser has received \$7,660 in private donations with the Village contributing \$31,728.79 (from March board meeting) and now falling short by \$25,711.21. Discussion to borrow the \$25,711.21 from the general fund with fundraising to continue until it is paid back to the general fund. Total amount of Lee Recreation Quote is \$63,838.00.

Motion by Trustees Krug/Paddock to accept to borrow \$25,711.21 from the general fund to pay Lee Recreation invoice. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.

- j. Consider/Act on the Acceptance of the Resignation from Carla TePaske from the Plan Commission and the Cameron Community Center Committee;

Motion by Trustees Johnson/Ebner to accept the resignation of Carla TePaske from the Plan Commission and Community Center Committee. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.

- k. Consider/Act on the Appointment of Jaden Ebert to the Plan Commission;

Motion by Trustees Paddock/Krug to appoint Jade Ebert to the Plan Commission. Roll call: Dave Ebner – aye; Kathy Krug – aye; Russell Hulback – aye; Denise Paddock – aye; Steve Johnson – aye; Jessica Larson – aye; Randy Hill – aye. Motion carried. 7-0.

- l. Consider/Act on the Appointment of the Cameron Community Center Committee;

No action. Postpone to August meeting.

- m. Consider/Act on the Employee Handbook [addition to and modification of the Police Department Schedule];

Motion by Trustees Johnson/Krug to approve the addition of the police department's schedule to the employee handbook. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.

- n. Consider/Act on Hiring Luke Schroeder for a Full-Time Patrol Officer and Full Benefit Package Effective July 1, 2025;

Motion by Trustees Larson/Krug to act/hire Luke Schroeder full-time employment as Patrol Officer with a full-benefit package effective July 1, 2025. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustees Johnson/Paddock to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.

Submitted by,
Ardith Story, Clerk-Treasurer