

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CAMERON
Monday, January 12, 2026 | 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 President Hulback at 6:09 PM. Answering roll call were: Trustees Jessica Larson, Steve Johnson, Denise Paddock, President Russell Hulback, Trustees Kathy Krug, Dave Ebner. Absent: Trustee Randy Hill. Staff present: DPW-Ebert, COP-Engle, C-T-Story, and Building Inspector Joe Atwood.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Treasurer's Report;
- B. Minutes of Meetings;
- C. Open Book: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 5:30-7:30 pm;
- D. Board of Review (BOR): Tuesday, April 28, 2026 5:30-7:30 pm;
- E. Ehlers Annual Municipal Advisor Client Disclosure;

Items 3A-3E reviewed and requested by President Hulback to pull or visit items.

Motion by Trustees Paddock/Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 6-0.

4. STAFF REPORTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Building Inspector Report: Atwood reviewed the highlights of his report.
- B. Public Works Report: DPW Ebert highlighted hauling in salt, working on roads, salt shortage, Northwest Builders on site tomorrow to start replacing the exterior doors in the hall, one door a day. Chemical costs are going up with caustic soda at 1000/barrel. Looking at a new company, half the cost. County paving has new staff, county will not be paving our parking lot. Bayer Ave is still on the county's schedule.
- C. Law Enforcement Report: COP Engel highlighted getting a new computer for the third officer position, training on video editing with new cameras-end of mo will go live with it, 14 applications were reviewed for third officer position and selected six with Personnel Committee, three on Monday and three on Wednesday, attending a new chief's conference, attending virtually, tasers work in conjunction with body cameras, replaced parts; I.T. – Tice Technologies indicated our infrastructure is fine. There is an issue with Axon and a ticket was put in to correct it; reviewing animal bite directive and review of animal control; vehicle impound directive; had CPR training last week; Axon training; spare pistol will go to a third officer; there were three OWI's in a row on New Year's Eve. PD had Total Incidents: 82 for month.
- D. Clerk Report: CT Story highlighted January tax settlement finalized receipted and checks sent to Barron County for \$188,752.30; SD Cameron for \$473,038.70; and Northwoods for \$14,820.80; Ehlers correspondence in packet; assisted PW in sending out Phase II cross connection invoices; shipping container ordinance has been drafted and will go before the Plan Commission; A.I. is here and looking at attending "Understanding AI: A Forum for Local Government" in Eau Claire; Garbage rates were adjusted per the contract with Republic increasing 70 cents for 35-GAL cart, 73 cents for 65-GAL cart, 79 cents for 95-GAL cart, and 1.02 for the (2) 95-GAL carts, correspondence for a CDBG housing loan requesting satisfaction of mortgage-request of board to pursue as others or release. Consensus of board to stay the loan,

like the others. Attorney will correspond to the citizens estate attorney; a few requests for water sewer discounts for varying reasons-will run them thru Water Sewer Committee;

E. Committees Updates;

Trustee Paddock updated board on personnel committee and Trustee Johnson reported on the water-sewer committee and the forthcoming new business item below.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Consider/Act on the Appointment of Denise Paddock to Parks Committee Chairperson;
Motion by Trustee Johnson/Larson to appoint Trustee Paddock to the Parks Committee as Chairperson effective immediately. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 6-0.

B. Consider/Act on Annual Service Contract with Marshfield Clinic Health System Ambulance Service or Rice Lake, Wisconsin;
Discussion on Fire Dept lift assists. President Hulback indicated that it was reported to him that there were 22-23 lift assists each year. Trustee Ebert thought that it was higher than that. Discussion of the ambulance service contract.
Motion by Trustee Paddock/Johnson to approve the annual ambulance service. Five aye, one nay. Motion carried. 5-1

C. Consider/Act on Well #2 Rehab \$25,221.90 and (if necessary) Well #2 Replacement \$45,011.80 not to exceed a total of \$70,233.70 paid from Water Fund;
Motion by Trustees Johnson/Paddock to approve the well rehab # 2 for 25,221.90 and if necessary to proceed with the replacement to be paid from the water fund. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

D. Consider/Act on WWTF Discharge Application;
DPW Ebert reviewed the wastewater treatment facility discharge application with board.
Motion by Trustee Johnson/Ebert to approve the wastewater treatment facility discharge application. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 6-0.

E. Consider/Act on VisuSewer 3-year Contract Sewer Maintenance Agreement \$18,000 per year to be paid for from Sewer Fund;
Review of its necessity by DPW Ebert. GPS coordinates of laterals, cracks, roots, and service laterals and whether active or inactive, and any sags in pipes. Trustee Johnson informed board it is a comprehensive maintenance program and if they do find something and discover a crack they can price it on cracks.
Motion by Trustee Johnson/Krug to approve the three-year contract with VisuSewer. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 6-0.

7. **FUTURE MEETINGS:** Plan commission meeting forthcoming. Trustee Krug wanted the board to be aware that it was Law Enforcement Week and we appreciate the Law Enforcement here in Cameron.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourn by President Hulback/Trustee Krug at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ardith Story, Clerk-Treasurer