

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – May 4, 2026, PAGE 1**

The Friendship Village Board meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all present. President Gerald Sonnenberg called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Present were Trustees Brad Oberbeck, Ernie Klicko, Nadine Ashworth, Melvin Waller, Bob Berry, Justin Hutter and President Sonnenberg. Also present were Treasurer Sandy Shawback and Clerk Rebecca Reuter.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, APRIL 23, AND APRIL 29, 2026, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Oberbeck, second by Berry to approve April 13, April 23 and April 29, 2026, Village Board minutes, motion carried.

| <b><u>TREASURER REPORT</u></b> | <b><u>General</u></b> | <b><u>Water</u></b> | <b><u>Sewer</u></b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| March 1, 2026, Balance         | 153,997.74            | 340,034.51          | 34,252.77           |
| March Receipts                 | 63,503.82             | 26,455.43           | 11,583.87           |
| March Disbursements            | 54,660.69             | 90,751.27           | 22,813.66           |
| March 31, 2026, Balance        | 162,840.87            | 275,738.67          | 23,022.98           |

LGIP #1 TIF \$1,069,683.85 – LGIP #9 ARPA \$0.45 – Capital Project Checking \$34,335.97 - Building Fund \$75,000.00 – Money Market \$1,646.91 – CDBG Working Fund \$13,857.48 - LGIP #6 Park/Beach \$46,420.20 – Tax Checking \$36,231.31 – TIF Checking \$95.00 -Street Equipment Fund \$41,416.50 – Court Order Proceeds \$3,808.03 – Water LGIP #3 Special Redemption Fund \$219,384.06 - LGIP #4 Water Replacement Fund \$400,747.41 – LGIP #8 Water Debt Reserve Fund \$81,249.02 – Sewer LGIP#2 Special Redemption Fund \$78,675.64 - LGIP#5 Sewer Replacement Fund \$57,211.95 – LGIP#7 Sewer Debt Reserve Fund \$66,059.13

**MOTION** by Ashworth, second by Klicko to approve treasurer report, motion carried.

**PAYING OF BILLS**

**MOTION** by Klicko, second by Oberbeck to approve April vouchers 28175 - 28229 in the amount of \$178,120.58, motion carried.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Nadine Ashworth – Talked about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and asked to be put on next month’s agenda to talk about receiving a donation from the Village. The fireworks will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of July 5<sup>th</sup>. She also has raffle tickets that she is selling through the lake association. The drawing will be at the Corner Bar at 1:00 on July 4<sup>th</sup>. She stated that this will be her last year.

**PRESIDENT SONNENBERG TO MAKE FINANCE/PERSONNEL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS –**

Finance/Personnel: Ernie Klicko Chairman, Brad Oberbeck & Nadine Ashworth

Public Works: Bob Berry Chairman, Justin Hutter & Melvin Waller

**APPOINT CITIZEN MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW** – Pat Kierstyn

**APPOINT ONE CITIZENS & ONE VILLAGE BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE PLAN COMMISSION** – Janet Boddy as a citizen member and Justin Hutter as Board member

**APPOINT ONE CITIZEN MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** – Jason Pierce

**APPOINT TRUSTEE TO SERVE AS VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND FRIENDSHIP LAKE DISTRICT MEETINGS** – Justin Hutter

**APPOINT BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE** – Nadine Ashworth

**APPOINT BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE FIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE** – Ernie Klicko

**DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES, NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATIONS, POSTING LOCATIONS & OFFICIAL RADIO STATION –**

Depositories: One Community Bank, BMO Harris Bank, Royal Bank and WI Department of Administration

Official Newspaper: Finger Publishing Company (Adams-Friendship Times Reporter)

Posting Locations: Village Hall, Village Website, Friendship Post Office, Adams County Community Center

Official Radio Station: WCWI 106.1 FM

**MOTION** by Berry, second by Ashworth to approve all appointments as presented, motion carried.

**CONFIRM OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW DATE**

Open Book with be held May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

The Board of Review will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

**ROPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE RICK PEASE IF IN ATTENDANCE**

Not in attendance

**DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION MADE BY JANET BODDY & CHUCK SPARGO TO COMBINE PARCEL NUMBERS 126-00013-0000 & 126-00014-0000**

**MOTION** by Berry, second by Klicko to approve combining parcel numbers 126-00013-0000 & 126-00014-0000 as recommended by the Plan Commission, motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CLERK BECOMING A NOTARY PUBLIC**

**MOTION** by Berry, second by Hutter to approve the Village Clerk and Village Treasurer becoming notary public and for the village to pay the fee, motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OFFICE STAFF ATTENDING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR CLERK/TRESURE INSTITUTE**

**MOTION** by Berry, second by Klicko to approve the office staff attending Clerk/Tresure institute for 2026 and 2027, motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT BY CHAIRMAN BERRY - DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON:**

**Berry** stated that he will give his report more in depth when we get to agenda item 32 when we go into closed session.

**FRIENDSHIP LAKE DISTRICT REPORT BY TRUSTEE ASHWORTH**

**Ashworth** stated that they met on April 16<sup>th</sup>. They are still working on the Adams County land & water grants doing shoreline reviews. They reviewed and approved the fundraiser raffle for the fireworks. They are working hard to adjust the dam because of all of the rain that we received. They are working on a website. They are looking for a small refrigerator/freezer because they are collecting plant samples, so they need that to preserve the samples. The harvester crew is working hard on spring maintenance. They are projecting that the harvesting will start sometime in May. They are in need of a lawn service to mow over by the dam property. Representative Rick Pease was elected to be chair for the county board so he doesn't know if he will continue to be the representative for the lake district. They are going to look at diesel cost savings by looking at off road fuel tank at the harvesting lot and share the company prep info this is something that is offered to government agencies with a cost saving of .30 per gallon. The friends of the lake met on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the golf course. They talked about the fishery to be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. They had talked about having the Village Board cover the "No Fishing" signs just for that day.

**Berry** stated that it will be in the middle of July. People will be down there swimming. We really don't want them to fish in the buoy area when kids are swimming, so he doesn't see that happening.

**Ashworth** stated that she would let them know. They are going to serve Hotdog and Brats with drinks. They looked into some food trucks, but they were going to be too expensive. The next meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRE DISTRICT REPORT BY TRUSTEE KLINKO**

**Klicko** stated they haven't met since that last meeting, but the next meeting will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT BY PRESIDENT SONNENBERG**

**Sonnenberg** stated that the meeting lasted less than 5 minutes. They approved the last month's minutes and then they adjourned.

**CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY B ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR MAY 9, 2026 – BOOKS ON MAIN LLC – J&B NEW AND USED RESALE LLC – PRIMITIVE CHICKS – GLASSIC DEE-SIGN – SOLSIKKE SOAP & CANDLE**

**MOTION** by Berry, second by Oberbeck to approve temporary B license for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF PROVISIONAL OPERATOR'S LICENSE – JOHN AMELL – JEAN BARTZ – ANGELA KOSSMAN – DEANNE RIEQE – NICOLE GULRUD**

**MOTION** by Berry, second by Oberbeck to approve provisional license for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF CAB LICENSE – ADAMS-FRIENDSHIP CAB COMPANY**

**MOTION** by Berry, second by Oberbeck to approve Cab License, motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF MOBILE FOOD VENDING LICENSE – BRIARS FOOD PATCH**

**MOTION** by Berry, second by Oberbeck to approve Mobile Food Vending License, motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF WATER/SODA LICENSE - BRIARS FOOD PATCH**

**MOTION** by Berry, second by Oberbeck to approve Water/Soda License, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence

**SET AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 1ST MEETING**

Request for firework funds

Discussion on Website links for Public Works agenda

**THE VILLAGE BOARD MAY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. SECTION 19.85(1)(C) CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION/REVIEW OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES**

**Motion** by Berry, second by Oberbeck to go into closed session, roll call vote was passed at 6:40 p.m.

**THE VILLAGE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION AUTHORIZED BY WIS. STAT. SECTION 19.85(2) TO POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION FROM THE CLOSED SESSION AND CONTINUE WITH THE AGENDA.**

Came back into open session at 7:43 p.m.

**Motion** by Berry, second by Hutter that Berry and Sonnenberg will continue to monitor the situation in the Public Works Department and keep the Village Board informed per all of the discussions in closed session, motion carried.

Being of no further business to come before the board, **MOTION** by Oberbeck, second by Berry to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:45.

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Rebecca Reuter  
Village Clerk