

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF LA VALLE

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 14, 2025

Call to Order: Rockie Sobeck called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

Roll Call: Rockie Sobeck – Village President, Lori Dee, Ryan Rabuck, Neal Zoellick, JJ Gates, Deanna Copsey – Village Clerk

Others present – Steve Roy – Village Attorney, Charity Sobeck, Kevin Rhinehart, Natlie Jones-
Library Director

Approve Agenda: Motion by JJ Gates, seconded by Ryan Rabuck. Motion carried.

Approve Previous Minutes: Motion by JJ Gates, seconded by Neal Zoellick. Motion carried.

Bills & Finance Report: Motion to approve the bills by Lori Dee, seconded by Ryan Rabuck. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:

- CDBG: The 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan calls for Housing RLF funds held at the local level to be returned to DEHCR, and the funds will be used to create an affordable housing program to convert underutilized or vacant buildings into affordable housing units. We will find out more on this during an April 29, 2025 teams meeting
- Library: Had John Pearson book signing, aromatherapy, book & bake sale. Will have Royal Bank here on the 22nd and story time with the Fire Department on the 29th
- Fire Committee: 9 calls in March, 1 for Village. 21 calls for year, 6 for Village. DNR was here to conduct annual wild land firefighting training. Meat raffle will be May 10.
- Clerks: Still waiting on FEMA reimbursement, getting Alcohol and operator licenses together for renewal. 2023 audit is complete.
- Maintenance: Putting winter gear away and getting ready for warm weather items.

1) Discussion of Housing Authority Commission. Tabled until May meeting.

2) Discussed and approved starting the process of a raze order for 408 Franklin St. Motion by Neal Zoellick, seconded by JJ Gates. Motion carried.

3) Discussed and approved the support of the Proposed Uniform ATV Regulations for All of Sauk County. Motion by JJ Gates, seconded by Ryan Rabuck. Motion carried.

4) Discussed and approved a trickle credit on utility bill for Fishy's Bar & Grill due to maintaining water usage to prevent further damage to water system. Motion by Neal Zoellick, seconded by JJ Gates. Motion carried.

5) Discussed and approved hiring Richard Hoskins for the part time public works position of 20 hours a week, starting at \$21.50 for 6 months and increasing to \$22.00 after 6 months. Motion by Neal Zoellick, seconded by Lori Dee. Motion carried.

6) Discussed and approved hiring Lauren Laridaen as a lifeguard at \$14.00 per hour and Kamryn Powell as helper/lifeguard at \$11.50 per hour for 2025 pool season. Motion by Rockie Sobeck, seconded by Neal Zoellick. Motion carried.

7) Discussed and approved a wage increase of \$1.50 per hour for new combined position of Clerk/Treasurer bringing wage to \$24.50 per hour to start as of the next payroll on April 21, 2025. Motion by Neal Zoellick, seconded by Lori Dee. Motion carried.

8) Discussed and approved a wage increase for Village President to \$2800.00 per year. Motion by Rockie Sobeck, seconded by JJ Gates. Motion carried.

9) Discussed and approved the Scott Construction Quote in the amount of \$15,215.00 for seal coating streets and Village Hall parking lot. Motion by Lori Dee, seconded by Neal Zoellick. Motion carried.

- 10) Discussed and approved an Operators' License for Danah Kehoe. Motion by Ryan Rabuck, seconded by JJ Gates. Motion carried.
- 11) Discussed the Webmarc pavilion by Fishy's Bar. This will be a rental pavilion at \$50 deposit, \$35/day for village residents or \$45 for non-village residents. Motion by Lori Dee, seconded by Neal Zoellick. Motion carried.
- 12) Discussed some softball information. Kevin Rhinehart discussed information pertaining to the softball leagues for 2025.
- 13) Discussed and approved the agreement with D.L. Gasser Construction 2025 T&M Street Patching. Motion by Ryan Rabuck, seconded by JJ Gates. Motion carried.
- 14) Discussed and approved the Terminix/Wil-Kil pest control quote. Motion by Lori Dee, seconded by Neal Zoellick. Motion carried.
- 15) Discussed and approved the appointment of Kelsey McAfee and Lori Dee to the Library Board for a 3-year term ending April 2028. Motion by Rockie Sobeck, seconded by JJ Gates. Motion carried.
- 16) Discussed and approved the appointment of Neal Zoellick as the new Village President. Ryan Raybuck – aye, Lori Dee – aye, JJ Gates – aye. Motion carried.

Communications: Rockie Sobeck: suggest selling old Public Works truck.

Lori Dee: Thank you Rockie.

Neal Zoellick: Thanks Rockie.

JJ Gates: Thank you Rockie.

Ryan Rabuck: May 2024 was last retirement invoice paid to WRS for previous employee; August 2024 was last time we received an update. Rockie has done a lot for the Village.

Adjournment: Rockie Sobeck motion to adjourn, seconded by JJ Gates. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:35pm

Deanna Copsey
Village Clerk