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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2026, 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Brad Seymour, Mary Litviak, Brad Wilson

Also in attendance: Elizabeth Gieck, Deputy Isaac Gerber, Sandra Creasey, Pat Christianson.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Litviak and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval Of Minutes from December 3, 2025, Committee Meeting

The committee noted that a summary sheet was distributed electronically in lieu of a full printed copy of December 3, 2025, minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes from December 3, 2025, was made by Wilson and seconded Litviak. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion And Recommendation Regarding Additions to Village of Lone Rock Ordinances Forfeiture Schedule

The committee reviewed a color-coded forfeiture schedule prepared and distributed in advance to all committee and board members. The document was organized as follows: yellow entries reflected previously approved ordinances; blue (turquoise) entries covered general ordinance categories pre-approved for future use by the sheriff's department, allowing deputies to enter violations into the citation system without requiring the committee to reconvene; and white entries addressed specific, individually listed violations.

Most forfeiture amounts were set at the minimum amounts permitted under village ordinance. Exceptions were made for motor vehicle disorderly conduct violations (Ordinance §10-1-40) and fireworks violations, where higher base forfeitures were recommended following consultation with Deputies Isaac and Phoenix and the chief deputy. The rationale was that low fines had historically failed to deter repeat offenders, and that higher penalties would also encourage deputies to enforce these violations more consistently. Deputy Isaac noted that Wisconsin Dells imposes a \$1,400 citation for comparable vehicle conduct offenses, and that the village's proposed amounts are a proportionate, scaled response.

The committee also clarified that the base forfeiture set by the village is only one component of the total citation cost. Court costs and surcharges imposed by the Richland County Circuit Court and the Wisconsin Supreme Court are added automatically, bringing even a \$25 base forfeiture to an actual cost of \$169.00 to the violator. This structure was confirmed as the corrected practice, following an earlier miscommunication between the sheriff and chief deputy that had resulted in citations being issued without sufficient funds to cover court costs.

Motion to recommend approval of the Ordinance Forfeiture Schedule to the Village Board was made by Litviak and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion And Recommendations Regarding Enforcement of Village Ordinances

Deputy Isaac reported that enforcement efforts were progressing positively. Of approximately 20 properties personally checked that day following warning letters, only 5 remained in violation. A majority of residents had remediated issues upon receipt of warnings, and those needing additional time had proactively contacted the sheriff's department, with whom accommodation was being made.

One problematic property was identified at 255 East Richland Street, registered Nathan Colman. The property is unoccupied and in significant disrepair, and deputies have been unable to contact the owner despite efforts spanning a month and a half.

A separate ongoing issue involves a resident keeping poultry without the required annual permit. The resident has been warned repeatedly over the past month and a half. Deputies indicated that a final warning would be issued this month, after which citations would follow. The committee affirmed that enforcement timing was at the deputies' discretion.

The committee noted that out of over 30 properties contacted, only 1–2 residents expressed displeasure, which was considered a positive outcome given the historically unenforced nature of many of these ordinances. The committee expressed appreciation for the efforts of Deputies Isaac and Phoenix.

6. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:54 PM was made by Wilson and seconded Litviak. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Tammy Christianson, Clerk.