

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OXFORD VILLAGE BOARD

The Village Board of the Village of Oxford, Marquette County, Wisconsin met in regular session at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in the Council Room of the Oxford Village Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Drinkwater at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board Members were present: President J. Drinkwater; Trustees: L. Drinkwater, Holtz, Sorensen, Wastart, Zacharias, and Martin. Also in attendance were Police Chief Kowalski, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kongsle and Andy & Julie Henschel. Not present: Clerk-Treasurer Maier.

Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Martin to approve the agenda as printed. **Motion made by Wastart/Zacharias** to accept the minutes of August 13, 2025, regular board meeting. **Motion made by Holtz/Sorensen** to accept the minutes of September 3, 2025, Safety Committee Meeting. **Motion made by Wastart/L. Drinkwater** to approve the Treasurer's Reports for August 31, 2025. All the above motions carried.

Citizen Inquiries: None

New Business:

Royal Bank CD Maturity and Renewal Sept. 16, 2025, Discussion & Possible Action: The Royal Bank CD matures on 9/16/2025. Discussion about how best to keep the principal invested, allowing the interest to be available if it is needed. **Motion made by Wastart/Holtz** to start a new account under the LGIP umbrella to allow the Royal Bank interest funds to be more available if needed. Motion carried.

Johnson Block: Request to Clean Up the Property Tax Accounts for Accuracy at Budget Time: Johnson Block has requested to better organize our property tax accounts to make it easier to review at budget time. No quote has been received yet. **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Sorensen** to authorize President Drinkwater and Clerk-Treasurer Maier to move forward to further research the process and potential charges. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-8: Adoption of the Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan: The resolution was reviewed. **Motion made by Wastart/Sorensen** to approve Resolution 2025-8 with a Roll Call Vote recorded and all voting "aye". The full text of the resolution is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Motion carried.

School District of Westfield: Request to Add Their Link to Our Website and Possible Action: Short discussion regarding the School District of Westfield's request to add their link to the website. This idea came from a Community Visioning Workshop and is a great way for us to partner and help keep our residents informed and celebrate the strengths of our community. **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Wastart** to add the link to our website. Motion carried.

Snow Restriction Signs for Ormsby St. per Ordinance Change: Discussion and Possible Action: Discussion regarding the placement and verbiage needed on the signs. Further information is needed and waiting for WDOT feedback. **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Wastart** to table to October Board meeting. Motion carried.

Library: Discussion and Action on "Friends of the Library to acquire its own EIN: Currently, the Friends of the Library checking account is under the Village of Oxford EIN. The Village and the Friends group are separate entities and need to have their own EIN. **Motion made by Zacharias/Holtz** to approve closing the Friends of the Oxford Public Library's current checking account and to approve opening a new account with their own new EIN. Motion carried.

Abandoned Boat: Update and Possible Action On: Regarding the boat that was abandoned over Memorial Day in the Village, we requested McNamara remove it. Discussion that removal should be at the owner's expense. **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Holtz** to deny sending the Invoice from the Village and have McNamara bill the owner directly. Motion carried.

Garbage & Recycling: Updates to Business vs. Residential: Short discussion regarding our contract with LRS, now GFL Environmental. There are some inconsistencies regarding the rules for our contractual residential refuse removal vs. the separate business accounts that GFL maintains with area businesses. Our GFL representative is not in the office currently, so further discussion will wait until she returns.

Dilapidated Homes: Updates & Possible Action On: President Drinkwater updated the Board on the homes/properties mentioned previously and that action is moving forward.

Police Squad Cameras & Body Cameras, Quote and Possible Action: Please refer to the meeting minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, for details. The Public Safety Committee referred this item to the full Board for approval. **Motion by Wastart/Sorensen** to approve the purchase of the equipment and the 5-year subscription fees (which will save \$700.00) totaling \$15,830.00. Motion carried. **Motion by**

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Wastart/Holtz to approve the installation of the cameras to the squad. If this puts the Police Expense over 2025 budget, to take the balance out of the LGIP Police Fund Account. Motion carried.

Operator's Licenses – None

Building Permits - None

Committee Reports:

Public Safety – Chairman Sorensen stated a meeting was held on September 3, 2025, minutes reviewed above.

Municipal Court – Chairman Sorensen stated that we are moving forward and working on admission of Adams to the Municipal Court.

Police Report – Chief Kowalski reported that he attended the Highway Traffic Conference in WI Dells on August 19-20, 2025. He also was part of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter & Evacuate) Crisis Response / Active Shooter drills at Wildrose/Westfield School on August 26th. He updated the board that Officer Morgan is now trained and will begin work in the Village.

Parks & Recreation – Chairman Drinkwater shared that there was acoustic music in the park last Thursday. There was a good crowd, and they seemed to be having a good time. The park is quieter now since school is back in session. The Ad-Hoc Committee will be meeting soon, and members should watch for notification of date and time.

Library Board – Chairman Drinkwater shared that the library had 811 checkouts and 6 new cards issued in August. The Wisconsin Library Passport Program was a huge success with 3,555 visits by people collecting stamps for their passports, 228 who visited every library in their home counties, and 66 of those who visited all 30 Winnefox member libraries. The end of Summer Reading Program party was held on August 8th with 15 children in attendance. September is Library Card Sign Up Month with the theme of “One Card, Endless Possibilities” and will be promoted. Tech Help is up with many Veterans and elderly coming in for help. The November wreath making class will be presented by the Marquette County Gardeners on Saturday, November 8th. If interested, please sign up. The program “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” is starting. New, free reading tracker books with stickers will be available for the children that participate. We are getting a Blood Pressure Monitoring System for use by patrons plus a kit that they can check out if they need to monitor daily. A Book Sale will be held on October 2nd – 4th, 2025. We will be working on the library budget as soon as all figures are available to compile them. Also, a BIG SURPRISE! The Village has been so good to the Library/Library Board that at our meeting today, a motion was passed for up to \$10,000 to replace the floor in the Community Room.

Public Works – Chairman Zacharias shared that the signs and posts have been replaced in the cemetery. The County Highway Department finished the project on the south side of the road on Red Bridge. The striping has been completed on County Roads A and I. The storm sewer on the north side of the Red Bridge has been delayed because unmarked wires had been found. Diggers Hotline had to come back and mark correctly. This will be completed soon. President Drinkwater held a short discussion regarding unkept areas that need mowed. Andrew & Julie Henschel departed at 8:20 PM.

Contemplated Closed Session: Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Holtz to enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat § 19.85(1) (c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A Roll Call Vote was recorded with all voting “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to Reconvene to Open Session, and if necessary, propose any motions needed from holding the Closed Session. **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Sorensen** to reconvene Open Session. A Roll Call Vote was recorded with all voting “aye”. Motion carried. **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Holtz** to accept the resignation from Kimmie Kongsle as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer with ending date October 31, 2025. Motion carried. **Motion made by Sorensen/Wastart** to advertise the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position in the paper and on the website. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Drinkwater/Wastart to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:45 PM by L. Drinkwater/Zacharias. Motion carried.

Kimmmie Kongsle, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Oxford, Marquette County, Wisconsin