

Public Hearing

Notice of the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2026 Budget for the Village of Wales posted in the Village and on the Village's website. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Village President John Meyer.

Board Members Present at the Community Center: John Meyer, Eugene Mayernick, Wolfgang Henschik, John Reinbold, Al Theis and Alan Barrows

Also Present at the Community Center: Administrator Tamez; Jon Schmidt, 401 Highland St and Kim Suhr, 602 Mt. Snowdon Road

Administrator Tamez noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments were received.

Motion by Trustee Theis to close the public hearing, second by Trustee Henschik, passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:02 p.m.

Village Board Meeting

The Regular Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Village President John Meyer.

Board Members Present at the Community Center: John Meyer, Eugene Mayernick, Wolfgang Henschik, John Reinbold, Al Theis and Alan Barrows

Also Present at the Community Center: Administrator Tamez; Jon Schmidt, 401 Highland St; Kim Suhr, 602 Mt. Snowdon Road and Judy Knoernschild, W306S7144 Tower Hill Ct., Mukwonago.

Administrator Tamez noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Theis, second by Trustee Mayernick, Board members approved the Village Board minutes of the October 20, 2025, meeting and acknowledged receipt of the September 30, 2025, Plan Commission meeting minutes and waived reading thereof.

ADOPTION OF 2026 BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE

The Board reviewed the final proposed budget. The 2026 operating budget for the Village of Wales is \$5,958,494.00 (this includes debt service). A levy of \$1,231,668.00 (Village-wide) and \$127,007.00 (estimate) (TIF) is being proposed, along with a decrease in the tax rates of the Village of \$0.389 (-16.1%) per thousand of assessed value and a decrease of TIF of \$0.077 (26.9%) per thousand of assessed value. The new rate is \$2.031 per thousand for 2026 and TIF \$0.209 per thousand for 2026.

The Levy has been reduced by \$159,000.00 as a result of costs for fire protection services being shifted to a fee on the tax bill.

Motion by Trustee Reinbold to approve the proposed 2026 Budget for the Village of Wales as presented with a levy of \$1,231,668.00 and operating expenses of \$5,958,494.00, second by Trustee Barrows, passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF 2025 UPDATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND APPROVAL THEREOF—EHLERS

Todd Taves of Ehlers and Associates presented the updated Financial Management Plan for the Village of Wales. The Village started doing the long-range plan over 10 years ago and has updated it annually ever since. Mr. Taves reported the Village is in excellent financial shape. He also reviewed the TID closure and stated it is on track for closing in 2026. With the TID closing the Village should consider revisiting its debt policy and review the benchmarks. The 2025 plan now shows actuals for 2026 and the long range forecast has been updated to reflect the new fire protection fee and the closing of the TID. Mr. Taves also discussed the importance of keeping plan current to continue forecasting long-range Village needs and planning for their costs. Board thanked Mr. Taves for his work and for attending the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Mayernick to approve the 2025 Financial Plan for the Village of Wales as presented and drafted by Ehlers, second by Trustee Theis, passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WALES FOR 2026

Motion by Trustee Barrows to adopt an ordinance appropriating funds in the amount of \$5,958,494.00 and levying a tax in the amount of \$1,231,668.00 upon all the taxable property within the Village of Wales as returned by the assessor in the year 2025 for the use and purposes as set forth in said budget for the operation of the government and administration of the Village of Wales for 2026, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed unanimously.

TEMPORARY BEER/WINE LICENSE FOR ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH EVENT ON NOVEMBER 8, 2025—SOPHAL PROJECT

Motion by Trustee Theis, to issue a Temporary (Picnic) Class "B"/"Class C" Wine Combination License to the Sophal Project, Inc. for an event being held at All Saints

Lutheran Church on November 8, 2025, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed unanimously.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT—T. SADLER

Board members reviewed the monthly report prepared by Theresa Sadler, DPW Supervisor. Questions regarding the restoration around the new electric gate at Wales Community Park will be directed to the Supervisor.

FIRE STATION ROOF REPLACEMENT PLAN

Trustee Mayernick discussed the issue with the fire station roof and possible recommendations for replacement of it. He believes the communities should consider installing a metal roof when the time comes for replacement. He has tried to reach out to the Town of Genesee to discuss, but no results at this time. The Board directed the Administrator to email the Town and see if a meeting can be arranged.

FINAL FIGURES TO BE ALLOCATED ON PROPERTIES FOR THE FIRE PROTECTION FEE

Motion by Trustee Mayernick to approve the allocations as prepared by the Village's Assessor for the fire protection fee to be assessed to all real property in the Village of Wales as: \$57.10 for Above Ground Living Space per 500sqft; \$10 per 200sqft Outbuildings and \$15 first acre; \$1 each additional acres, with the total fee for 2026 of \$440,045.95, second by Trustee Barrows, passed unanimously.

LAKE COUNTRY FIRE AND RESCUE INTERIM IMA AMENDMENT AND 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

Motion by Trustee Mayernick to approve the proposed interim amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement for the operation of the Lake Country Fire and Rescue Department with the caveat that corrections/clarifications to Sections 2 and 3 are made to better reflect intent that new funding formula is only being approved for the 2026 Budget, hiring of personnel information be added and allow the Village President and Administrator to work with the Village's attorney and the other member communities on any other changes that align with the Village Board's prior approvals, second by Trustee Theis, passed unanimously.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2025 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Barrows, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

Finance Committee

No new updates to report at this time.

Personnel Committee

No new updates to report at this time.

Sewer Utility

No new updates to report at this time.

Plan Commission

The request for a hobby kennel has been tabled until information from the Village's Attorney is available.

Recycling Update

The County is continuing to work with community members on signing a new IGA for the recycling of materials. 14 of the 25 have signed. Wales has already signed the agreement.

Public Works Committee

Trustee Reinbold updated the Board on the Committee's last meeting which included discussion on the proposed multi-use trail from Hwy 18 to the Glacial Drumlin Trail (discussions will be had with KMSD as they want it through their campus), new signage for the Community Building and what to do with Fireman's Park Diamonds now that the youth baseball program is moving to Wales Community Park.

Junk/Weeds

No new updates to report at this time.

Fire Department

Trustee Mayernick presented the September 2025 calls for the department. The department had 243 calls, of which 65% were EMS and 35% were fire. The Village had 20 calls (8.23%), responses times are around 10.15 minutes. They have 15 cadets in training and there were no brownouts (station closures) in September.

Insurance

No new updates to report at this time.

Administrator

No new updates to report at this time.

Village President

No new updates to report at this time.

RESIGNATION OF WOLFGANG HEMSCHIK AND RESOLUTION THANKING HIM FOR HIS 45 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A TRUSTEE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WALES

The Board reluctantly accepted Wolfgang Hemschik's resignation a motion by Trustee Barrows, second by Trustee Theis, passed unanimously.

President Meyer Read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Wolfgang Hemschik has faithfully served the Village of Wales as a Village Trustee for forty-five (45) years; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of service, Trustee Hemschik has generously dedicated his time, talents, and leadership to the governance and progress of the Village; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Hemschik has participated in countless meetings, deliberations, and decisions that have shaped the growth, safety, and character of the community; and

WHEREAS, his steadfast commitment to public service has provided continuity, wisdom, and a strong voice for the residents of the Village of Wales; and

WHEREAS, his efforts reflect a deep respect for good government and an enduring dedication to making the Village of Wales a better place for all who live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, staff, and residents wish to recognize and honor Trustee Henschik for his outstanding service and dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Wales that sincere appreciation and gratitude are hereby extended to Trustee Wolfgang Henschik for forty-five years of exemplary service as a Village Trustee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be entered into the official record of the Village and presented to Trustee Henschik as a lasting expression of the Village's appreciation.

Motion by President Meyer to adopt the resolution thanking Wolfgang Henschik for his 45 years of service as a trustee for the Village of Wales, 2nd by Trustee Mayernick, 3rd by Trustee Theis, 4th by Trustee Reinbold, 5th by Trustee Barrows, passed, unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:29 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Mayernick, second by Trustee Theis, passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Gail E. Tamez, Administrator-Clerk