

The Regular Village Board meeting 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, John Reinbold, Al Theis and Alan Barrows

Also Present at Community Center: Administrator Tamez

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

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered in one motion unless a Village Board Member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Trustee Barrows to approve the Village Board Minutes of January 5, 2026; Plan Commission Minutes of November 18, 2025; Signage for Lincolnshire Development Hwys 83/18 and bills as submitted under the consent agenda, second by Trustee Theis, passed unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to Deny Request for Exception to the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Wales to Exceed the 3 Dog Limit for 211 S Cardiff Road—Hedin

Two neighbors spoke about allowing the Hedin's to keep 4 dogs and one spoke against allowing more than the allowed three. Mr. Hedin feels the issue was "blown out of proportion" and believe the current ordinance would allow him to breed his current dogs and have as many as he liked. He also stated that he did not want to split up the family dogs.

Mr. Hedin stated that they had already complied with the Village Attorney's prior cease and desist letter and only have 3 dogs at this time and are able to keep 4th dog where it is currently located if the decision to deny is made.

Motion by Trustee Mayernick to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation and deny the request for exception to the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Wales to exceed the 3-dog limit for 211 S. Cardiff Road, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed 4-1 Trustee Barrows voted against denying.

UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 BUSINESS

Sanitary Sewer Status—SEH

Board members reviewed the monthly report. The wet well has been quite dirty and may need three cleanings this year. During grease trap inspection time, signs of excess grease, etc will be looked for.

- **Contract Renewal with Area Septic Installation (ASI) for Sanitary Sewer Repair and Maintenance Services** Motion by Trustee Reinbold to approve renewing the contact with Area Septic Installation (ASI) for sanitary sewer repair and maintenance services as presented with about a 2.9% increase in costs over last year, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed unanimously.

The contract expires on December 31, 2026. The Board would be interested in a 3 year contract if available at the next potential renewal time.

VILLAGE BOARD BUSINESS

CONSULTATION WITH VILLAGE ENGINEER

Steve Yoss reviewed the monthly report with the Board members. He also gave a presentation of the new GIS program for the Village and highlighted some of its features. The Village will work with SEH to determine how many and what types of users we will need. Questions were also raised about who received the contract for the highway 83 resurfacing and if SEH has anyone who works with solar. Mr. Yoss will get back to us with the information.

- **Proposed 2026 Engineering Services Fees** Motion by Trustee Theis to approve the following budget amounts services for the year 2026, as presented, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed unanimously.

2026 Village Engineers Services budget \$45K

2026 Mileage Certification budget \$2K

2026 Utility Permits budget \$4K

MS4 budget \$5K

2026 Road Maintenance Program \$15K

Total \$71,000

The SEH team for the Hwy 18 & 83 lighting project plan to meet to discuss an amendment amount to complete the project since they have reached the currently approved budgeted amount. That approval will need to be on a future agenda.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT—T. SADLER

The DPW Supervisor reviewed her monthly report with the Board members. 2026 projects list has been finalized and new eye washing station is scheduled to be installed later this month. Equipment needs/replacements will be looked at and submitted to the Public Works Committee for discussion.

QUOTES TO RE-WORK DIAMONDS #2 AND #4 AT WALES COMMUNITY PARK

Motion by Trustee Barrows to accept the quote from WH Majors to re-do the ball diamonds numbered 2(\$12,000) and 4(\$10,000) at Wales Community Park for total cost of \$22,000.00, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed unanimously.

IT CYBER SECURITY POLICY AS IT RELATES TO CHANGING PASSWORDS

Motion by Trustee Theis to adopt the IT Cyber Security Policy as it relates to passwords for all Village of Wales employees, elected officials, contractors, consultants, interns, and volunteers on all Village owned or Village managed information systems, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed unanimously.

ANNUAL LOAN PAYMENTS

Annual principal and interest payment amounts:

Due March 1, 2026, for Sanitary Sewer construction in the amount of \$330,000.00 principal plus \$42,737.50 interest and September 1, 2026, interest of \$39,025.00.

Due May 2026 for 2024 Road project in the amount of \$333,333.33 in principal and \$13,000.00 in interest and December 2026, interest of \$6,500.00.

Due June 2026 for the Community Building Addition in the amount of \$60,000.00 in principal and \$2,610.00 in interest and December 2026, interest of \$2,175.00.

Motion by Trustee Barrows to approve the annual loan payments for Sewer Construction, Road project debt and Community Building construction debt, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed unanimously.

WALES URBAN AREA AMENDED RESOLUTION—WISCONSIN DOT

Motion by Trustee Reinbold to approve the amended resolution for the Wales Urban Area as drafted by the Wisconsin DOT, not including suggested wording only required wording, second by Trustee Theis, passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

Finance Committee

2026 Loan Payments have been scheduled and the 2025 yearend audit has started. The financial statements should be ready for review and approval by April 2026.

Personnel Committee

The process of hiring seasonal workers has begun. The goal is to hire 5 workers this year.

Sewer Utility

No new updates to report at this time

Plan Commission

An Open House and a Public Hearing have been scheduled to allow residents and business owners the opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed updates to zoning districts, Master Land Use Plan and related maps.

Recycling

Trustee Barrows gave an update on the recycling status for the County and the annual meeting which Village DPW staff attended.

Public Works Committee

No new updates to report at this time

Junk/Weeds

No new updates to report at this time.

Fire Department

Trustee Mayernick gave an update on the run totals and information for 2025. There were 100 more runs than in 2024. The Tender owned by the Village and the Town of Genesee was in an accident, it tipped over in the roundabout on Hwys 83 and 18. More information will be available soon.

Insurance

No new updates to report at this time.

Administrator

The 2025 audit has started. Baker Tilley will be on site most of the week. Staff will be meeting with an architect to get a plan together to update the Village Hall with safety features, new compliance standards and to have better use of the existing spaces.

Village President

A meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026, to meet with the other members of the Lake Country Fire and Rescue Department to discuss amendments and changes to the existing IMA.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:26 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Mayernick, second by Trustee Theis, passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Gail E. Tamez, Administrator-Clerk