

VILLAGE BOARD AND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 MEETING– March 16, 2026

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 (Via ZOOM), Eugene Mayernick, John Reinbold and Alan Barrows

Excused: Al Theis

Also Present at Community Center: Administrator Tamez; Maintenance Supervisor Sadler; Steve Yoss, SEH and Via ZOOM: Todd Taves, Ehlers; Paul Frantz, Baker Tilly and Kim Suhr, 602 Mt. Snowdon (6:30)

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.

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT #1

Todd Taves from Ehlers, reviewed the closing process with the Board and stated that the TID had generated enough tax increment to close it with the 2025 Levy. The resolution presented tonight along with any additional paperwork required will be forwarded to the State, Assessor and County. A final audit will be required to fully close out the district and will be done by Baker Tilley.

Motion by Trustee Barrow to approve the resolution to terminate Tax Incremental District #1, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2015A, DATED OCTOBER 22, 2015

Motion by Trustee Reinbold to approve the resolution authorizing the redemption of the general obligation corporate purpose bonds, series 2015A, dated October 22, 2015, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed unanimously.

The resolution will be forwarded to Bond Counsel, our Financial Advisor, to start the process of paying off the outstanding Bond amount.

APPROVAL OF THE 2025 FINAL YEAR-END AUDIT

Paul Frantz from Baker Tilly, the Village's auditor, introduced himself and discussed the 2025 audit of the Village's finances. The Village's General Fund balance increased by about \$57,000.00. He also reviewed the Management letter and various areas of the audit. Last year he recommended that the Village consider a new accounting program that is specifically geared towards government/government accounting and that recommendation was implemented late last year and the new program (Workhorse) is

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working well. Overall, the audit went well and the Village continues to be in excellent financial condition.

Motion by Trustee Barrows to approve the 2025 Final Year-end Audit as presented by the Village's accountant, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were 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 Mayernick to approve the Village Board Minutes of March 2, 2026; as submitted under the consent agenda, second by Trustee Barrows, passed unanimously.

UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 BUSINESS

Sanitary Sewer Status—SEH

Steve Yoss, SEH, reviewed the monthly memo with the Board. Overall, the system is functioning well. Steve stated that he and the Village's Building Inspector were on site at the Oil Changers, 120 W. Summit Avenue to monitor their lines being televised and found out the line was clogged. After the contractor was able to establish flow, Yoss went to the pumphouse to monitor the wet well. He observed increased debris and possible oil residue. It appeared that the pumps were working harder. More information will be coming on this matter.

VILLAGE BOARD BUSINESS

CONSULTATION WITH VILLAGE ENGINEER

Steve Yoss, SEH, reviewed the engineer's report with the Board members. No questions were raised.

- **Agreement for Professional Services with SEH for the Village Hall Remodel**
Motion by Trustee Reinbold to accept the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$66,328.23, covering services as listed in the agreement dated February 26, 2026, second by Trustee Barrows, passed unanimously.

Funds will come out of undesignated General Fund until financing for the project has been secured.

- **Award Contract for Pedestrian Bridge Over the Glacial Drumlin Trail Rehab Project** Only one bid was received for this project and it came in almost double what the projected cost was. After discussion on whether we can ask for a best and final number and if cost to rehabilitate the bridge could be justified, it was determined that SEH will do some research on the bid specifications and costs and will return to discuss at an upcoming Board meeting.

2026 SEWER SERVICE CHARGE RATES AND 2026 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE UTILITY DISTRICT

The Village's accountant, Mike Rotroff, prepared a report to assist the Board in setting the 2026 sewer service rates and operating budget for the Wales Utility District.

The volume charge is proposed to increase by \$2.11, with the new quarterly rate being \$19.29, the quarterly REC charge will be increased by \$6.11, with the new proposed rate being \$150.27, and meter fees increased an average of \$1.21 per quarter. Class 2 Charges will also be increasing. No one has come in yet to mitigate any of the Class 2 charges for their business.

Motion by Trustee Mayernick to approve the proposed 2026 Sewer Service Charge Rate and adopt the 2026 Utility District Operating Budget as presented with a total budget of \$500,950.00, and prepared by the Village's accountant, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed, unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY UPDATE

Trustee Mayernick reviewed the January 2026 call report with the Board. Wales had 10 calls or 4.2% of the total calls.

RUN HIDE FIGHT PRESENTATION

Will be rescheduled.

CREATION OF A LIMITED PART-TIME PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR POSITION FOR THE VILLAGE OF WALES

The Personnel Committee will address this agenda item at their next meeting. More information will be coming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

No Reports

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Reinbold, second by Trustee Barrows, passed.

Submitted by:

Gail E. Tamez, Administrator Clerk