

JANUARY 2026 MINUTES

****Note:** These are the proposed Minutes that will be approved at the next meeting.**

Village of Whiting Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 6 p.m.
Village of Whiting Municipal Center

Call to Order: President Taugner called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Roll Call: President Bill Taugner, Trustees Karen Curtis, Kurt Glenzer, Mike Kaczmarek, John Koutre, Ben Lasecki and Kevin Lutz all present. Also in attendance were several village residents.

Approval of Village Board Minutes of December 9, 2025: Motion made by Trustee Glenzer and seconded by Trustee Lasecki to approve the December 9, 2025, Minutes. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Village Board Minutes of December 23, 2025: Motion made by Trustee Glenzer and seconded by Trustee Kaczmarek to approve the December 23, 2025, Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote with Trustee Lutz voting in opposition.

Approval of Amended Whiting Ordinance Sec. 22.13 "ATV/UTV Routes and Operation" – Ordinance Amendment #2026-01: Motion made by Trustee Kaczmarek and seconded by Trustee Glenzer to approve the Amended Ordinance #2026-01. Motion carried by voice vote with Trustee Lutz voting in opposition.

Approval of the Amended Whiting Ordinance Chapter Six "Finances" – Ordinance Amendment #2026-02: Motion made by Trustee Curtis and seconded by Trustee Lasecki to approve the Amended Ordinance #2026-02. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of the Amended Whiting Ordinance Sec. 10.17 "Holidays", Sec. 10.18 "Paid Vacations" and Sec. 10.24 "Compensation" – Ordinance Amendment #2026-03: Motion made by Trustee Koutre and seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the Amended Ordinance #2026-03. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Request from Ordinance Committee for guidance concerning possible addition to Ordinance Sec 3.15 "Introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances" regarding responsibility for dissemination of new and amended ordinances: Discussion ensued regarding the request from the Ordinance Committee for clarification on how other entities are affected by Village ordinance changes (i.e. Building Inspector, Sheriff's Department) should be disseminated. It was mentioned the Ordinance Committee could work with the building inspector, for example, while writing/amending the ordinance. Motion by Trustee Koutre and seconded by Trustee Glenzer for the Village President to have the responsibility of disseminating Village Ordinances with the ability to delegate the duty to the Village Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

At 6:20 pm Trustee Curtis recused herself from Agenda Items #9 and #10.

Amendment to Declaration of Restrictions of Wallace Place Development in the Village of Whiting: Motion made by Trustee Glenzer and seconded by Trustee Koutre to approve the Amendment to Declaration of Restrictions of Wallace Place in the Village of Whiting. Motion carried by voice vote with Trustee Lutz voting in opposition and Trustee Curtis recused.

Approval of CSM for Wallace Place/Combination of Lots 3 & 4: Motion made by Trustee Lasecki and seconded by Trustee Kaczmarek to approve the Amendment to Declaration of Restrictions of Wallace Place in the Village of Whiting. Motion carried by voice vote with Trustee Lutz voting in opposition and Trustee Curtis recused.

At 6:24 pm Trustee Curtis resumed her position on the Board

Non-Compliance Advisory on Required Reassessment: Motion by Trustee Koutre and seconded by Trustee Glenzer to engage Village Assessor, Jeremy Kurtzweil, to perform the required Village of Whiting reassessment in 2027 at a cost of \$25,000, payment for which may be spread over two years at the Village's discretion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Request from Teske for review of Preliminary CSM: Motion made by Trustee Lutz and seconded by Trustee Kaczmarek to approve the review of the preliminary CSM of property located at the Southwest corner of Sherman Avenue and Whiting Roads (191-29-06510, 191-29-0703, 191-29-06507). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Request from Teske for Review of Preliminary Site Plan: Motion made by Trustee Koutre and seconded by Trustee Kaczmarek to refer the Preliminary Site Plan and any Board comments to the Plan Commission for further review and possible action. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Board ensured a main discussion regarding the number of driveways to be or not to be allowed on Sherman Avenue. It was questioned if more driveways could be off of the street(s) within the preliminary site plan. Trustee Koutre was concerned about more traffic pulling onto Sherman Avenue. Trustees Kaczmarek and Lutz did not see an issue with the number of driveways planned on Sherman Avenue according to the preliminary site plan.

R Smith Construction Zero Lot Line Easement and Restrictive Covenants Agreement: The Plan Commission approved the Agreement and recommended the Village Board review and approve the Agreement. The Agreement will be referred to the Village Attorney for review.

At 7:20 pm Trustee Lutz excused himself from the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the monthly treasurer's report. Hearing no objections, the monthly treasurer's report was placed on file for audit.

Vouchers: Motion made by Trustee Curtis and seconded by Trustee Glenzer to approve the multiple vouchers presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment: There being no further business, motion made by Trustee Koutre and seconded by Trustee Lasecki to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.