

VILLAGE OF WHITING BOARD MINUTES

Village of Whiting Municipal Center
3600 Water Street, Stevens Point WI 54481
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

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

1. Roll Call. Meeting was called to order by President Bill Taugner at 6:00 pm. Present were President Bill Taugner, Trustees Troy Hojnacki, Mike Kaczmarek, Ben Lasecki, Kevin Lutz, Paul Stroik, Jeanna Trzebiatowski and Clerk/Treasurer Pam Filtz. Also in attendance were a number of Village residents.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion made by Trustee Stroik, seconded by Trustee Lutz to approve the July 14, 2026, Village Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Motion made by Trustee Stroik, seconded by Trustee Kaczmarek to go into Closed Session with the purpose being the negotiation of a contract for building services. Motion carried by voice vote. Board went into Closed Session at 6:02 p.m.
5. Motion by Trustee Stroik, seconded by Trustee Lutz to come back into Open Session at 6:41 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. The Board discussed various options and came to a consensus. Motion by Trustee Trzebiatowski, seconded by Trustee Lasecki to open RFPs for building inspector services and reconvene discussion in October on this topic. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Zblewski Brothers has been providing snow removal for the Village for a number of years. The contract for the winter seasons of 2026 and 2027 is similar to past contracts with modest increases of 3% and some increases in operator costs. Motion by Trustee Stroik, seconded by Trustee Trzebiatowski to extend the snow removal contract with Zblewski Brothers LLC for two seasons 2026-2027 and 2027-2028. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. Bids for installing water/sewer laterals to Wallace Place for the new lots have been received from two contractors. The Village engineer recommended the low bid of \$38,000 be accepted from Stuczynski Trucking. Motion by Trustee Kaczmarek, seconded by Trustee Trzebiatowski to approve Stuczynski's bid for Wallace Place sewer and water installation. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. Recommendation by the Public Works and Parks Committee to replace the existing mowers with the purchase of two new mowers with funds from the 2026 Equipment Replacement Fund to be used for the purchase. The PW & P Committee recommended the purchase of a John Deere 60" model and a John Deere 72" model from Reisterer and Schnell at the cost of \$56,410.01 with an estimated trade-in value of the older machines for \$11,000. Motion by Trustee Lasecki, seconded by Trustee Lutz to replace the two mowers with the new John Deere models using funds from the 2026 Equipment Replacement Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. Resolution 2026-07 is declaring the official intent to reimburse expenditures for proceeds of borrowing. This Resolution is a formality required by the Wisconsin Clean Water Fund for providing funding for replacing sludge thickening equipment in our water/sewer utility. Motion by Trustee Stroik, seconded by Trustee Lasecki to approve Resolution 2026-07 declaring intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. At the present time, storage units are not permitted in our commercial zoned ordinance. There has been a request from a property owner on Post Road who would like to put in storage units. Trustee Stroik mentioned there is no request before the Board, just a listing of what the property owner would like to construct. The property owner would need to go through the proper channels (i.e. Plan Commission) to address the issue, if it would even be allowed per Village Ordinances. Motion by Trustee Stroik, seconded by Trustee Lasecki to postpone indefinitely addressing storage units at 2609 Post Road. Motion carried by voice vote.
12. At this time, the Village has not had any data center proposals; however, because our Ordinances do not address this type of enterprise, it is important that action is taken before the Village is presented with a proposal and the Village would not have the power via Ordinance for protection. The issue should be studied. Wis. Stats. 66.1002 allows for the adoption for up to a 12-month development moratorium that can be extended one time for up to 6 months which gives time for research. Discussion continued in regard to the Ordinances and whether or not we are protected and need a moratorium. Trustee Kaczmarek also stated whether anything is approved now or not, it would take some significant time to go through the process if a request was received with the way the Ordinances are written. Data centers are not identified as a permitted or conditional use. Motion by Trustee Stroik, seconded by Trustee Lutz to set a 12-month development moratorium on data centers. Motion failed 5 to 1 with Trustee Lutz voting in the opposition and Trustee Trzebiatowski abstaining.
13. An Ad Hoc Committee was discussed to study the feasibility of data centers in the Village of Whiting. The committee would consist of two Trustees and a citizen member with the citizen member to be selected by the appointed Trustees. Motion by Trustee Lasecki, seconded by Trustee Hojnacki to create an Ad Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of a data center in the Village of Whiting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Trustees Trzebiatowski and Lasecki volunteered to be part of the Ad Hoc Committee. Trustee Trzebiatowski will be the Chairperson of the Committee.

14. Motion by Trustee Lasecki, seconded by Trustee Kaczmarek to appoint Jeff Vaughter to the Tree Board effective immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.
15. Motion by Trustee Stroik, seconded by Trustee Kaczmarek to deny use of the Village Municipal Center for non-village related activities. Motion carried.
18. The Board reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report. Hearing no objections, the monthly Treasurer's Report was placed on file for audit.
19. Motion by Trustee Stroik, seconded by Trustee Lutz, to approve multiple vouchers. Motion carried by roll call vote.
20. There being no further business, motion by Trustee Stroik and seconded by Trustee Lasecki to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.