

Village of Withee

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The Village of Withee Board met on January 12, 2026, in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 6:30 pm for the regular board meeting.

ROLL CALL-President Pro Tem Shelton called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. Roll call was answered by Shelton and Trustees Amacher, Kroeplin, and Kalepp. President Klabon arrived at 6:44 pm. Clerk Niemi recorded the minutes. Also, present were Cindy Cardinal, DPW Derek Schad, Police Chief Patrick Fehlman and Officer Jacob Haugstad.

MINUTES-An Amacher/Kroeplin motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025, regular meeting carried with all ayes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-A Kroeplin/Kalepp motion to approve the monthly financial statements for the General, Water, and Sewer Accounts carried with all ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-A Kalepp/Amacher motion to approve paying the General Account checks 37410 thru 37442, Water Account checks 7599 thru 7604, and Sewer Account checks 2629 and online payments as presented carried with all ayes.

PAYROLL REPORT-The board reviewed the employee timecards and payroll report. President Klabon assumed the chair.

COMMUNITY INPUT-There was no community input.

COMMITTEE REPORT-Trustee Kroeplin said the library board meets 1/13/2026. Amacher presented the CCEDC newsletter highlighting 2025 business and housing growth, staff, tourism, and career fair. Trustee Kroeplin also reported that the O-W-C Fire District is joining with the Clark County Sheriff's department to apply for a grant for a new building which would include a second dispatch center. The lease with Curtiss for their fire hall runs through 2028.

POLICE REPORT-Chief Fehlman presented the December log. The department is developing a program to document activities. In January, Officer Scheffler successfully deployed spike strips for a pursuit originating in Eau Claire. Parking citations are \$20, after 14 days the fee doubles, and after another 14 days it goes to the Department of Transportation. Then the DOT suspends registration and the offender can't register any vehicle until citations are paid. The squad car struts were replaced under warranty.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-DPW Schad reported that he has been snowplowing a lot and the recirculating pump on the tower is broken. It needs to be stainless steel and food grade so it may take a while to get a replacement; he will adjust the water levels in the tower to keep from freezing. An Amacher/Shelton motion to approve the Ball Park Use Agreement as presented carried with all ayes. The Withee Community Softball League officers were unable to attend but will meet to decide if they will continue or disband.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT-Clerk Niemi informed the board that Randy Shelton, Susan Kalepp, and William Kroeplin are running for the three Village Trustee positions at the April 7, 2026, spring election. An Amacher/Kalepp motion to approve a five-year agreement with Spectrum internet at \$80/month carried with all ayes. Country Wireless (CW) provides internet at no cost to the clerk's office and shop in lieu of fees for their equipment being on the water tower. The CW internet is so poor that the clerk often has no internet nor phone.

A Kalepp/Amacher motion to adjourn at **7:49 pm** carried with all ayes.

Ellen Niemi, Village Clerk

*** These minutes are unofficial and will be formally approved at the next regular board meeting, which is scheduled for **Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm** ***