

VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

December 18, 2025

President Runnels called meeting to order at 6pm. Trustees present were: Diercks, Martin, Fousek and Johnston. Also attending were: Deputy Steve Kasubaski, Abby Prachel, Bud Palazzolo, Michael Decorah, and Brenda Walker, clerk.

Diercks motioned, Fousek seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Martin motioned, Johnston seconded to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2025 Regular meeting. Motion carried.

Public comments- no comments

President's report – no report

Taylor Shaw – Business Park lot – Martin gave a summary of what his discussion with Mr. Shaw was. Taylor is interested in purchasing some land behind the Fire Dept. Mr. Shaw would pay for all closing costs and surveys to break down the existing lot to smaller pieces. Martin motioned to make a proposal to Mr. Shaw for the sale of the 1.9 acres at a price of \$5000 with buyer paying all costs. Covenants would be waived. He would be given a first right of refusal to purchase additional land as needed. Diercks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Safety – Deputy Steve gave a proposal for a new mobile radio for the squad. The existing one is out dated and no longer serviceable. We have money in a reserve account for the Police squad. Martin motioned to approve the purchase not to exceed \$15,000 with funding coming from Reserve account/Tid funds. Cost will also be shared with the Township. Any overages will be put into a equipment account for the Police Dept. Johnston seconded the motion. A voice vote was called: Diercks – aye, Runnels – aye, Fousek – aye, Martin – aye, and Johnston – aye. Motion carried. Johnston gave a report on one of the tankers that sprung a leak. The department will be looking for assistance to pay for this.

Utility/Street The lagoon will be closed for the winter. They have been using some salt to keep some of the main streets open along with the Fire Dept/Hoops. They've also identified some problem areas that don't melt due to tree coverage. Diercks motioned to approve the purchase of some new meters for the next round of replacement. These will be cell reader meters. Cost of \$29,005.96 for 80 meters. Funding to come from the TID reserve. Johnston seconded the motion. A voice vote was called: Diercks – aye, Runnels – aye, Fousek – aye, Martin – aye, and Johnston – aye. Motion carried. Bud advised that we may have a possible leak. The readings were up. Bud also asked Alliant for a bid to run 3 phase electric to the lagoon. Estimate was \$40,000. There isn't a current need, but Bud is looking toward the future. They will also look at the possibility of having an irrigation company do the install/trenching.

Personnel/Finance – no report

Clerk – a report was submitted.

Park – Christmas in Coloma was held at the park. A year end summary was presented outlining all the volunteer hours.

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Cemetery – no reports

Library – The library received a large donation and another donor paid for 4 more stories for the story walk.

Picnic/Operator license report – Elizabeth Gonzalez for Coloma Mobile. Martin motioned, Diercks seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Request for Assistance by Tanveer Sunhu/Hoops Gas & Food – Still waiting for the septic tank installation figures.

2026 Utility Budgets – The presented budgets included the new meter purchase. Johnston motioned, Martin seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Airport Lease Amendment The amended lease was presented. This includes a 7.5% increase for the next 3yrs along with an extension A copy has been emailed to Flytes. Adam was satisfied with the changes. Martin motioned, Johnston seconded to approve. Motion carried.

New Business

Plan Commission Recommendation from Dec 4, 2025 Martin gave a summary of the Plan Commission hearing. The recommendation was to change the zoning to R2-Residential. Johnston motioned, Fousek seconded to approve the change. A voice vote was called: Diercks – aye, Runnels – aye, Fousek – aye, Martin – abstain, and Johnston – aye. Motion carried.

Meal site contract with Waushara County The contract for the dining center for 2026 was presented. No changes. Diercks motioned, Johnston seconded to approve. Motion carried.

2026-27 Poll Worker Appointments The following people were appointed for Election pollworkers: Shelley Fraser, Donna Grunow, James Fousek, Sue Apps, Chris Saloun, Carole Johnson, Judi Kalbus, and Greg Domer. Johnston motioned, Martin seconded to approve the appointments. Motion carried. Fousek abstained.

Finance/vouchers – Martin motioned, Johnston seconded to approve Nov/Dec Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Johnston motioned, Diercks seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Brenda Walker
Village of Coloma Clerk