

VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

May 28, 2026

President Runnels called meeting to order at 6:30pm. Trustees present were: Diercks, Johnston, Martin, and Fousek. Also attending were: Bruce Woodliff, Jerome and Sandra Beier, Michael Decorah, Hayley Sroka, Zach Gunderson and Brenda Walker, clerk.

Johnston motioned, Martin seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Martin motioned, Fousek seconded to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2026 Regular meeting. Motion carried.

Public comments- Zach Gunderson, Sheriff Candidate was present to introduce himself and outline his qualifications to be Waushara County's next sheriff.

Committee reports:

Safety – Deputy Steve was excused. He left a report outlining the various calls he responded to. Erik gave a report from the Fire Dept. Medical calls are up from previous years.

Utility/Street This is the year that the big water samples are required. Mike had one done with lead/copper coming up yet. They've also been flushing fire hydrants. They're considering painting some for more visibility. Flags are all up for the summer. Chip sealing was done on Slater St. south of Hwy 21. They will come back in a couple weeks to possibly vacuum up loose chips. Manholes/water valves are still going to be repaired. The month of June will be focused on making the Village look good for Chicken Chew. The backhoe has a fatal crack in the boom. Mike is getting bids for repairs and possible replacement with a used one. Sludge Judging was done at the lagoon. We are at 2-2.5" of sludge. Mike gave a bid for a chemical designed to decrease the sludge and keep it from accumulating. Anticipated cost is \$17,500. Diercks motioned to approve purchasing the chemical at Mike's discretion, not to exceed \$17,500. Martin seconded. A voice vote was called: Diercks – aye, Fousek – aye, Johnston – aye, Martin – aye and Runnels – aye. Motion carried.

Personnel/Finance – A first draft of updates to the Employee Handbook was shared. This will be placed on the agenda for June, for more discussion.

Clerk – No report.

Park – They have been cleaning up some dead oak to expand the car show area in another year. Also planning for Chicken Chew.

Cemetery – No report

Library – They are preparing for the summer reading program. They had some chicks hatch earlier in May with everything being shown on the library website.

Old Business:

Update – Raze/Repair 137 N First St. Our officer had not been able to make contact with the owners. He suggested the Village send a letter and invite them to attend a Village board meeting to discuss.

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New Business

Annual items – to be approved by consent motion

1. 'Class A' liquor licenses
2. 'Class B' liquor licenses
3. Tobacco licenses
4. Class 'B' Temporary license for Chicken Chew
5. Chicken Chew Parade permit
6. Appointment of Village Committees
7. Water Utility – Consumer Confidence Report

A list of all license applications were provided, along with copies of other items. Johnston motioned, Fousek seconded to approve all items as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution 26 03 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for Sewer Utility. Due to a glitch in the DNR information, this will be placed on the agenda for next month.

ACH Procedures Policy – At the request of our bank, a formal policy for utilizing the ACH feature was presented. Diercks motioned, Johnston seconded to approve. Motion carried.

2025 Audits – Martin motioned, Johnston seconded to table til June meeting. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Woodliff asked to speak to the board regarding his neighbor's lots. He has reviewed the mowing ordinances and is requesting the Village enforce them so the lots all get mowed as required by ordinance. A letter will be sent to the property owner regarding this matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Beier spoke regarding the property lines and the movement of their fire number. They were advised that the Village moved it due to it not being on their property.

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

Brenda Walker
Village of Coloma Clerk