

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 5th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Village President Marc Baures. Roll call was taken and the following were present: Trustees Cory Komperud, Kaylee Waldvogel, Pete Filla, Dan Molstad, Harold Olson, President Baures, Deputy Clerk Beth Osborn, Public Works Director Courtney Kotlarz, and Andrew Dannehy of the Trempealeau Co. Times. Trustee Dana Stoner was absent.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beth Osborn verified that the posting and notification requirements were met.

(10) Minute Open Forum No one was present to speak in open forum.

Trustee Dana Stoner arrived at 6:18.

Report from the Public Works Department

Courtney Kotlarz reported there had been a 12-inch water main break across Hwy. 53 on the west side of the Village. He said he is waiting for an update on Ettrick Days. Courtney presented the board with copies of the Wastewater Permit for their review.

New Business

The board reviewed the garbage/recycling report prepared by Beth Osborn. The report noted that \$19,742.70 has been billed for garbage/recycling collection and \$18,446.45 has been collected. She said she will prepare a quarterly report for the board's review.

Harold Olson presented quotes for a \$50,000.00 line of credit from CCF Bank, Bluff View Bank and Co-Op Credit Union. All of the quotes were relatively competitive. Harold said all of the institutions were very cordial and easy to work with. Harold recommended accepting the quote submitted by CCF Bank because it is the local bank and it promotes community development. A motion was made by Dan Molstad, to accept the bid of CCF Bank for a \$50,000.00 line of credit for a 12-month term at a 5.24% fixed rate for the term of the note. The motion was seconded by Pete Filla. A roll call vote was taken: Dana Stoner-yes; Harold Olson-yes; Dan Molstad-yes; Cory Komperud-yes; Kaylee Waldvogel-yes; Pete Filla-yes; Marc Baures-yes. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Old Business

Marc Baures reported that he did not get any performers to take part in a Summer Concert Series as part of the Trempealeau County Music Series and hopes to pursue it again in 2026.

Marc Baures said that he spoke with Attorney John O'Flaherty of Johns, Flaherty and Collins. Mr. O'Flaherty recommended Attorney Brent Smith, a managing partner with their firm, to consider as the new Village Attorney.

Jane Jensen presented the board with a copy of the current landfill rental agreement. Harold Olson noted that the rent was not paid in 2025 and was not renewed. He said that the landfill is about 32 acres with 20% of those woods. Marc Baures asked if the village wants to expand the lease for hunting. Harold Olson asked if the village wanted to sell the property. After discussion, it was decided that once the land is sold, it is gone, and the board would like to continue leasing it. Marc Baures said he will consult the Village Attorney about putting the lease out

on sealed bids. The board discussed advertising it in the paper, subject to contract acceptance and approval, before the next meeting.

Marc Baures said he did not get around to get quotes for insurance coverage for village properties and vehicles. The policy is up for renewal in September with the coverage starting October 1st.

The matter was not on the agenda, but Marc Baures presented the board with rate increase options to consider from Ehlers and Associates.

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Harold Olson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on July 1st, 2025, and the meeting of the Finance and Claims Committee held on July 15th, 2025. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Dana Stoner to approve voucher #s 40258-40312 plus 3 EFT's and 1 auto pay in the amount of \$44,792.70 from the General Checking Account and voucher #s 11418-11439 plus 1 auto pay in the amount of \$7,322.36 from the Water/Sewer Checking Account. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Kaylee Waldvogel to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Pete Filla said he would like to have trustee meeting pay added to the agenda for the next meeting. He said he will contact like-sized communities for meeting-pay comparisons.

Marc Baures asked for one of the Trustees to preside over the September Village Board meeting in his absence. Harold Olson said he will do it. Marc said he will be unable to attend the October meeting, as well, and asked if the board wanted to change the day of the October meeting. It was noted that the matter will have to be placed on the agenda.

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Dana Stoner to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Beth Osborn
Deputy Clerk
Village of Ettrick