

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 2nd, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 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, Dana Stoner, President Baures, Village Clerk Jane Jensen, Deputy Clerk Beth Osborn, village resident Cindy Molstad and Andrew Dannehy of the Trempealeau Co. Times.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jane Jensen verified that the posting and notification requirements were met.

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

Report from the Public Works Department

No Building Permit applications were submitted for approval. Courtney Kotlarz was not present at the meeting. Jane Jensen reported that there is no update on the Village Landfill property at this time.

New Business

Cindy Molstad said she is interested in planting flowers at Game Time Park that attract bees and butterflies. She said she is working with students from GET School District to help her with the planting. She said she is also working with the GET Art Dept. to design and place artwork on the planters and possibly around the shelter. She said the school is very interested in participating and showcasing the talented students at Ettrick Elementary. Marc Baures thanked Cindy, and she left the meeting at 6:24.

A motion was made by Harold Olson, seconded by Dan Molstad to set January 6th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for the Village Caucus. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Dan Molstad gave an update on Insurance coverage for the Village of Ettrick. He presented the board with a proposal from League Insurance by Spectrum for their review. He noted that the coverage is about \$16,000.00 cheaper than the current policy. He said the League Policy has better coverage and will now include coverage for sewer back-ups. He said that moving forward, the village will search for quotes for insurance coverage annually. A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Cory Komperud to accept the proposal of League Insurance by Spectrum for insurance coverage for all village property. The motion carried 7 to 0. Jane Jensen was instructed to cancel the policy Fleis Insurance.

Old Business

Marc Baures gave an update on passing the Public Fire Protection/Hydrant Rental fees on to the customer through the utility bills. He said the \$65,593.00 Hydrant Fee is the charge that is assessed to the village to cover major fires. He presented a proposal from Ehlers Financial to provide a water rate study at a cost of \$16,500.00. The study will include the payment of the hydrant fees. Dan Molstad said that it is important to have the fee paid by the consumer and not just absorbed as a municipal expense. Baures said he will invite Ehlers Financial to attend the next meeting virtually.

Marc Baures reminded the board to prepare their arguments for keeping Ettrick Elementary School open to present at the GET School District Board meeting on December 18th, 2025.

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Dan Molstad to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on November 4th, 2025. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Pete Filla to approve for payment voucher #s 40412-40443 plus 3 EFT's and one auto pay in the amount of \$64,762.78 from the General Checking Account and voucher #s 11521-11546 plus two auto pays in the amount of \$62,651.02 from the Water/Sewer Checking Account. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Harold Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Cory Komperud to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Jane Jensen
Village Clerk
Village of Ettrick