

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2024**

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call; the regular monthly meeting of the Valders Village Board was called to order by President Schneider at 6:00PM at the Valders Village Office, 207 S. Liberty Street. Trustees present: Paul Baroun, Marcus Bartelme, Dan Sabel, Devan Schneider & Lyle Schwoerer.

MEETING CONVENED &
ROLL CALL

Motion by Schneider, second by Schwoerer to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVED

No one was present for public input. Motion by Baroun, second by Sabel to close. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Bartelme, second by Baroun to approve meeting minutes from 7/08/24 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Schwoerer, second by Bartelme to approve the July Treasurer's reports as presented by Bruckner for all department funds. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT
APPROVED

Motion by Schneider, second by Sabel to approve July Village, Fire, EMS payroll direct deposit vouchers #1311 - #1344; checks #21908 - #21954 and electronic payments totaling \$186,370.24 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Motion by Baroun, second by Sabel to approve July Utility vouchers; check #8972 - #8985 and electronic transfer to investment fund totaling \$63,668.26 and check #1080 for \$5,000.00 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS
APPROVED

The board reviewed the Manitowoc County patrol logs and invoice for July.

PATROL LOGS/INVOICE
REVIEWED FOR MCSD

Fire/EMS Reports for July were presented by Baroun, in the absence of Fire Chief & EMS Director Dallas. There were 58 Fire & EMS calls; 1 invalid or cancelled enroute. David Luckey resigned from the Valders Fire Department due to job change and time available to be an active member. The Fire Department received a grant from Wisconsin Public Service for \$1,825 for purchase of rope rescue equipment. Ladder testing completed and all passed. Dallas, Finance Committee Member and Public Safety Chair are working on the 2025 Fire & EMS budgets.

MONTHLY FIRE AND
EMS REPORT/UPDATES

The board reviewed draft prepared by Bruckner for Ordinance 3-2024 proposed amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 14 and Chapter 15 for Building Inspections, Fees, Permits and to update Building Code Regulations which adopt the current State Regulations for Construction, Electrical and Plumbing. This amended code will include increases to the associated permit and inspection fees which have not been increased since 2008 other than the addition of plan review fees in 2016. However, these fees will now be included in a newly created Village of Valders Fee Schedule rather than in the building code itself, which shall be adopted and updated by board resolution. The fee schedule presented lists all existing fees and also includes the new fees for building permits. Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme, to adopt Resolution 2024-7 Notice to be Posted for Revisions to the Municipal Code of the Village of Valders for public inspection prior to adoption. Motion carried.

REVIEWED DRAFT
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
AMENDMENTS TO CODE
CHAPTER 14 & 15
BUILDING, ELECTRICAL
AND PLUMBING CODE,
INSPECTION, FEES AND
PENALTIES

ADOPTED RES 2024-7
NOTICE TO BE POSTED
FOR REVISIONS PRIOR
TO CODE ADOPTION

Shillcox reviewed the July report with the board. Staff has painted curbs for no parking and other street markings and completed various preparations for the Valders Community Picnic. Staff will be exercising all water valves throughout the Village. The Parkson sand filter equipment trial for phosphorus reduction went well. Utilizing this equipment resulted in consistently lower levels which will be required for future WPDES permit compliance. Further research and financial information will be forthcoming to make the best decisions for the future upgrades which will need to be made at our wastewater facility to be in compliance of mandated requirements.

DPW PUBLIC WORKS
MONTHLY REPORT

Bruckner presented the preliminary Simplified Rate Case Application for a water rate increase to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC). The increase automatically calculated by PSC application system is 4.1% and would take effect 12/30/24. The notice of the increase must be published prior to actual submittal to the PSC and then await a notice of decision if approved. The increase is to maintain operations at a positive rate, due to additional mandated testing requirements resulting in increased expense and the impact of inflation on operations since our last increase of 3% on 12/30/2020. The Utility Committee after its 2024 budget preparation recommended in late 2024 to apply for a water rate increase. Also, at the same time to impose a sewer rate increase of the same percentage, which has not increased since 12/30/2018 by full board action. The board reviewed financial projections prepared by Bruckner based on 2023 customer base and usages. It is estimated without addition of new services in 2024/2025 to be a revenue increase of \$8,000 for water and \$12,000 for sewer to offset increased operational expenses.

PRESENTATION OF
PROPOSED WATER &
SEWER RATE
INCREASE OF 4.1%
EFFECTIVE 12/30/2024.

Motion by Schneider, second by Baroun to adjourn meeting at 6:40PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,
VILLAGE OF VALDERS
Lori Bruckner, Village Clerk/Treasurer

8/07/2024 MINUTES