

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2025**

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 7:00PM 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 Baroun, second by Bartelme to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

NO PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Sabel, second by Schwoerer to approve minutes from 12/3/24 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Sabel found two errors on the Utility Treasurer Report. Bruckner verified they are incorrect and the two items will be corrected after the meeting. Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to approve the December Treasurer's reports as presented by Bruckner for all department funds, with the two corrections. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT
APPROVED

Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to approve January Village, Fire & EMS vouchers; payroll direct deposits #1506 - #1543; checks #22133 - #22174 & electronic payments totaling \$139,053.91 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Motion by Sabel, second by Schwoerer to approve January Utility vouchers; checks #9030 - #9042 totaling \$41,892.41 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Notification of the Manitowoc County Village Association Meeting to be held 1/15/25 at Manitowoc Street Grill in Reedsville beginning at 6:30 PM, presentation by Jamie Zastrow of Progress Lakeshore. A quorum of the board may or may not be present at the association informational meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF
MCVA MEETING 1/15/25

Board reviewed the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Patrol December reports.

REVIEW MCS D PATROL
REPORTS DECEMBER

Fire/EMS Reports for December were presented by Christopher Dallas, Fire Chief & EMS Director. There were 63 Fire & EMS calls for service. Dallas again reported there is no guarantee of any firefighters available to respond between 7am to 5pm due to the volunteer work schedules. Engine #33 heat was out again. Truck was taken to Nelson Truck, issue found, they bypassed the problem temporarily until the backordered part is received and installed. Pierce has been unable to resolve this ongoing issue since its purchase. Dallas then reported the department will begin the process of researching future apparatus replacement for Engine 35, a 2005 Pierce Enforcer and Tender 34, a 1998 Freightliner. This process will take up to 7 years. Reported the Fire 2025 budget was revised to reflect reallocations to other areas due to lower insurance premiums than anticipated. Dallas then reported the new Ferno cot has been received and in service. Maritime Ford repaired a brake sensor on Amb #8. Emergency Brakes were replaced on Amb #7. Wisconsin Department of Health Services has reviewed and approved submitted Version 2025 Valders Fire Department Ambulance Service Emergency Medical Treatment Guidelines. Full time Medic, Sarah Peterik resigned her position as of 1/6/25. Dallas reported Employee Handbook, addition of new EMS sections needs to be reviewed and approved prior to a new Medic hired by the board. The EMS 2025 line-item budget has revised due to decreases in benefit and insurance premium areas and reallocated to other areas.

REVIEW MONTHLY FIRE
AND EMS REPORTS

The board discussed with Dallas the vacant full time Medic position. Dallas stated none of the current part time Medics want to go to full time. Our service has difficulty finding Medics simply because other departments or private services pay more than we do. Last year we posted a full time Medic position to add another full-time Medic to the department not one application was received. If we post for a higher starting wage then our current staff would also need to have increases as well. Dallas expressed he feels in the future the department needs to look to have all Medics also be full time firefighters. Primarily due to the volunteer firefighter availability during daytime hours as most are employed out of the response area and or employers no longer allow employees to leave their jobs for calls as allowed in the past. After a lengthy discussion on the matter these proposals would have to be looked at in depth due in the future as to the financial impact for the increased wages, associated benefits and other expenses on the EMS and Fire Budgets and on the districts served. The cost of Emergency Services and staffing of these services will continue to be a struggle for all departments. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to post the open full time Medic position at \$19/hour plus benefits. Motion carried.

FUTURE FULL TIME
POSITIONS OF FIRE &
EMS DISCUSSED

APPROVED TO POST
FOR VACANT FULL TIME
MEDIC POSITION

Bruckner explained we have not yet received the actual contract in the mail, but verbally Eastshore Humane Society has offered to continue Village stray animal services with a two-year contract, rather than a one-year period. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to pre-approve renewal of contract for 2025 and 2026. Motion carried.

APPROVED RENEWAL
OF 2025-2026 STRAY
ANIMAL CONTRACT

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Shillcox reviewed December Public Works report with the board. Staff plowed & salted for December snowfall events. Christmas decorations were taken down in early January. Staff replaced the Security Camera System at the Village Office, the old system no longer was working and unrepairable. One of the lime stone walls at the Memorial Park entrance was damage by a vehicle accident. The vehicle owner's insurance company will be covering the cost to repair it when weather allows. A Merry-Go-Round on the west end of the park was damage by students and will be repaired when weather permits, the school was notified. Replaced the water tower pressure transmitter. All 2-year scheduled water cross connection inspections have been completed for industrial, commercial and public authority customers. All required Water & Wastewater sampling and monitoring requirements have been completed for 2024. 2025 sampling and required monitoring are scheduled for the year and shall be completed accordingly. The WWTP influent primary fine screen micro strainer brushes were replaced. An updated Capacity, Management, Operation, and Maintenance (CMOM) Plan has been submitted to the DNR per their request and approved. The chemical addition for phosphorus reduction has been increased from 1 gallon to 3 gallons per day per package plant to meet current permit requirements.

Schneider though not on the agenda after reading an article would like to look into new State Innovation Grants available for the possibility of privatizing Village refuse collection in the future due to our aging garbage truck, the anticipated future retirement of full-time employee Gerald Klingeisen, and to reduce staff to a part time rather than another fulltime employee. Schneider feels it would be worth our staff time to see if this proposed change may be eligible for a grant. Schneider directed Shillcox to watch an upcoming Webinar on the grants and obtain further information to apply for a grant if eligible. Bruckner to work with Shillcox to provide financial information needed. Shillcox to obtain preliminary estimates from contractors who provide the service and then report back to the board.

STAFF TO RESEARCH
PRIVATIZATION OF
REFUSE COLLECTION IS
ELIGIBLE FOR NEW
STATE INNOVATION
GRANTS

Bruckner updated the board on the actual renewal premiums for 2025 for League of Wisconsin Municipalities Insurance Fund & Municipality Property Insurance fund received. The actual numbers were not yet available when budgets prepared or at the last meeting. A 3 to 10% increase was estimated in our various budgets created in early fall on the various lines of coverage for all departments. The actual rates only increased 2% to 4% from the previous year and the workers compensation insurance decreased 8.7% due to a decrease in State mod rates and our claim history.

UPDATE ON LWMMI &
MPIC INSURANCE
PREMIUMS FOR 2025

The board discussed renewal of two Certificates of Deposits (CD's) maturing today at Bank First, the possible future interest rate drops, and the investment of additional funds. The current rate for a 7-month CD is now 4.24%. After discussion about amounts of additional funds to transfer from money market funds into each CD, the following motion by Schneider, second by Sabel to reinvest the two CD's maturing on 1/13/25: Fire Replacement CD of \$59,241, to add an additional \$40,760 from the Fire General Fund for future Fire Equipment Replacement, and Village Replacement CD of \$83,921 to add an additional \$67,000 from the Village Street Replacement Fund, plus the interest accrued from the two maturing CD's. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATE OF
DEPOSITS REINVESTED
AT BANK FIRST FIRE
AND VILLAGE
REPLACEMENT FUNDS

Motion by Sabel, second by Schwoerer to adjourn meeting at 8:48PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,
VILLAGE OF VALDERS

Lori Bruckner
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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