

VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 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.	<u>MEETING CONVENED & ROLL CALL</u>
Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.	<u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u>
Public input-Tyne Peterson & Sara Rabe employees of Quality Roasting inquired when new Class B weight limits on West Washington Street would be lifted imposed in May. Schneider explained the Town of Liberty imposed Class B limits in April on Marken Road going to the west. This action then caused significant increased volume of heavy truck usage on Washington Street, which the Village just repaved the eastern section of this roadway in 2023, but not the western portion. The Village chose to impose the weight limits to protect the road condition of Washington Street. Schneider also explained overweighted trucks from the three agricultural businesses all located on Marken Road in the Town of Cato utilize the roads heavily putting undue stress on the asphalt. These trucks now need to use an alternate route to the north. When the Town of Liberty takes these limits off, so will Valders when the trucks can utilize all three routes more equally to and from these businesses. The businesses should try to work with their vendors to prevent overweighted trucks to protect all three municipality roadways. Peterson said she understands about road conditions and overweight issues, but the whole situation is very frustrating. The board suggested they attend a Liberty meeting for further information. Schneider reported on multiple occasions three boys on bikes are setting off fireworks on park or school grounds at various times. The school district has been informed. Please contact the Sheriff's department if you observe this or have any information about the matter. Motion by Bartelme, second by Sabel to close public input. Motion carried.	<u>PUBLIC INPUT</u>
	<u>CLASS B WEIGHT LIMITS IMPOSED ON WEST WASHINGTON STREET</u>
	<u>FIREWORK INCIDENTS ON PARK & SCHOOL GROUNDS REPORTED BY SCHNEIDER</u>
Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to approve minutes from 5/12/25 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.	<u>MINUTES APPROVED</u>
Motion by Sabel, second by Baroun to approve the May Treasurer's reports as presented by Bruckner for all department funds. Motion carried.	<u>TREASURER REPORTS APPROVED</u>
Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to approve May Village, Fire & EMS vouchers; payroll direct deposits #1698 - #1730; checks #22405 - #22441 & electronic payments totaling \$136,725.29 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.	<u>VILLAGE VOUCHERS APPROVED</u>
Motion by Bartelme, second by Sabel to approve May Utility vouchers; checks #9097 - #9108 for \$42,092.51 and check #1086 for \$1,800 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.	<u>UTILITY VOUCHERS APPROVED</u>
Schneider opened read out loud the single Request for Proposal Bid received from GFL Environmental for Garbage Services which was published as a Class 2 Notice, posted and on the Village Website. Motion by Schneider, second by Baroun to postpone discussion or decision on the future of refuse collection operations pending the financial analysis of the contracted bids vs. current in-house collection costs until the July meeting. Motion carried.	<u>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – REFUSE COLLECTIONS OPENED & READ ONLY BID RECEIVED MOTION TO POSTPONE DECESION</u>
Schneider announced a Trustee application was received by the deadline for the vacant position; however, they were unable to attend tonight's meeting. Motion by Schneider, second by Sabel to postpone the interview until July. Motion carried. Schneider explained if the interview goes well; the applicant could be sworn in immediately and partake in the remainder of the meeting. They also can choose to wait to be sworn in and begin serving as a Trustee after the July meeting.	<u>MOTION TO POSTPONE INTERVIEW FOR VACANT TRUSTEE APPLICANT UNTIL JULY MEETING</u>
Board reviewed May patrol report from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.	<u>MCSD PATROL REPORT</u>
Fire Chief/EMS Director Dallas presented May updates and financial report. Dallas again reported there is no guarantee of any firefighters available to respond due to volunteer work schedules. Jeff Tuschel retired from the Fire Department effective 5/19/25 with 13 years of service. Replaced 4 batteries on Engine #35. Ambulance #8 is expected to be back in service mid-June and then # 7 will go in for routine maintenance and an up-pipe replacement. It is imperative to hire another fulltime Paramedic. The full time and part time Medics are filling in an additional 48 hours a week. There are still ongoing issues with Cellcom services after their system outage.	<u>MONTHLY FIRE AND EMS REPORTS</u>
Shillcox reviewed the May Public Works report with the board. Urban Forestry Grant trees have been cut down and the contractor will be back in June to grind stumps. TJS Asphalt will repave the large asphalt patch at the intersection of Roosevelt & Melody due to a water main break when their schedule permits. The Beacon water meter reading system two gateways were not importing data, the cause could not be found. The equipment lifespan is 7-12 years. One of the units was replaced and our staff relocated meter endpoints for a few utility customers not reading with the new unit. All meters are now transmitting, so we did not have to replace both units. Lane Tank completed a partial drawdown visual inspection of the water tower. No major concerns or issues were noted. In 2030 a full draw down of the tower is required.	<u>DPW PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT</u>
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Lane Tank advised tower paint jobs range from \$250-\$800K dependent on various factors this will be needed at some point in the future. Staff has completed exercising all water valves this is completed bi-annually. Effluent phosphorus number averaged 0.565 mf/L for the month under the permit limit of 1.0 mg/L but not the target rate of 0.2mg/L resulting in a variance payment of \$1,290. No word or updates yet from the DNR on the facility and chemical addition plan reviews submitted by our engineers.

Notification of a 3M settlement payment less attorney fees, MDL fees & case expenses in the amount of \$46,605 was received for PFA's Class Action Lawsuit for public water systems. A second payment is anticipated by the end of summer and then future installment payments over several years. Additionally, payments from separate settlements with DuPont, BASF and Tyco are anticipated by the end of the year and will be disbursed as approved. Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to open a new Collins State Bank Money Market Investment fund for these payments to be utilized for expenses and equipment for future PFA's reduction. Motion carried.

PFA'S CLASS ACTION
LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT
PAYMENT & APPROVED
TO OPEN INVESTMENT
FUND FOR FUTURE
PFA'S EXPENSES

The Board then reviewed the 2024 Water/Sewer Utility Budget Comparison Reports combined with asset funds deposited or utilized for eligible repairs or replacements. Both budgets were minimally in the black overall. This shows the need for the 4.1% rate increase imposed for 2025 for increasing operational expenses and equipment.

REVIEW OF 2024
UTILITY BUDGET
COMPARISON REPORTS

The annual CMAR report for 2024 was prepared for review, approval, and submittal to the DNR. The Utility received a G.P.A. of 3.91. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to adopt CMAR Resolution 2025-4, which notes review of 2024 report and our utilities will continue our high level of maintenance practices, maintain required operator levels of training for maintenance and operations, continue to televise and repair I/I trouble areas within our collection system, and to optimize our wastewater treatment facility to include the installation of a permanent chemical feed system for phosphorus reduction. Motion carried.

REVIEWED & ADOPTED
RESOLUTION 2025-4
CMAR FOR 2024

Notification of retirement on July 31, 2025 from Jerry Klingeisen after 24 plus years of service to the Village and Public Utility. The board then briefly discussed interim and future staffing needs due to the retirement. The future of the refuse option chosen to contract out or keep inhouse will significantly impact our staffing needs. This matter will be discussed and options may be determined at the July meeting.

JERRY KLINGEISEN
RETIREMENT 7/31/25
FUTURE STAFFING
NEEDS TO BE
DISCUSSED IN JULY

Motion by Schwoerer, second by Schneider to approve the 2024 audited financial statements as prepared by Ihlenfeld, Skatrud & Anderson for all departments: Village, TID#2, Fire, EMS, and the Water and Sewer Public Utilities. Motion carried.

APPROVED AUDITED
FINANCIALS FOR 2024

Bruckner presented list of applicants for Class "A" & "B" Fermented Malt Beverage, Intoxicating Liquor and Cigarette, Tobacco, Vapor Products Licenses for the following premises with their respective agents for the period of 7/1/25 to 6/30/26. Background checks all clear and no complaints were filed this period. Motions by Sabel, second by Bartelme to approve renewal of all license applications as follows. Motion carried.
Class A Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor/Renewal:

APPROVED CLASS A,
CLASS B & CIGARETTE,
TOBACCO, VAPOR
PRODUCTS LICENSE
RENEWALS: 7/01/25-
06/30/26

- 1) Country Visions Cooperative Gas Station & C Store; dba Cenex, Steven R Zutz
- 2) Dolgencorp LLC; dba Dollar General, John E. Greene
- 3) Manitowoc Petroleum & Business Development LLC; dba Valders BP Gas Station, Basudev Adhikari

Class B Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor/Renewal:

- 1) Wiegand's Lanes LLC; dba Bruce's Bar & Bowl, Bruce S. Wiegand
- 2) The Schuh Factory LLC; dba The Schuh Factory, Jennifer L. Schuh
- 3) Overtime Sports Bar and Grill LLC; dba Overtime Sports Bar & Grill, Thomas Ahl
- 4) Trackside Saloon LLC; dba TrackSide Saloon, Nichole M. Waniger

Cigarette, Tobacco, Vapor Products License/Renewal, same agents respectively:

- 1) Country Visions Cooperative Gas Station & C Store; dba Cenex
- 2) Dolgencorp, LLC, dba Dollar General Store
- 3) Manitowoc Petroleum & Business Development LLC; dba Valders BP Gas Station

Motion by Sabel, second by Baroun to approve annual Amplifying Devices Permit for Overtime Sports Bar and Grill for outdoor events and patio areas. Motion carried.

AMPLIFYING DEVICES
PERMIT APPROVED

2025 Inspections were completed for Nordic Lands Mobile Home Park by Fire Chief Dallas with no fire hazards noted. The building inspector completed the annual inspection and provided a listing of minor repairs needed for the applicable lots to Nordic Lands. Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to approve the renewal of Nordic Lands LLC Mobile Home License for the period of 7/1/25-6/30/26. Motion carried.

APPROVED RENEWAL
MOBILE HOME PARK
LICENSE

Motion by Schneider, second by Sabel to appoint Daniel Zachek to serve on the Valders Plan Commission. Motion carried.

APPOINTED ZACHEK
TO PLAN COMMISSION

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme, to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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