

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 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 Sabel to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

NO PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Baroun, second by Sabel to approve minutes from 1/13/25 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

TREASURER REPORT
APPROVED

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to approve January Village, Fire & EMS vouchers; payroll direct deposits #1544 - #1581; checks #22175 - #22231 & electronic payments totaling \$601,232.06 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to approve January Utility vouchers; checks #9043 - #9056 and transfers to investments funds totaling \$95,691.00 & #1083 for \$4,500.00 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS
APPROVED

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

REVIEW MCS D PATROL
REPORTS JANUARY

Fire/EMS Reports for January were presented by Christopher Dallas, Fire Chief & EMS Director. There were 51 Fire & EMS calls for service. Dallas again reported there is no guarantee of any firefighters available to respond between 7am to 7pm due to the volunteer work schedules. Dallas reported a department committee has been organized to 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. A paramedic for the open full-time position; as well as a few more part-time paramedics; currently there are only 3, need to be hired as soon as possible. Dallas also expressed concern of burnout of current staff working additional shifts and their mental health. Since the last meeting no applications were received for the open Medic position posted. Dallas explained other private services and municipal departments pay more than we do so it is increasingly difficult to recruit new staff. The Employee Handbook, with an addition of new EMS sections needs to be reviewed and approved prior to a new Medic is hired.

REVIEW MONTHLY FIRE
AND EMS REPORTS

EMS MEDIC SHORTAGE
DISCUSSED

Motion by Schwoerer, second by Bartelme to adopt Res. 2025-1 Manitowoc County Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2025-2030, which enables the village to be eligible for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation grant programs to aide in disaster losses. Motion carried.

ADOPTED RES. 2025-01
MANITOWOC COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION
PLAN

Shillcox reviewed January Public Works report with the board. Staff plowed & salted for January snowfall events. Staff has been working on tree trimming low hanging branches along streets and within the parks. Top Knotch Tree & Stump Removal, the contractor that will be assisting with the removal of 3 large Ash Trees in Memorial Park for our Urban Forestry Grant Project; is now scheduled for April. Innovation Grant applications for possible privatization of refuse pickup in the Village opens in July. It will need to be determined if we are eligible to apply after financial information is obtained for existing inhouse operation vs private contractors. The WI DOT has been surveying US HWY 151/Calumet Drive for anticipated improvement construction slated for 2032. The DOT is requiring utility coordination by 2030. They have requested utility maps and an assessment of the utilities within the improvement route which may need to be completed. Routine end-line flushing for winter operations to keep water fresh and move cold water out of the tower. Staff along with Sabel Mechanical inspected the influent wet well to remove accumulated debris, grit and visual inspection with no reportable issues noted. The tri-annual WWTP Laboratory DNR audit is scheduled for March 13th.

DPW PUBLIC WORKS
MONTHLY REPORT

The board reviewed an application notification received; a motion was made by Baroun, second by Bartelme to approve of the issuance by the Department of Revenue a Permit Extension of Premises/Off-Site Retail Location for Fermented Malt Beverages by Craft Creek Brewing Co LLC of Manitowoc, at Vetting Customs Rigs & Rides, 686 Johnson Street in Valders for Full Throttle Thursdays on the following dates 4/24/25; 5/29/25; 6/26/25, 7/31/25, 8/28/25; and 9/25/25. Motion carried.

APPROVED NOTICE
FOR AN OFF-PREMISE
RETAIL LOCATION FOR
MALT BEVERAGE SALES
CRAFT CREEK
BREWING

The board reviewed Bank First Loan documents to refinance the balance for the Upper Diamond Project of \$92,000, loan fees and additional interest due as the loan was refinanced later than the expiration date, due to legal review and document preparation. Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to refinance the \$92,000 for a 10-year term at 6.42%, with an annual payment of \$12,805 is due on 2/10, and to pay the additional \$672.67 interest due and associated loan fees due upon disbursement. Motion carried. It is noted that the VASA League Inc. will continue their fundraising efforts to make an annual donation to the Village for the loan payment.

APPROVED 10-YEAR
NOTE BANK FIRST FOR
\$92000 AT 6.42%

2/10/2025 MINUTES

Motion by Schneider, second by Sabel to convene in closed session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) consideration of public employee compensation and benefits at 7:36PM. Motion carried.

MOTION TO CONVENE
IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Schneider, second by Baroun to convene in open session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(2) at 8:52PM. Motion carried.

RECONVENED IN OPEN
SESSION

Schneider stated there are two motions resulting from the closed session:

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme, to increase part time Medic hourly rate of pay to \$20.00 on call per hour/\$21.00 on a run per hour. EMS Basic & AEMT rate of pay levels of \$16.50 on call per hour/\$17.00 on a run per hour. Motion carried.

APPROVED PAY
INCREASE FOR
PARTIME POC MEDICS

Motion by Baroun, second by Schworer to repost for two weeks the open full time Medic position with benefits with an increased starting hourly rate of pay at \$20 per hour. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO REPOST
VACANT FULL TIME
MEDIC POSITION WITH
RATE INCREASE

Motion by Schneider, second by Sabel, to adjourn meeting at 8:53PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,
VILLAGE OF VALDERS

Lori Bruckner
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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