

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2026**

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance in the absence of President Schneider, Village Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner called the regular monthly meeting of the Valders Village Board to order at 7:00PM at the Valders Village Office, 207 S. Liberty Street. Bruckner called for a motion to appoint a President Pro Tem for the meeting. Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to appoint Trustee Baroun as President Pro Tem. Motion carried. Trustees present: Paul Baroun, Marcus Bartelme, Ann Galley & Dan Sabel. Schneider absent & excused.

MEETING CONVENED &  
ROLL CALL/APPOINTED  
PRESIDENT PRO TEM  
FOR MEETING

Baroun announced he would like to amend the agenda to include a closed session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) public employee evaluation and information gathering. Motion by Bartelme, second by Galley to amend the posted agenda with the amendment for a closed session as requested by Baroun. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO AMEND  
THE AGENDA FOR THE  
ADDITION OF A CLOSED  
SESSION

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

NO PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Bartelme, second by Sabel to approve minutes from 12/1/25 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

TREASURER REPORT  
APPROVED

Motion by Galley, second by Bartelme to approve January Village, Fire & EMS vouchers; payroll direct deposits #1975 - #2011; checks #22671 - #22720 & electronic payments totaling \$141,680.33 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE/FIRE/EMS  
VOUCHERS APPROVED

Motion by Bartelme, second by Sabel to approve January Utility vouchers; checks #9177 - #9185 totaling \$31,821.59 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS  
APPROVED

Notification of the Manitowoc County Village Association Meeting to be held 1/21/26 hosted by the Village of Whitelaw at 7 Lakes Golf Course beginning at 6:30 PM, topic-round table discussion, A quorum of the board may or may not be present at the association informational meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
MCVA MEETING 1/21/26

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

REVIEW MCSD PATROL  
REPORTS DECEMBER

Fire/EMS Reports for December were presented by Christopher Dallas, Fire Chief & EMS Director. There were 78 Fire & EMS calls for service in December. 2025 total of 80 Fire calls & EMS 642 calls (a record). 2025 Fire & EMS budget comparison numbers will be presented after all 2025 required auditor and accounts payable entries have been completed by Bruckner. 16 of 23 Fire members attended training for Rapid Intervention Firefighter conversions for removal. Tender #34 is at Stocks Manufacturing for repair; Engine 35 lighting issues have been resolved. Engine 33 had the leaf springs and exhaust system replaced. Four paramedics have applied to and will be interviewed to work part time on call for the EMS Service for shift fill ins. Review of the 2025 Ambulance Budget with EMS municipalities served will be on 3/26/26 at 6:30PM at the Valders Fire Station.

REVIEW FIRE AND EMS  
MONTHLY REPORTS

The board reviewed a resolution initiated by Wisconsin Counties to show local support to create a State Individual Assistance Program for disaster aid as there is not a guarantee disaster needs will be covered by federal aid. To initiate this State program would provide emergency aid more quickly to the people in need in our local communities. Motion by Bartelme, second by Sabel, to adopt the Resolution 2026-1 Support for the creation of a State Individual Assistance Program. Motion carried.

APPROVED RES 2026-1  
LOCAL SUPPORT TO  
INITIATE A STATE  
INDIVIDUAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Dallas reviewed with the board a Mutual Aid Agreement with Aegis Group Inc. dba/County Rescue Services-AEMT and Valders Fire and Rescue, where upon request to meet emergency service demand if either party is available to respond. Also reviewed an Intercept Agreement upon request for Valders EMS to respond to an ALS Intercept; if available and it would not comprise coverage within our primary service area for a flat fee of \$300.00 to local hospitals. After questions and further discussion motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement between Aegis Group Inc. dba County Rescue Services-AEMT and Valders and Fire Rescue. Motion carried. Motion by Bartelme, second by Sabel to enter into an Intercept Agreement with AEGIS Group Inc. dba County Rescue Services-AEMT and Valders Fire and Rescue. Motion carried.

APPROVED MUTUAL AID  
& INTERCEPT  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
AEGIS GROUP INC/DBA  
COUNTY RESCUE  
SERVICES-AEMT &  
VALDERS FIRE/RESCUE

DPW/OIC Austin Shillcox introduced Brad Stuczynski of MSA Professional Services Inc. to review the results of the PFAS Mitigation Feasibility Study with the Board. Well #1 is within current and anticipated future PFAS compliance standards by the State in 2029 and the EPA in 2031. Well #2 current levels are in compliance, but it will not meet the proposed future compliance limits. MSA presented potential long-term solutions as follows: Reconstruct Well #2 with a deeper casing to provide better protections from surface level contaminants; Construct treatment facilities for Well #2; Construct a new Well #3 to replace the existing Well #2; or to Connect to a nearby Utility that supplies water with PFAS below the proposed limits.

MSA PFAS MITIGATION  
FEASIBILITY STUDY  
REVIEWED

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Stuczynski and Shillcox answered board questions, it was discussed to proceed with recommended packer testing to determine if future compliance levels can be obtained without investing in further water treatment. This is to determine if Well #2 could possibly be reconstructed with a deeper casing, which is the most economical option. Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with MSA for Well #2. The scope of this work is to prepare specifications and conduct investigative work for removal and replacement of the well pump, geophysical logging, various testing and sampling and water quality analysis, work with pump contractor, review and evaluate results and provide memo summarizing results and recommendations on well reconstruction and/or next steps for an estimate of \$16,800, utilizing PFAS litigation funds for the expense. Motion carried. Items pertaining to the matter will be on February agenda for any actions which may need to be taken by the Board.

APPROVED SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH MSA  
FOR WELL #2 (PACKER  
TESTING) UTILIZING  
PFAS LITIGATION FUNDS

Shillcox reviewed the December Public Works report with the board. Staff plowed & salted for several December snowfall/ice events. Staff has trimmed some trees which overhang sidewalks or roadways for compliance to municipal code 8.07. WIS DOT 6'-20' Storm Sewer culvert inspection program was completed. The report recap provides for 1 year inspection intervals and to schedule future culverts to be replaced to coincide with future reconstruction project of Lincoln Street when feasible. All required Water and Wastewater sampling and monitoring requirements have been completed for 2025. The required 2026 monitoring schedule and sampling requirements will be taken by our staff and will work with certified laboratories to complete and to obtain results throughout the year accordingly. The current SCADA license has gone end of life and is on borrowed time with the Microsoft 10 support being phased out. The system will continue to operate as normal until there is an irreparable issue or no support. Budgetary quote from our current SCADA system vendor has been obtained for board review to make necessary upgrades. The Clarks Mills Sanitary District collection system permit has been renewed until 12/31/2030 by the DNR.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC  
WORKS MONTHLY  
REPORT

Review of quote and upgrade to the SCADA will be postponed until the February meeting for full board review and decision.

ITEMS POSTPONED  
UNTIL FEBRUARY  
MEETING

Update pertaining to termination of contract with VC3 for computer and cyber security services is postponed until the February meeting in Schneiders absence.

Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme at 8:02PM to convene in closed session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) consideration of public employee evaluation and information. Motion carried.

MOTION TO CONVENE  
IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to convene in open session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(2) at 8:26PM. Motion carried. There were no motions resulting from the closed session.

MOTION TO  
RECONVENE IN OPEN  
SESSION

Motion by Sabel, second by Galley to adjourn meeting at 8:28PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,  
VILLAGE OF VALDERS

Lori Bruckner  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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