

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 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.

MEETING CONVENED &
ROLL CALL

Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to adopt the agenda, with error correction to the minute date for approval to 6/9/25. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Public input-Paige Kueker of 122 Lincoln Street, expressed thoughts regarding the wheel tax and the offset of those future funds for streets. Also shared a thought that rather than privatize refuse in Valders to share refuse services with Town of Cato. They have garbage truck which she feels is underutilized it could save money for both districts. Kueker also wondered why the board did not hold an open house or do a survey to residents for their input on refuse collection in the Village. Schneider did respond that the Cato truck does not pick up dumpsters as it is not the same type as the Village garbage truck. The board thanked her for her input on these matters.

PUBLIC INPUT
COMMENTS ON
REFUSE COLLECTION
& FUTURE WHEEL TAX

Schneider then introduced Adam Mejia who was hired at the end of June as an Administrative Assistant with a starting rate of \$16/hour, with 30/60/90-day progress reviews. Mejia stated he recently moved to the Village and feels this position is a great way to become part of the community and become engaged. Motion by Bartelme, second by Sabel to close public input. Motion carried.

INTRODUCED
ADAM MEJIA
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT

Resident Ann Galley applied in May for the Vacant Trustee on the Village Board but was unable to attend to the June meeting. Schneider introduced Ann to the Board and gave her the floor to tell the board about herself and her interest to serve Valders as a Village Trustee. She has lived here for 10 years, is retired and now has the time to serve. She is enthusiastic candidate and feels she can be an asset to the Board and has interest in what happens in our community. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to appoint Galley to serve as an appointed Village Trustee for the remainder of the term in April of 2027. Motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Sabel to appoint Galley as the Chair of the Public Welfare Committee. Motion carried. Bruckner will swear in Galley tomorrow and her first meeting will be in August, unless there is a special meeting prior to the regular meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF ANN
GALLEY AS VILLAGE
TRUSTEE TO FILL THE
VACANT SEAT

Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to approve minutes from 6/9/25 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

TREASURER REPORTS
APPROVED

Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to approve June Village, Fire & EMS vouchers; payroll direct deposits #1731 - #1765; checks #22442 - #22481 & electronic payments totaling \$130,634.15 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to approve June Utility vouchers; checks #9109 - #9122 and transfer to Investment Account for at total of \$72,558.69 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Board reviewed June patrol report from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

MCSD PATROL REPORT

Fire Chief/EMS Director Dallas presented June updates and financial report. Dallas again reported there is no guarantee of any firefighters available to respond due to volunteer work schedules. The HVAC blower fan module was not working on Engine 33 was fixed by Nelson Truck. Cancelled all Fire Department Cellcom phone services. Replaced the 20- & 30-year-old fire hoses on Engine 35. Ambulance #8 is back in service. Ambulance # 7 had Brakes, Ball Joints and Exhaust Up Pipe Assembly replaced. Replaced a 2012 Computer at the Station. It is imperative to hire another fulltime Paramedic. The full time and part time Medics are filling in an additional 48 hours a week. Dallas gave an update on HFMMC Cardiac Services and need for transports to other facilities for these services. He also reported current cost and estimated timeline from order date to delivery for future ambulance replacement.

MONTHLY FIRE AND
EMS REPORTS

Shillcox reviewed the June Public Works report with the board. Urban Forestry Grant trees have been cut down; the stumps are ground are backfilled. Staff planted donated trees in Memorial Park. The DNR completed a regular inspection of the compost site, Woodrow airflow improvements are needed. Staff did crack filling on street sections of N Adams, Kennedy, W Wilson and Torrior Drive. The skid steer needs tires replaced. Shillcox recommends to trade in/sell our existing BobCat for a 2-speed unit that would make department operations more efficient. Pavement sections will be replaced for water main break areas in the near future. Staff has been painting fire hydrants as time permits. Still no update from the DNR on plans resubmitted by engineers. The DNR review and comments for the annual CMAR were received. Commending the operator in charge, Austin Shillcox and our staff for exemplary efforts and practices. However, by May of 2028 the OIC must obtain additional advanced certifications as the DNR has changed the classification level for the treatment facility from basic to advanced rating for biological phosphorus removal.

DPW PUBLIC WORKS
MONTHLY REPORT

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The board reviewed the financial analysis for curbside collection costs in house vs. privatized and proposed drop off refuse collection at the recycle center at length. Wayne Becker representative of GFL was present to answer any questions pertaining to their 5-year proposal with CPI rate increases submitted in June for privatization of refuse collection in the Village. The GFL proposal has a residential pickup rate is \$10.95 per month or for small businesses which do not require a dumpster. Becker stated Municipal dumpsters would be at reduced rate. Overall, it is estimated to cost about the same annually for these services vs. in house collection after other realized savings for current labor & operational expenses. This does not include major necessary repairs estimated at \$30,000-\$50,000 to the compactor to continue in house collection. In addition, the future replacement of the 2007 truck, the obsolete rear load compactor and all associated dumpsters now utilized. This is an added savings to taxpayers. There would no longer be garbage dumpsters at the recycle center, as refuse needs to be disposed of in the 90-gallon container provided and placed at your curbside weekly. The large item disposal such as furniture or other household items currently disposed of curbside or at the center for an additional fee to the individual would still be available but in a new method. One week a quarter a 20-yard dumpster would be at the recycle center and these items can be brought to the center. There would still be a per item fee at the time of disposal. These fees will likely offset the cost to utilize the large dumpster. Becker stated the day of curbside collection would change from Tuesdays to Fridays. The alternate option of a refuse drop off site would be even a larger annual savings however; it would be more of an inconvenience to haul your refuse weekly to the center. For example, some may not drive, are elderly or disabled and it may be difficult to do this weekly vs taking your recycling less frequently to the center. Sabel stated special accommodations would need to be made for some people. The village staff would have to provide this service for a fee. Sabel expressed he feels this option saves more money, and may encourage residents to recycle more items. Schneider feels potential smells from the center to the nearby school and residents could be an issue with this option. Schneider then explained businesses or larger facilities which do require dumpsters based on their larger volume of garbage would need to contract on their own with GFL or a hauler of their choice with this proposed change to our current inhouse collection. Some businesses currently already do this. After continued discussion on the matter, motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to accept the curbside garbage collection proposal by GFL, to be effective in October to privatize refuse collection in the Village. Motion carried 3-1; Sabel voted nay. Informational letters will need to be prepared and mailed in September to residents, landlords and businesses pertaining to the refuse changes beginning in October.

APPROVED TO
PRIVATIZE FUTURE
CURBIDE REFUSE
COLLECTION &
OTHER OPERATIONAL
CHANGES

APPROVED TO
AWARD CONTRACT
BID TO GFL TO START
OCTOBER 2025

Due to the future direction of refuse collection and the retirement of a full-time public works employee, the Village will need to hire part time staff, to assist the full-time staff. This staff would primarily assist with grass cutting, weed whacking, snow removal, and other minor operational and maintenance duties. Motion by Bartelme, second by Schneider to place an ad in the Valders Journal. The position would be up to 20 hours a week on an as needed basis at a rate of \$20/hour. To meet our needs 2 to 3 part time people shall be hired to ensure availability. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO HIRE 2
TO 3 PART TIME
PUBLIC WORKS
EMPLOYEES

Motion by Bartelme, and Schneider to approve temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage License application for the period of 8/1/25-8/3/25 for the Valders Community Picnic at the Valders Memorial Park grounds. Motion carried.

APPROVED CLASS B
BEER LICENSE FOR
COMMUNITY PICNIC

Reviewed proposed draft Ordinance 2-2025 Chapter 3, Finance & Taxation, subsection 3.11 Municipal Whell Tax Fee. Motion by Schneider, second by Sabel to adopt Resolution 2025-5 Notice to be Posted for the Creation of New Municipal Code Section of the Village of Valders, specifically Chapter 3, Finance & Taxation, subsection 3.11 Municipal Whell Tax Fee prior to adoption at the August meeting. Motion carried.

ADOPTED RES 2025-5
NOTICE TO BE POSTED
FOR CREATION OF
NEW MUNICIPAL CODE
3.11 WHEEL TAX

Motion by Schneider, second by Baroun, to adjourn meeting at 9:28 PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,
VILLAGE OF VADERS,

Lori Bruckner
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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