

July 21, 2025--- (Unapproved minutes)

Village of Stetsonville

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President Greg Brunner. Previously held was the public hearing in regards to the Wastewater Regionalization project, led by Dylan Friss and Nate Nickerson of Short, Elliot, and Hendrickson.(SEH) Present were Brunner, Tyler Lemke, Stephanie Bohn, Will McCarron, , Al Riemer, Jay Jochimsen, Doug Klemm, and Clerk/Treasurer Jan Tischendorf. Also present were Marsha Duellman, Ellyn Laska, Tommy Runk, Kasten Olson, Alex Zenner, Joe Harris, Brian Wilson-Star News, Jennifer Olson, Beth Wesle, Dave Walter (SEH), Nate Nickerson (SEH), Dylan Friss (SEH), and Luann Olson. Arriving later was Gary Lavin and Arthur Walls.

The meeting was posted according to statutes.

Motion to approve minutes of June 2025 meeting: M/2nd Bohn/McCarron. All ayes, motion carried.

Anyone other than board members, wishing to speak at a meeting must ask to be put on the agenda.

Public comment: Marsha Duellman asked about a previous agenda item in June meeting; Beth Wesle made library presentation.

Old business: property maintenance issues—Zoning issues- Bob Christensen was present, a lengthy discussion about ordinance enforcement, encouraging board to appoint an authorized person to enforce ordinance violations along with fines—this will be on the August 2025 agenda. He also reported on the recent complaints filed, noting that the old adage, “your idea of clean is not their idea of clean”, making it difficult to force people to make their properties as nice as expected by others.

Wastewater Regionalization. The hearing was held prior to this meeting and the decision to proceed with plan 3-routing the wastewater to the Medford plant was m/2nd Riemer/McCarron to direct Short Elliot and Hendrickson to proceed as necessary to implement the plan. All ayes, motion carried .

American Legion--Clerk Jan Tischendorf reported that the American Legion was issued a picnic/gathering license for the last and only ball game this summer after the previous license expired on June 30, 2025. If the Legion has more ball games, they will apply for a picnic/gathering license for each event. They will not hold a Class B Beer license as in the past---this was due to the group not having a seller’s permit number with being a non-profit group-a requirement needed by the Wis Dept of Revenue when it comes to filing the alcohol licensing form required by the state after licenses are granted.

New business-Closed sessions--it was reported that going forward, agenda item “closed session=topic” will always be included on the agenda with a note about the topic; if it’s not needed then the board will not go into closed session. Closed session is allowed personnel issues; legal; real estate; negotiations; financial or other sensitive topics-- otherwise all board meetings are open to the public with transparency being practiced.

Citizen comment requirements- after much researching with other municipalities, these are intended guidelines for the public comment period. Person must request to be on the agenda at least five days before the meeting date and state the topic they are wishing to speak on so that the board might be prepared to understand the topic and ask questions. Time limit to speak will be three minutes. The purpose of village board meetings is to allow the board to conduct business for the municipality in regard to village affairs, finance, public services, and overall well-being of community. The meetings are a crucial for enacting ordinances, setting policies, and ensuring smooth operation of the village. If the person is present, and is knowledgeable on a subject, a board member may direct a question to the public in regards to that subject if they are present in audience. Transparency is the goal for all village business.

Ellyn Laska -library director- asked if village can do anything to control the feral cat population. She noted that there are at least three litters of kittens born in empty property near her residence; cats are ripping open garbage at her property. It was noted by DPW workers that there are many many cats running around the village once you observe the animals. A letter will be sent to the property owner where the cats are coming from.

Cold Storage Bldg Maintenance/garage door-Al Riemer presented the bids for maintenance on the two sheds. The large regular shop needs overhead door made bigger, estimate \$3033. Maintenance of insulation/windows/ doors in the cold storage building, bid is of \$38,625.40—members expressed wishing to buy local materials for project. It was m/2nd by McCarron/Lemke with Riemer not voting to accept the maintenance bids. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire/Veteran Memorial Sign. M/2nd Bohn/Lemke. to install it on the NW corner of CTH A and STH 13. The fire department and the American Legion will contribute funds to the project as well. Motion carried.

October 2025 meeting date will be changed to October 20, third Monday in month due to conflict with board member being available.

Centennial Hall gathering permit-for 50th Anniversary celebration, Aug 1-3, 2025. The portion of Centennial Hall outdoor property is in the Village, as whereas the actual bar area is in the Town of Deer Creek.

Housing Grants- Northwest Regional Planning information on getting grants/funds for housing rehabilitation. Brian Wilson of the Star News mentioned that to encourage people to apply and use the money or else the money will be returned to the state if not used in Taylor County. The board instructed the clerk to send this information asap to a certain person dealing with a storm damage renovation.

Clerk Treasurer report is attached. Included are bank funds, funds spent, utility report, and garbage collection report. Clerk reported that she has been working on preparing clerk manual for clerk/treasurer replacement. Also mentioned was that the

garbage/recycling program is justso breaking even and an increase in bag and barrel price may be necessary in the near future. M/2nd Lemke/Rierner. All ayes, motion carried. The garbage and recycling program is quite a bargain compared to curb side pickup for residents and should encourage people to use the village service rather than contracting with private curbside service.

Municipal wastewater/water reports by Jay Jochimsen and Doug Klemm. Report is attached. All test results are within required guidelines. Included in report is all is going well with City of Medford assisting, hydrant flushing, lead and copper tests coming up, , well #2 is down-waiting on parts, AMS is finishing up sludge removal in wastewater ponds, question about what to do with WWTP buildings after regionalization is complete (thought process?), CMAR report is complete and signed, and manhole repairs to be started in August/September.

Street and Maintenance report- by Jay Jochimsen and Doug Klemm. Report is attached. Included in report. Included in report—blacktop patching, painting curbs, CTH A patching M/2nd to accept both reports, Bohn/ Rierner All ayes, motion carried.

Bill payment- vouchers 1666 through 1719, and EFTs 07-01 through 07-25 were approved for payment. M/2nd Rierner/Lemke All ayes, motion carried.

Adjourn, m/2nd Bohn/Lemke. All ayes, motion carried.

/s/ Jan Tischendorf, Clerk/Treasurer

Next meeting is Monday, August 11, 2025 at 4:00 pm at the Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library.