

VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES (Regular)

Date/Time: Tuesday August 18th 2026 (6:00 P.M.)

Location: Hobart Village Office (2990 South Pine Tree Road)

Village Board of Trustees: Richard Heidel (President), David Dillenburg, Vanya Koepke, Tammy Zittlow, Melissa Tanke.

ROUTINE ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order by Rich Heidel at 6:01 pm. Dave Dillenburg, Vanya Koepke, Melissa Tanke, Tammy Zittlow, and Rich Heidel were present.
- 2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** - ACTION: To certify the open meeting law agenda requirements and approve the agenda as presented. MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Zittlow. VOICE VOTE: 5-0.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Heidel and all wished a Happy Birthday to Trustee Dillenburg.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (These items may be approved on a single motion and vote due to their routine nature or previous discussion. Please indicate to the Board President if you would prefer separate discussion and action.)

A. Payment of Invoices; B. VILLAGE BOARD: Minutes of August 4th 2026 (Regular); C. POLICE COMMISSION: Minutes of April 8th 2026.

ACTION: To approve the consent agenda to include manual checks. MOTION: Koepke SECOND: Dillenburg. VOICE VOTE 5-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS (Please limit comments to no more than 3 minutes)

No one spoke.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

- Site Review meets Wednesday, August 19. The new Stevenson National Bank is on the agenda.
- Park & Recreation meets Wednesday, August 26.
- Planning & Zoning meets September 8.
- The Clerk's department will be attending their conference this week. They each received a scholarship to attend the conference.
- Jerry Lancelle delivered a letter of resignation from the position of Fire Chief. This will be formally accepted at the first September meeting.

- Fire Commission will meet in September.

A. INFORMATION

1. 2026 Village Equalized Valuation – The Village of Hobart experienced another significant increase in its Equalized Value (“value”). The 2026 overall value of the Village is \$1,788,241,500, seven (7) percent more than 2025’s value (\$1,677,209,000). The Village’s \$69.63 million of net new construction is a record. The percentage increase (4.16%) is also more than twice that of Brown County’ (1.98%).
2. July 31st Village Account Balances

Administrator Kramer reviewed the 2026 Equalized Value of the Village and the Account Balances.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

HALO was held today in Ashwaubenon. Our Village Board did not attend.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - ORDINANCE 2026-11 (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE ARTICLE VI (BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS) OF CHAPTER 264 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOBART, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

The purpose is to promote the safe and lawful operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters, and electric scooters upon public streets, sidewalks, trails, parks, parking lots, and other public property; to protect pedestrians and other lawful users of public ways; to reduce conflicts between users of public facilities; and to supplement applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Board postponed action on the ordinance at its August 4th meeting.

ACTION: To suspend the rules of regular meeting order. MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Dillenburg. VOICE VOTE: 5-0.

Lori Cleaver, 1260 S Pine Tree Rd. Public Notification of Ordinance 2026-11.

ACTION: To return to the rules of regular meeting order. MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Tanke. VOICE VOTE: 5-0.

ACTION: To approve ORDINANCE 2026-11 (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE ARTICLE VI (BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS) OF CHAPTER 264 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOBART, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN) as presented. MOTION: Koepke SECOND: Heidel. VOICE VOTE 5-0.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Village Engineering Services

The Village Board, earlier this year, issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Village’s engineering services. Ten (10) firms submitted RFPs; four (4) were interviewed. The recommendation of the interview committee will be presented to the Board tonight.

ACTION: To approve contracts with Robert E. Lee and Cedar Corporation on future Public Works projects. The recommendation of which firm will get future specific projects to be made by the Public Works Director and Village Administrator, with advice and input from the PWUAC. The Village Board will ultimately award any engineering contracts per project. MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Tanke. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Fire Department Automatic Aid Agreement

This updated agreement, part of the reporting system requirement to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), is required by the state for all fire incidents. The agreement has several procedural changes, and adds three more departments to the FRFD: Morrisons, Greenleaf, and Wrightstown. Staff are seeking authorization to sign and return.

ACTION: To authorize staff to sign and return the Fire Department Automatic Aid Agreement. MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Zittlow. VOICE VOTE: 5-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Authorization to Negotiate the Addition of the Town of Freedom to the Hobart-Lawrence Police Department in 2027

The Hobart-Lawrence Police Department (HLPD) was recently approached by the Town of Freedom to develop a proposal for contracted law enforcement services. As Freedom plans for future growth, Town officials requested a service model that provides professional police services while remaining fiscally responsible. The addition of the Town of Freedom to Police Department would be the first change in the structure and service area of HLPD since it was created more than twenty (20) years ago.

ACTION: To authorize staff to Negotiate the Addition of the Town of Freedom to the Hobart- Lawrence Police Department in 2027. MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Tanke. VOICE VOTE: 5-0.

D. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment

Budget

Road Projects

ACTION: To recess at 7:07 pm prior to going into closed session. MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Dillenburg. VOICE VOTE: 5-0.

E. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (7:24 PM): ACTION: To go into closed session 1) under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e): Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. RE: Possible Trail Agreement with the Oneida Nation, and 2) under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (g): Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. RE: Tribal Affairs; Potential Litigation MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Zittlow. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0.

F. CONVENE into open session (9:34 PM) - MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Zittlow. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0.

G. ACTION from closed session – None

12. ADJOURN (9:35 PM) - MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Koepke. VOICE VOTE: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa A. Vanden Heuvel, Village Clerk