

MEETING MINUTES – VILLAGE BOARD (Regular)

Date/Time: Tuesday May 19th 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 6:05 pm. Dave Dillenburg, Vanya Koepke, Melissa Tanke, and Rich Heidel were present. Excused: Tammy Zittlow
- 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: Dillenburg VOICE VOTE: 4-0.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 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 May 5th 2026 (Regular); C. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Minutes of March 23rd 2026; D. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Minutes of April 2nd 2026

ACTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented. MOTION: Dillenburg SECOND: Tanke VOICE VOTE 4-0.

- 6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA** - None.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Appearing before the Board for Citizens' Comments:

Sammi Maybrodsky – Valley Steam Circle – concern over neighbor's home (nuisance)

A. SWEARING IN – Officer Bryce Nelsen to the Hobart-Lawrence Police Department

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

- > Administrator Kramer addressed the current weather-related disasters
 - Brookwood Cir. current repair estimate is \$53,000;
 - Hopeful for state and federal reimbursement;
 - Hill Dr. had a culvert washout and the road caved in over weekend. The culvert is being replaced tomorrow;
 - Detailed records and receipts are being kept for reimbursement.
- > Park & Recreation Committee – working with Brown Co. Planning to update pedestrian/bike trail plan
- > Site Review meeting tomorrow
- > Administrator Kramer will not be here for June 2nd meeting
- > Arbor Day tree planting – May 20th
- > "Celebrate 250" banners have arrived

> Administrator Kramer had the time capsule on display, adding that it will be the cornerstone of new municipal building. Recently, he spoke to 5th graders at Hillcrest Elementary asking them to write letters to the 5th graders of 2076 to put into the time capsule. The local news would like to do a story on the time capsule.

> New street sweeper started.

> Office will not be open on Memorial Day.

A. INFORMATION

1. Wisconsin League of Municipalities End of Session Legislation Summary
2. 2026-2027 Liquor & Cigarette License Applications
3. Village Investment Report

Administrator Kramer spoke to the board about the above information.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS – None.

10. OLD BUSINESS – None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – 2025 Audit and Financial Report The 2025 audit and financial reports will be presented to the Board for formal adoption by Village staff and the auditors. The audit can be found on the Village's website, along with all of the audits since 2005.

ACTION: To adopt the audit and financial statements for 2025.

MOTION: Koepke SECOND: Dillenburg VOICE VOTE 4-0

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Purchase of additional 8.2 acres from DeNoble Sewer and Water (JDSW LLC) – 774 West Adam Drive The Village reached an agreement with JDSW LLC, the owner of the property at 774 West Adam Drive (commonly referred to as DeNoble Sewer and Water Construction) to purchase 7.355 acres of the existing business for \$6,225,000. That agreement was unanimously approved by the Village Board last October, resulting in what is now referred to as the Hobart Municipal Center (HMC) project. Earlier this year, the Village was approached by JDSW LLC regarding the Village's interest in purchasing the remaining 8.231 acres of the business property for an additional \$530,000. Staff will present the financial impact of the additional purchase, along with staff members from Baird who did the financial modeling.

ACTION: To approve the purchase of Lot 1 on the certified Survey Map provided at tonight's meeting, which is the remaining 8.231 acres of the Joe DeNoble Sewer & Water Const. Inc property, from JDSW LLC for \$530,000.00, with the purchase to include one (1) 30-foot driveway from the back to the front of the property, from West Adam Drive to the back gate of the purchased property, at the discretion of the Village, and furthermore to direct the Village Attorney to draft an amended agreement to the previously agreed upon 2025 agreement between the Village and JDSW LLC to reflect the changes in this motion.

MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Koepke ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0; Heidel – aye, Dillenburg – aye, Koepke – aye, Tanke - aye

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request for Additional Position in Hobart-Lawrence Police Department

Police Chief Renkas is requesting authorization for an overhire position within the Patrol Division to restore a dedicated night power shift and improve operational staffing stability during identified peak call-for-service hours. This recommendation is based on staffing analysis, operational workload review, and observed deficiencies in the Department's current ability to absorb routine staffing losses caused by vacation usage, training, comp time, sick leave, and staffing vacancies. While not a complete long-term staffing solution, the proposed overhire represents a practical and immediate step to improve staffing resiliency, reduce operational exposure, and restore lost patrol capacity.

ACTION: To approve the request for an additional position in the Hobart-Lawrence Police Department.

MOTION: Tanke SECOND: Dillenburg ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0; Heidel – aye, Dillenburg – aye, Koepke – aye, Tanke - aye

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request for Bailiff for the Hobart-Lawrence Municipal Court

Municipal Judge Gregg Schreiber has formally requested that the Village of Hobart and Town of Lawrence provide a dedicated armed law enforcement officer or armed security personnel during all scheduled Municipal Court sessions pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute §755.17(2).

ACTION: To approve the creation of the bailiff position in the Hobart-Lawrence Municipal Court, and direct staff to proceed with filling said position, with approval of the Municipal Judge.

MOTION: Dillenburg SECOND: Tanke ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0; Koepke – aye, Dillenburg – aye, Heidel – aye, Tanke - aye

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Awarding of Bid for 2026 Street Projects

The bids were scheduled to be opened Friday May 15th. The results of the bid and the recommendation will be provided to the Board at tonight's meeting.

ACTION: To postpone the awarding of the 2026 Street and Drainage Improvements until the June 2nd Board meeting.

MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Tanke VOICE VOTE 4-0

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

Public Hearing – Sewer Rate Increase (1%)

Awarding Street Bid

Committee Updates

Invite School Boards in – West De Pere – explain their upcoming referendum

ACTION: To recess at 8:20 pm prior to going into closed session. MOTION: Heidel SECOND: Koepke VOICE VOTE: 4-0.

G. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (8:46 PM): ACTION: To go into closed session 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: Koepke ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0

H. CONVENE into open session (10:19 PM) – MOTION: Tanke SECOND: Dillenburg ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0.

I. ACTION from closed session - None

12. ADJOURN (10:20 PM) – MOTION: Dillenburg SECOND: Koepke VOICE VOTE: 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Wangerin, Village Deputy Clerk