Village of Hobart
Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, April 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Village of Hobart Fire & Rescue Station #1
2703 S. Pine Tree Rd.
Hobart, WI 54115

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by John Shimek at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call
Commissioners John Shimek, Ron Jaeger, Don Hedrick, Dave Konshak, and Larry Potter were present. Chief Renkas was in attendance.

Approval of Agenda and Certification of the Open Meeting Law Agenda Requirements
A motion to confirm certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda was made by Ron Jaeger and seconded by John Shimek at 6:00 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
A motion was made at 6:01 PM to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026. Motion made by Ron Jaeger and seconded by Don Hedrick. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business
Discussion was held regarding updates to the Joint Police Commission of the Village of Hobart & Town of Lawrence Rules and Regulations. John Shimek asked about page 5 where it says commission elections will be held the first meeting after April 30th. The commission held elections at its January meeting. It was agreed that the language was intended to align with other boards in the future; there is no need to repeat them today.

Ron Jaeger asked about language on page 3 relating to discipline of officers. If a complaint came in to a commissioner, would that commissioner be ineligible to participate in any future proceedings involving that information because of direct involvement with the complainant? Chief Renkas said no. Such information would be forwarded to him for internal affairs processing. If the complaint involved Chief Renkas, the commission inherently becomes involved. There is no conflict of interest.

John Shimek asked about language on page 7 concerning veterans' preferences. Chief Renkas shared that the verbiage is directly from state statute.

Larry Potter pointed out that page 6, section 2.09 says unapproved minutes should be shared with the clerk, chief, and all commissioners. The minutes are currently sent to Chief Renkas and John Shimek after each meeting. All agreed there is no need to change the distribution group. Chief Renkas shares the minutes with the clerk. The other commissioners do not want the unapproved minutes because they receive them in advance of the next meeting in the pre-meeting packet.

Chief Renkas finished the old business discussion by explaining that a change in language in the regulations involves removing the position of captain from the department's organizational chart,

replacing it with the title of assistant chief. The job duties for the position do not change, and there is not a pay increase. The modification simply matches a recent ordinance amendment and better aligns with the duties of the position. A motion to approve the change was made by Larry Potter at 6:12 PM. It was seconded by Don Hedrick. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business

Adjourned to Closed Session
A motion to adjourn to closed session was made by Don Hedrick at 6:15 PM, seconded by John Shimek. All in favor; motion carried.

Convened to Open Session
A motion to convene to open session was made by Ron Yeager at 7:11 PM, seconded by Don Hedrick. All in favor; motion carried.

Action from Closed Sesson
Following discussion in closed session, a successful candidate for the vacant officer position was identified contingent on the successful completion of a psychological exam, medical exam, drug screen, and passing of the law enforcement reciprocity exam. The recommendation was given to Chief Renkas. A motion was made by Ron Jaeger at 7:12 PM, seconded by John Shimek. All in favor; motion carried.

Adjournment
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:14 PM by Larry Potter, seconded by Ron Jaeger. All in favor; motion carried.