

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
July 1, 2025

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Parks and Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Village Engineer Joe Pingel, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$43,893.67.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve all claims as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

2025 Damien Miller Field Baseball Field Lease

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the lease agreement between the Village of West Salem and the School District of West Salem as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Certified Survey Map

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the Certified Survey Map for Provision Partners Cooperative, d/b/a Allied Cooperative, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

1st Meeting in August

The first Village Board meeting in August would be on August 5, 2025, which is National Night Out.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to move the 1st meeting in August from Tuesday, August 5th to Monday, August 4th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee John Lautz reported on the June 17, 2025, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendation to Village Board, a Special Permit to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens submitted by Adina Heller and a Special Permit to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens submitted by Scott Lesky. The Committee received one letter of opposition for the Heller permit application citing property maintenance issues and two for the Lesky permit application that cited an increase in vermin in the neighborhood, as well as noise concerns. The Committee pointed out that the renewal process must be done each year and neighbors have a chance to raise complaints at that time. The Committee recommended to approve Special Permits to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens to Adina Heller and Scott Lesky.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025, Law Enforcement Committee meeting, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve issuance of a Permit to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens to Adina Heller. Roll call vote: Anderson, Curtis, Hennessey, Leicht and Twining – aye; Lautz – abstain. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve issuance of a Permit to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens to Scott Lesky. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the June 23, 2025, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The Village of West Salem received its First Notice of Non-Compliance from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in November of 2024. Later that month, the Village was also notified the current assessor would not be renewing their contract.

In March, requests for proposals were mailed out to 19 assessment firms and three proposals were received back from Accurate Appraisals, Catalis, and Chimney Rock Appraisals. Accurate Appraisals and Catalis both recommended market evaluation updates for the year 2026, and offered both a three and five-year contract, while Chimney Rock recommended a full re-evaluation and a ten-year contract. The Committee felt the proposals were very different and they did not allow for an accurate comparison. The Committee determined a five- year contract with a full re-evaluation in the year 2026 and maintenance years in 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030, to be most favorable, with the overall cost spread out over the five-year contract. The Committee instructed Village Administrator Teresa DeLong and Village Clerk/Treasurer to follow-up with Accurate, Catalis, and Chimney Rock to obtain updated proposals based on a five-year contract, with a full re-evaluation in 2026, maintenance in years 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030, and the overall cost spread out over the five-year contract period.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2025, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Parks and Recreation Tony DeGaetano reported that the new Assistant Director is doing well and they are currently working on the fall/winter brochure.

Village Engineer Joe Pingel reported that Public Works Director Loren Schwier identified a storm water violation at Coulee Christian School, where water is being diverted from their construction site to Village-owned property, potentially affecting our retention pond and sand filter.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Anderson to convene in closed session at 7:15 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, and transfers

of public properties, to-wit: negotiating the purchase of public properties. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Lautz to reconvene in open session at 7:19 p.m. Motion approved by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk/Treasurer to sign and submit an Offer to Purchase for 7.58 acres in the Lakeview Business Park to La Crosse County for a Public Safety Building, according to the terms set forth in the offer. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer