

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2025

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

Traffic Study Request for Proposals

President Schumacher reported that he recently met with Bob Gollnik of the La Crosse Area Planning Commission and was advised that La Crosse County has received a \$350,000 grant under the "Safe Routes for All" initiative. The grant will help fund traffic studies at various locations around the County. In West Salem, the intersections of where Crestwood and Waterloo meet County Road M is an area identified as one that would meet the requirements of the grant program.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$145,150.49.

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

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of August 19, 2025. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendation to Village Board, a Special Permit Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Ashley and Taylor Hanson, who presently keep two neutered Mini Golden Doodles, and would like to adopt a four-month-old male Mini Golden Doodle. There was no one present to speak for or against the request. A Special Permit to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens, submitted by Angela Hemker, was reviewed for recommendation to Village Board. There was no one present to speak for or against the request. Positive correspondence, however, was received from neighbors, who were in favor of the request. The Committee recommended approval of both requests to the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of August 19, 2025, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the application to exceed pet limit submitted by Ashley and Taylor Hanson. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve issuance of a permit to own, keep, or harbor chickens to Angela Hemker. Roll call vote: Curtis, Leicht, Schumacher, Twining – aye; Lautz – nay. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of August 26, 2025. The Law Enforcement Committee convened in closed session at 3:01 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, i.e., West Salem Police Union Contract and Police Department Position Discussions. No action on the contract was taken.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of August 26, 2025, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to convene in closed session at 7:26 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, i.e., negotiating the purchase of public properties. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Lautz to reconvene in open session at 7:38 p.m. Motion approved by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Curtis to direct Village President Scott Schumacher and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl to sign Counter Offer No. 3 between the Village of West Salem and the County of La Crosse for \$40,000/acre for 7.58 acres in the Lakeview Business District for a total of \$303,200.00 with clauses as found in said counter. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer