

Village of West Salem  
Public Hearing  
Resolution No 16.25 – Discontinuing the Addition  
of Fluoride to the Water in the Village of West Salem Water Utility  
December 16, 2025

Public Hearing called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Excused: Anderson. Also present: Dr. Jim Allen, Lynette Ender, Miriam Heyer, Niko Eppolito, Katherine Eppolito, John Johnson, Ed Woodrow, Beth Clements, Rich Clements, Ken Isler, Michelle Lorenz, Kortney Getter, Dr. Sara Stein, Dr. Mike Dinos, Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, Heather Pintz, Jeff Scovell, Matt Chambers, Dr. Sharon Fuller, Rob Tyvoll, Michelle Tyvoll, Greg Ives, Bonnie Ives, Ashlee Kramer, Andrew Larson, Joseph Larson, Beth Pischke, Peter Hordyk, Molly Kalmoe, Jack Zabrowski, Police Chief Scott Alo, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Water Utility Superintendent Lee Schwier, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

The public hearing was scheduled for the purpose of hearing citizen comments on Resolution No. 16.25 – Discontinuing the Addition of Fluoride to the Water in the Village of West Salem Water Utility.

Numerous citizens spoke in opposition of the discontinuation of adding fluoride to the Village of West Salem water supply. The reasons for oppositions included:

- Fluoride addition to the water supply is safe, effective, and proven to support the tooth enamel from the inside, resulting in fewer dental procedures, fewer cavities, and overall better general dental health
- Children and the elderly benefit the most, especially those who may have limited financial resources or disabilities
- Fluoride in toothpaste is not and does not work the same as systemic fluoride, such as that added to the water supply
- Negative affect of poor dental health on the body as a whole
- Overall limited access to specialized dental care in the area
- No supported, credible source proving fluoride toxicity as a result of being added to the water supply

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to close the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer

Village of West Salem  
Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2025

Regular meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Excused: Anderson. Also present: Dr. Jim Allen, Lynette Ender, Miriam Heyer, Niko Eppolito, Katherine Eppolito, John Johnson, Ed Woodrow, Beth Clements, Rich Clements, Ken Isler, Michelle Lorenz, Kortney Getter, Dr. Sara Stein, Dr. Mike Dinos, Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, Heather Pintz, Jeff Scovell, Matt Chambers, Dr. Sharon Fuller, Rob Tyvoll, Michelle Tyvoll, Greg Ives, Bonnie Ives, Ashlee Kramer, Andrew Larson, Joseph Larson, Beth Pischke, Peter Hordyk, Molly Kalmoe, Jack Zabrowski, Police Chief Scott Alo, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Water Utility Superintendent Lee Schwier, 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 December 2, 2025, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$368,066.29.

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

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Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve Resolution No. 16.25 as presented, to allow for discussion. Roll call vote: Unanimous nay. Motion denied.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

Jack Zabrowski of the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC) presented a proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of West Salem, as hired by La Crosse County to complete. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will allow the Village of West Salem, along with other communities in La Crosse County, to apply for FEMA Hazard Grant funding. Jack advised the Board he would update the plan, and provide to Village Administration for official approval.

Resolution No. 17.25

Resolution No. 17.25 releases the Annexation Agreement Sale Restriction between the Village of West Salem and the Town of Hamilton for parcel number 7-1224-0.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve Resolution No. 17.25 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Appointment of Election Officials

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the appointment of Election Officials as presented for the two-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and

ending December 31, 2027, as presented. Roll call vote: Twining – Abstain; remainder of Board – Aye. Motion approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes of December 15, 2025. The Committee convened in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for employee evaluations and compensation.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes of December 15, 2025, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer