

Village of West Salem  
Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2026

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Excused: Curtis. Also present: West Salem Fire Protection District Chief Greg Hutson, Police Chief Scott Alo, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Village Engineer Joe Pingel, Village Attorney Bryant Klos Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Public Comment

Greg Hutson, West Salem Fire Protection District Fire Chief, spoke before the Board and presented a request to purchase a new pumper in the amount of \$1,116,976.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$117,614.61 as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Community Credit Union	\$1,626.91
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	16,099.50
Bob's Lock & Safe, Inc.	128.90
Brightspeed	84.13
Bruce Nuttleman	1,200.00
BSN Sports, LLC	4,815.00
Chimney Rock Appraisal	10,300.00
City of Onalaska	394.40
Commercial Testing Laboratory, Inc.	1,316.50
Contractor Supply	25.65
Core & Main, LP	400.78
Delmore Enterprises, LLC	195.00
Diggers Hotline, Inc.	1,069.00
Diversified Benefit Services	1,220.00
Division of Unemployment Insurance	260.32
EO Johnson Company	264.49
G&T Heating & Air Conditioning	1,033.06
Goodyear Auto Service Center	276.00
Hach Company	107.79
Hale, Skemp Law Office	1,854.51
Hamilton Cemetery Assn.	4,000.00
Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling	17,987.65
Imperial Dade	199.31
Indoff, Inc.	173.37
John Deere Financial	654.00
La Crosse County	1,540.00
La Crosse County Clerk	1,793.00

Claims (cont'd)

La Crosse County Zoning	180.00
Lawnkeepers	6,156.00
Mayo Clinic	196.00
Neighborhood Family Clinics, Inc.	857.00
Overhead Door Company	182.67
Per Mar Security Services	2,751.60
Pleasureland RV Center	283.74
Portland Implement	43.41
Postmaster	887.80
Reliance Business Forms, LLC	2,948.94
River Architects	8,225.00
Safe-Fast, Inc.	175.41
Sam's Club/Synchrony Bank	217.27
School District of West Salem	1,552.09
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	1,613.91
Streicher's, Inc.	13,531.80
Tami Triplett	44.09
The Print Shop	32.50
Timeclock Plus, LLC	2,792.58
Tony DeGaetano	124.80
Transunion Risk and Alternative	100.00
Tri-State Business Machines	128.50
Vestis	628.05
Von Briesen & Roper, S.C.	4,964.00
WI Department of Transportation	510.00
Winona Heating & Ventilating	48.60
Wis. State Lab of Hygiene	31.00
Wisconsin Dept. of Justice	294.00
WT.COX Subscriptions	499.48

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

Resolution No. 3.26

Resolution No. 3.26 recognizes Stephen M. Cohen for outstanding community services and fundraising leadership.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve Resolution No. 3.26 as presented. Roll call vote: Anderson, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher - yay; Twining - nay. Motion approved.

Planning Commission

President Scott Schumacher reported on the January 19, 2026, Planning Commission meeting. The first public hearing concerned an Application for Conditional Use submitted by La Crosse Sign Group on behalf of Coulee Region Christian School to install 2 new monument and 3 new wall signs at 701 Industrial Avenue. There was no one present to speak for or against the Application for Conditional Use. The second public hearing was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Scott Schumacher. The second

public hearing concerned an Application for Conditional Use submitted by Harry Griswold to allow a residential apartment in his law office building at 134 Leonard Street North. Harry Griswold spoke before the Commission and explained the layout of the building and that two-hour fire walls and doors are and will continue to be installed as required. Mr. Griswold also stated he understood the plans must be State-approved. Chair Scott Schumacher called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. The Commission reviewed for recommendation to the Village Board, Conditional Use Permit No. 70, which would allow Coulee Region Christian School to install 2 new monument and 3 new wall signs at 701 Industrial Avenue, which included the following conditions:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> ground set monument sign shall be located between the Industrial Drive sidewalk adjacent to the applicant's property and its parking lot and just west of the driveway entrance onto Industrial Drive and as depicted on Exhibit C. The monument sign shall be the size and shape and contain the lettering and depictions as found on Exhibit D. It shall have internal lighting.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> ground set monument sign shall be located south of the Industrial Drive sidewalk adjacent to the applicant's property and at the northwest corner of the applicant's parking lot next to its flag pole and as depicted on Exhibit C. The monument sign shall be the size and contain the lettering and depictions as found on Exhibit E. It shall not have lighting.
- The 3 new wall signs shall be located on the west wall of the new athletic complex as depicted on Exhibit C. The wall signage shall be the size and shape and contain the lettering and depictions and shall be located as found on Exhibit F. It shall not have lighting.

The Commission then reviewed for recommendation to Village Board, Conditional Use Permit No. 71, which would allow Harry Griswold to construct a residential apartment in his law office building at 134 Leonard Street North, included the following conditions:

- The first floor apartment must pass the inspection of the West Salem Building Inspector for such use and if remodeling is required, it must be constructed pursuant to plans drawn by a Wisconsin licensed architect, and approved by the State, if so required, and if State approval is not required, pursuant to the terms of the State Building Codes and West Salem Ordinances as required by the West Salem Building Inspector, as applicable.
- Any plans must be submitted to the West Salem Building Inspector and, upon his approval, a building permit shall be issued and the plans shall be filed with Permit 71.
- Construction for residential area must be completed by 12/31/2026.

Motion by President Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 19, 2026, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 70 to Coulee Region Christian School as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 71 to Harry Griswold as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to convene in closed session at 7:53 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, or conducting other specified public business, and transfers of public properties, to-wit: discuss the update of a Cedar Corporation study on utility extensions. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Lautz to reconvene in open session at 8:12 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer