

Regular Meeting
April 7, 2026

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, and Leicht. Excused: Twining. Also present: Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Chief Scott Alo, Police Sergeant Ryan Brohmer, Kate Brohmer, Katherine Geary, Wisconsin Professional Police Association Business Agent Kyle Roder, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the Village Board minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$147,953.51.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Police Sergeant Introduction and Oath of Office

Police Chief Scott Alo introduced Sergeant Ryan Brohmer. Sergeant Brohmer applied for and was promoted to his new position recently, and Police Chief Alo administered his Oath of Office.

Application for Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License to the West Salem Volunteer Fire Department for the annual firefighter's dance scheduled for May 2 and May 3, 2026. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Disciplinary Committee

Village Administrator DeLong reported on the March 17, 2026, Law Enforcement Disciplinary Committee meeting. The Committee met in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who was providing oral and written advice concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation in which the Village is or is likely to become involved. In open session, the Committee discussed its required review process and procedures and determined that it is the Law Enforcement Disciplinary Committee's responsibility to oversee that review process. The Committee then discussed the charges filed by Police Chief Scott Alo against Jeffrey Geary and whether those charges should be dismissed. The Committee agreed the charges were sufficiently reasonable, that the document adequately informed the officer of the allegations, and that the charges should not be dismissed. Business Agent Kyle Roder of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association stated that the officer had not been served a copy of the charges. The Committee determined there was no action to take regarding scheduling a pre-hearing conference.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026, Law Enforcement Disciplinary Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the March 17, 2026, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendation to the Village Board an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Barbara Hopkins. Ms. Hopkins presently keeps two neutered dogs, and she obtained a third dog from her daughter. The police department has not received any complaints nor were any complaints received from property owners living in the vicinity of Ms. Hopkins. The Law Enforcement Committee recommended the Village Board approve the Application.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee meeting of March 17, 2026, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of a Permit to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Barbara Hopkins. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Jurisdictional Transfer Update

Village Administrator DeLong reported that La Crosse County Administrator Jane Klekamp sent an update via email regarding jurisdictional transfer proposals submitted by the Village to the County. Administrator Klekamp reported that after further discussion, the County does not feel it is the right time to complete a jurisdictional transfer of County Road C to the Village of West Salem.

Village Board Special Meeting

Village President Scott Schumacher reported on the Special Meeting held by the Village Board on March 26, 2026. The Village Board met in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, to wit: Law Enforcement Disciplinary Committee Proceedings Based on Charges Filed by Chief Alo. The Village Board then reconvened in open session. No action was taken by the Village Board in open session.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the Village Board Special Meeting held on March 26, 2026, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.