

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2026

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: Katherine Geary, Debbi Rucinski, Village Engineer Joe Pingel, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Public Comment

Katherine Geary, W3207 County Road Q, Mindoro, spoke before the Board to address governance concerns, Wis. State Stat. 62.13, and Village Ordinance No. 1.29.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026, regular meeting, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$75,070.90

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

2025 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Annual Report

Village Engineer Joe Pingel presented the 2025 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Annual Report. Highlights included: twenty-five instances of public education and outreach as required by the Permit, fifty tons of material was disposed of at the La Crosse County Landfill, and of the eleven active construction sites in the Village, six of them are new.

Stormwater Management Public Education and Outreach Cooperative Agreement

The minutes of the March 2, 2026, La Crosse Area Urban Stormwater group were reviewed by the Board, along with the Storm Water Management Public Education Meeting and Outreach Cooperative Agreement between the municipalities of: Town of Campbell, Town of Holland, Town of Onalaska, Town of Shelby, Village of Holmen, Village of West Salem, City of Onalaska, City of La Crosse, City of La Crescent, and La Crosse County. The Agreement provides public educational outreach resources to meet the requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to authorize the Village President to sign the Stormwater Management Public Education and Outreach Cooperative Agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Jurisdictional Transfer

Village Administrator Teresa DeLong updated the Board on the status of the jurisdictional transfer of County C/Leonard Street/Garland Street research that was being conducted on behalf of the Village of West Salem by Short Elliott Hendrickson. A meeting was held between the Village of West Salem and La Crosse County officials back in December in

regards to the jurisdictional request. At this time, La Crosse County expects to have an answer for the Village at the end of April.

2026-2028 Village and Police Department Union Contract

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the 2026-2028 Village and Police Department Union Contract as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer