

Village of West Salem  
Regular Meeting  
April 21, 2026

Regular meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Jeanne Bahr, Kaylee Fellom, Mike Adler of River Architects, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Police Chief Scott Alo, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Parks and Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the Village Board minutes of April 7, 2026, meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$114,817.80.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the payment of all claims as listed, including a claim for \$35,000 to Rochester Motor Cars for the purchase of a Public Works truck. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Special Event Application

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve request from June Dairy Days Committee for use of Village Parks and Streets for the annual June Dairy Days event scheduled for Friday, June 5, through Sunday, June 7, 2026. This includes a parade, car show, and carnival set-up. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Resolution No. 5.26

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve Resolution 5.26 Fireworks Permit for June Dairy Days 2026, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

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

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License to the June Dairy Days Association for Friday, June 5, through Sunday, June 7, 2026, in the Village Park. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Public Safety Building Update

Mike Adler, River Architects, presented an updated proposal to the Village Board for approval. The schematic design phase of the new public safety building is complete and is ready to move into the design development phase. The Board briefly discussed pros and cons of moving the administration office from downtown to the public safety building, as well as renovating and keeping Administration and Parks and Recreation in the current Village Hall. At this time, the Board is most comfortable moving forward with a public safety building, to include Tri-State Ambulance, only. Discussions will continue as to

whether or not all departments are combined, and the future of Village Hall. These decisions need to be made before construction can move forward.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the Architectural Services Proposal Public Safety Building – Design Development contract dated March 26, 2026, by River Architects, in an amount not to exceed \$785,470, with the ability for the Village to suspend the contract at any phase. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

#### 2026-2027 Committee and Commission Appointments

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the 2026-2027 Committee and Commission Appointments as presented by President Schumacher. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

#### Official Bank Depository

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Anderson to designate Union State Bank of West Salem as the official bank depository for the Village of West Salem. Roll call vote: Curtis – abstain; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

#### Designate Official Newspaper

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Twining to designate the La Crosse Tribune as the official newspaper for legal publications pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 985.02(1). Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

#### Ordinance No. 545

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve Ordinance No. 545 – Amending Chapter 2 of the Village of West Salem Code of Ordinances to update the recycling ordinances to comply with Wisconsin Administrative Code revisions. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

President Scott Schumacher reported on the Public Transit Committee meeting of April 14, 2026. The Committee governs the Shared Ride Program, known as DriftLink, an agreement between the City of Onalaska, Village of Holmen, and Village of West Salem, to provide public transportation. The Town of Onalaska has requested to join the program. Currently, the program is funded solely through the contributions of the participating municipalities, and is based on a percentage of rider usage as it pertains to each municipality. Adding another municipality makes it difficult to determine how much they should be contributing, as their historical usage is not known. It was discussed having the Town of Onalaska provide a capital investment in the purchase a new van (\$75,000) as their initial contribution. Annual contributions after year one would be based on rider usage.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer