

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
May 5, 2026

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson (at 7:01 p.m.) Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Beth Clements, Kayla Leis, Dan Heath, Village Engineer Joe Pingel, Police Chief Scott Alo, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Public Comment

Beth Clements, newly-elected La Crosse County Supervisor for District 26, introduced herself to the Board and stated she is looking forward to working together.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the Village Board minutes of April 21, 2026, meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$664,939.05.

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

Special Event Application

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve request from the West Salem Lions Club for the annual June Dairy Days Parade on June 6, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., starting at Tilson and Leonard Streets and ending at Leonard and Elm Streets. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Resolution No. 6.26

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve Resolution No. 6.26 – Resolution in Support of Long-Term Sustainable Funding to the State of Wisconsin's Transportation fund as presented. Brief discussion was held regarding some of the terms used in the Resolution, with no changes being made. Roll call vote: Lautz – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Kevin Hennessey reported on the Law Enforcement Committee meeting of April 21, 2026. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss an application to Exceed Animal Limit submitted by Jeff Appleman, who presently keeps two dogs; an intact female Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, and Teddy, a 2-year-old neutered Pomeranian-Shih Tzu mix, and is requesting permission to adopt a third dog. The Police Department has not received any complaints, nor were any complaints received from neighbors. The Committee recommended approval to the Village Board. An application to Exceed Animal Limit, submitted by Patty Lee was reviewed next. Ms. Lee currently keeps two dogs; a 14-year-old spayed Shih Tzu and a 9-year-old neutered Shih Tzu, and is requesting permission to adopt a third dog. The Police Department has not received any complaints,

nor were any complaints received from neighbors. The Committee recommended approval to the Village Board. An application to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens, submitted by Kayla Leis was reviewed. The Committee reviewed a complaint letter that was received. There have not been any complaints received in the Police Department. This is the second application request received from Kayla Leis. The first was approved in 2024, with it being renewed in 2025. At the end of 2025, Kayla moved the chickens to her parent's farm in the country, and has decided to get more, which is why she is applying again. The Committee recommended approval to the Village Board, with Tom Curtis and Kevin Hennessey voting in favor and John Lautz voting present. An application to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens, submitted by Dan Heath was reviewed. The Committee reviewed complaint letters that were received. Two neighbors were present to also speak against the request. The concern is that the requester is gone during the week for work, which may impact the upkeep of the coop and surrounding area. There have not been any Police Department animal complaints at this address. The Committee recommended approval to the Village Board, with Tom Curtis and Kevin Hennessey voting in favor and John Lautz voting against.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of April 21, 2026, as corrected. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Jeff Appleman. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Patty Lee. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the issuance of a Special Permit to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens to Kayla Leis. Roll call vote: Lautz – present; remainder of Board - aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the issuance of a Special Permit to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens to Dan Heath. Roll call vote: Lautz – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer