

Village of West Salem
Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 546
June 2, 2026

Public hearing called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Nicholas Patchen, Police Chief Scott Alo, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Ordinance No. 546, if adopted, will amend Chapter 6 Section 6.11 to:

- require registration of all Classes of electric bicycles
- further define Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 electric bicycles, electric scooters, and electric skateboards
- prohibit the use of all Classes of electric bicycles, electric scooters, and electric skateboards in all Village public parks, including sidewalks within said parks
- comply with Wis. Stat. Sec. 340-351, including, but not limited to, Wis. Stat. Sec. 346.806 for all Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles
- create age restrictions on electric bicycles, electric scooters, and electric skateboards
- require the use of helmets in anyone under the age of eighteen (18) who operates any Class of electric bicycle, electric scooter, and/or electric skateboard

Ordinance No. 546, if adopted, creates a fee of \$5.00 for registering a bicycle and increases the penalty for violating said Ordinance from a minimum of \$20.00 to a minimum of \$100.00, and outlines how multiple offenses are handled.

Nicholas Patchen, 127 Van Ness Street North, spoke in favor of the Ordinance, but did have some questions on the registration and parental supervision.

Additionally, six letters were received in favor of the Ordinance, with one opposed due to the registration fee.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
June 2, 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: Nicholas Patchen, Police Chief Scott Alo, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$51,654.24.

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

Ordinance No. 546

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve Ordinance No. 546 – Amend Chapter 6 Regulation of Bicycles of the Village of West Salem Code of Ordinances to Amend Ordinance Relating to Bicycles, Electric Bicycles, Electric Scooters, and Electric Skateboards. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Use and Lease Agreement

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the Use and Lease Agreement between the Village of West Salem and ABEN Properties, LLC., as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Kevin Hennessey reported on the Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of May 19, 2026. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss an application to Exceed Animal Limit, submitted by Danielle Knudtson and Gabriel Davis, who presently keep two neutered domestic cats, one spayed domestic cat, and one spayed dog; are looking to replace a cat that passed away, in which they were previously approved to exceed the pet limit. The Police Department has not received any complaints, nor were any complaints received from neighbors. The Committee recommended unanimous approval to the Village Board. An application to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens submitted by Molly Hughes was reviewed. There have not been any Police Department animal complaints at this address. The Committee recommended approval to the Village Board with two aye votes and a vote of present.

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of May 19, 2026, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Danielle Knudtson and Gabriel Davis. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

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

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer