

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2026

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Schumacher. Trustees present: Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Excused: Anderson. Also present: Police Chief Scott Alo, Parks and Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$39,135.59.

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

Special Event Permit Application

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the request submitted by Pheng Vang on behalf of Hmoob Cultural & Community Agency for the Hmong New Year Event at Veteran's Memorial Park from September 19-20, 2026. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Special Event Permit Application

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the request submitted by Eric Borre on behalf of the West Salem High School to hold the annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 18, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m., utilizing Mill Street and Lewis Street as a starting point and continuing onto North Leonard to South Leonard, ending at Elm Street. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

West Salem School District Bus Stops

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the list of West Salem School District bus stops as locations where school bus operators are directed to use flashing red warning lights when stopped to load or unload persons pursuant to Wis. State. Sect. 349.21(1) and West Salem Ordinance 6.16. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Hennessey reported on the August 18, 2026, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for possible recommendation to the Village Board an Application to Exceed Animal Limit submitted by Katie and Brady Warner. The Warners have requested a Permit to Exceed Animal Limit in order to adopt a spayed Poodle they have been fostering. Lacey is over five years old, and the Coulee Region Humane Society has submitted a letter in support of the Application.

The Warners currently keep two dogs and two cats. All four animals are current on their rabies vaccinations, spayed or neutered, and the property includes a fenced-in yard for the dogs' outdoor use. The Committee recommended approval of the permit to exceed pet limit to the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the August 18, 2026, Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of a Permit to Exceed Pet Limit to Katie and Brady Warner. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the August 31, 2026, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to-wit: discuss and review competitive financing options for public safety building. The Committee did not make any recommendations to the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the August 31, 2026, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer