

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2026

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Dave Hundt, Jim Koelbl, Village Engineer Joe Pingel, 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.

Public Comment

Jim Koelbl spoke before the Board about the Public Safety Building. Mr. Koelbl is concerned the residents are not aware of the need for the Public Safety Building, and feels that plans have not been made available. Mr. Koelbl introduced the Board to the Mountain Bay Metro Police Department, made up of three different municipalities, who are currently designing a new Public Safety Building for an estimated \$7 million dollars.

Dave Hundt spoke before the Board to report on the success of the West Salem Cares Street Dance. Mr. Hundt would like to see more streets re-paved instead of parking lots being paved, and would also like to see a Village newsletter to keep the residents informed of things going on in the Village.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$236,971.48.

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

Business License Applications

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of a Class "B"/"Class B" Combination Liquor and Beer License, Dance License, and Coin Machine license to Sistr Tavern, LLC, d/b/a Sistr Tavern, 163 Leonard Street South, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Chair Tom Curtis reported on the September 9, 2026, Joint Buildings and Grounds and Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The Committee appointed Tom Curtis to lead the joint meeting. Paul Mickelberg, RA, presented his review of the Public Safety Building Plans designed by River Architects. Paul has over 43 years of experience as an architect with a portfolio that includes many military, municipality, county, state, and federal projects. Mr. Mickelberg feels the design is practical and an appropriate-use of taxpayer funded dollars. Mr. Mickelberg recommended reviewing a few areas for additional space, such as the locker rooms and evidence room (for future expansion and need). Discussion continued on specific rooms in the design, such as the squad room,

briefing room, report rooms, and the location of changing rooms and lockers. Based on the design flow of the building, there are both secured and unsecured locations that can be utilized by the police department, Tri-State Ambulance, as well as the public. The Committee then reviewed financing methods for the project, including bonding and promissory notes. Clerk/Treasurer Bohl reviewed the financial information provided. Based on the current mill rate and the estimated mill rate, it was determined that a house assessed at \$300,000 could expect an increase to their yearly tax bill of \$104.81 in order to accommodate the debt service payments. This is based on a 20-year amortization with an interest rate of 4.45%. The Committee discussed the implications of financing via bond versus notes, the impact financing has on the overall timeline, as well as how it fits into the requirements of the \$2.5 million Congressionally Directed Spending Grant the Village of West Salem was awarded to construct the Public Safety Building. The meeting concluded with the Committee determining the need to schedule an additional Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting to discuss marketing strategies with marketing firms for community education and outreach. There were no recommendations made to the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the September 9, 2026, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer