

VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
February 12, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
130 N Harrison St., North Prairie, WI

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Miresse called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL – Present:** President Dan Miresse, Trustee Hall, Trustee Samuels, Trustee Harmann, Trustee Schroeder, Trustee Lampe. **Absent:** Trustee McCormack (excused).
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **CONFIRMATION OF PROPER NOTICE OF MEETING** – Administrator Etten confirmed proper posting of the meeting on the website and three boards.
5. **PRESENTATION: Civic Pride Award** - Trustee Samuels requested this item to be moved to the March meeting.
6. **APPROVAL OF VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES:** January 8, 2026, Village Board Meeting. Trustee Hall motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Samuels. **Motioned carried, 6/0.**
7. **REPORTS:** Building Inspector, Fire, Police and Public Works Department. – The Fire Chief summarized his report. The Police Dept. discussed training hours and patrol hours.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (No official action will be taken under Public Comment). Note: *Comments should be limited to 3 minutes per resident. Please state your name before speaking.*
Trustee Schroeder motioned to open the meeting for public comments, seconded by Trustee Samuels. **Motion carried, 6/0.**
John Russell, PVWT representative, discussed their new website. John Heintz-Taylor – read a letter he wrote regarding North Prairie Government.
Trustee Schroeder motioned to close the meeting for public comments, seconded by Trustee Samuels. **Motioned carried, 6/0.**
9. **VILLAGE PRESIDENT**
 - a. Report to the Board – President Miresse thanked the Public Safety Committee for all their time and effort the committee has put into the public meetings regarding the police department.
 - b. Report on Kettle Moraine Fire District - President Miresse mentioned the policy changes for fire department personnel.
 - c. Discussion and/or Action: Request from Steve Styza, "The Glens" to reduce "Letter of Credit" amount by \$286,594.00 for work completed to date. Trustee Hall motioned to approve reduction for the letter of credit, seconded by Trustee Samuels. **Motion carried, 6/0.**
 - d. Discussion and/or Action: Ordinance No. 2026-03 for attachment of properties having Tax Key Nos. GNT 1569.989 and GNT 1569990 owned by Gregory R. & Kathleen F. Price Revocable Trust. Trustee Hall motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Trustee Harmann. **Motioned carried 6/0.**
 - e. Discussion and/or Action: Ordinance No. 2026-04 for attachment of properties having Tax Key Nos. GNT 1565.997 and GNT 1565.998 owned by Ashley Neuman, Larry J. Kipp, Cheryl Champine and Joshua Stewart. Trustee Hall motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Trustee Harmann. **Motioned carried, 6/0.**
10. **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK/TREASURER**
 - a. Report to the Board – Administrator Etten updated the board as to upcoming dates of importance and work-in-progress in the Village office.
 - b. Discussion and/or Action: Financial Reports for December 2025 & January 2026.
11. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**
 - a. Report to the Board – Trustee Schroeder spoke with Lake Country Fire Department and Trustee Samuels spoke with Mukwonago Fire Department looking at options as result of Eagle's prior agenda item to dissolve the Kettle Moraine First District. Captain Timm prepared a draft budget for the police department with two options - a part-time or a full-time police chief.

- b. Discussion and/or Action: Radio Grant - Police/Fire. Captain Timm thought the radio grant could be May of 2028, which could pay for 80% of the radio cost; discussion only, no action taken.

12. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- a. Report to the Board - Trustee Samuels stated two dates are being scheduled in 2026 for community recycling days. Christmas lights are coming down soon, and DPW will address the non-working and varying light output before next year. She also stated there is a salt shortage per the County.
- b. Discussion and/or Action: Signage of Land O' Lakes Agreement. Trustee Samuels met with representatives of the Land O'Lakes Pythons, who would like to use the Veteran's baseball field and concession stand for its 2026 baseball game. Trustee Hall questioned the payment arrangements listed in the agreement and asked why they would not be paying monthly or quarterly vs. at the end of the contract. Trustee Hall motioned to approve the contract with Land O' Lakes Pythons with a minimum of three (equal) payments throughout the season and all fees paid in full before any play-off games occurred, seconded by Trustee Samuels. **Motion carried, 6/0.**

13. COMMUNICATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- a. Report to the Board. – Trustee Hall advised the next meeting is 02/23/26 at 4:15PM

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. Report to the Board – Trustee Schroeder advised that a representative from John's Disposal was at the Finance Committee meeting tonight. In March, the committee will meet with R & R Insurance.
- a. Discussion and/or Action: Health Care Benefits for full-time employees – Trustee Hall provided information on various health care program options & costs due to the substantial increase in full time employee health care premiums due to the federal government allowing the Affordable Health Care act subsidies to lapse as of January 1, 2026. The benefit that is the closest to matching the current benefit of paying FTEs a health stipend is a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement, which is a type of health reimbursement account. The yearly contribution rates by employers are set by the IRS. Trustee Hall motioned to approve the Village providing full time employees with the amount allowed by the IRS of \$6,450 for a single plan and \$13,100 for a family plan and entering into an agreement with a third-party vendor to administer the plan at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, with a proposed start date of April 1, 2026, seconded by Trustee Lampe. - **Motion carried, 6/0.**
- b. Discussion and/or Action: Participation in the Joint Municipal Court Agreement – Trustee Schroeder stated that given the issues with the Joint Municipal Court ("JMC") and the burden it places on staff and the taxpayers of North Prairie, it is not in the best interest of the Village to continue to be a member of the JMC. A six-month notice prior to the end of the Judge's current term needs to be given, which would be no later than October of 2027. Trustee Schroeder motioned that the Village of North Prairie withdraw as a member the host of the JMC and give notice of withdrawal in accordance with the provision contained therein, seconded by Trustee Hall. **Motion carried, 6/0.**
- c. Discussion and/or Action: Review and approval monthly bills and payroll – Trustee Schroeder motion to approve the January 2026 bills/payroll, checks approved for February 2026, checks 20640 – 20715, in the amount of \$1,908,732.69, two voided checks 20661–20703, seconded by Trustee Hall. Trustee Schroeder announced that the reason the bills were so high this month was due to paying the property taxes back to the county and school districts. **Motion carried, 6/0.**

- 15. **Motion to Adjourn** - Trustee Hall motioned to adjourn at 8:12 PM, seconded by Trustee Harmann. **Motion carried, 6/0.**

Submitted by:

Evelyn Effen, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

March 4, 2026

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