

VILLAGE OF LAC LA BELLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR VILLAGE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 20, 2025

President Robert C. Hultquist called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees' present include John Koepke, John Roelandts, Erik Mullett and VJ Scully. Also in attendance were Attorney Michael Van Kleunen, Police Chief Kristen Wraalstad, Highway Superintendent Sam Salzman, Administrator Jeffrey Herrmann and Clerk/Treasurer Lori Opitz. For additional attendees please see the sign-in sheet.

Those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Approve regular Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2025. – Trustee Mullett made the motion to approve the October 6, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Roelandts seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence. - None

Comments from the Floor on Agenda items or any other items.

Jo Ann Lesser, W398N6056 Autumn Woods Drive, spoke on behalf of the residents in the Mary Lane Sanitary district respectfully requesting that Board reconsider the newly proposed billing structure requiring residents to pay for an entire year of sanitary sewer services upfront each January which imposes undue financial burden on many residents. She also submitted on record a petition that was signed by residents requesting reconsideration of upfront sewer billing policy.

Kathy Kahl, W398N5987 Autumn Woods Drive, stated the same concerns regarding the upfront sewer billing policy and the financial burden it would put on others.

Keith Granum, N53W34296 Road Q, stated he is favor of not allowing aerators on the lakes in the Village.

Tom Modl, N64W35035 Road J, would like to see information out there regarding our area about summer activities such as bike paths, walking paths, maps and the lakes on what is offered in the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion on possible ordinance for the use of aerators.** – A representative from the DNR spoke to the Board on what the Statutes regulate regarding the use of aerators. After some discussion, the Board will be looking at other areas and their ordinances regulating the use of aerators and possibly creating an ordinance not allowing the use of aerators from November through April.
2. **Consider and Act on Resolution 2025-26; A resolution for the 2026 Fee Schedule.** – Administrator Herrmann stated all of the fees have been agreed on, but the rental of the Community Center. He stated that Highway Superintendent Salzman recommends the increase to \$250.00 rent, which would allow the Village to break even. Trustee Roelandts made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-26; A resolution for the 2026 Fee Schedule. Trustee Scully seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Consider and Act on Assessor Contract for the Village of Lac La Belle.** – Administrator Herrmann spoke about each one of the different pricing options. After a brief discussion, Trustee Scully made the motion to approve the \$82,200 per year fee, which would include an annual re-evaluation. Trustee Roelandts seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Consider and Act on stop sign at the intersection of Sunset & Meadow View Road.** – After some discussion with Police Chief Wraalstad, Trustee Mullett made the motion to not put a stop sign at the intersection of Sunset & Meadow View Road. Trustee Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider and Act on Resolution 2025-25, A resolution commemorating Linda Bergman years of service to the Town of Oconomowoc.** – No action was taken.
2. **Consider and Act on Ordinance 2025-11; An ordinance to create section 29-14, 29-15 and 29-16 of the Town of Oconomowoc municipal code to require a road and ditch bond for all new construction and/or new culverts.** – Trustee Koepke made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-

11; An ordinance to create section 29-14, 29-15 and 29-16 of the Town of Oconomowoc municipal code to require a road and ditch bond for all new construction and/or new culverts. Trustee Roelandts seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. **Consider and Act on road signage at the intersection of Lake Drive, Westview Road and Westshore Road.** – After some discussion with Police Chief Wraalstad, she said they will do a study on the area for the next two weeks and bring it back at the next meeting for discussion.
4. **Consider and Act on Class B Fermented Beverage License for The 43's Operations, LLC, d/b/a The Happy Place, N58W39877 Highway 16, James Akers, Agent from October 20, 2025, to June 30, 2026.** – Trustee Mullett made the motion to approve the Class B fermented beverage license for The 43's Operations, LLC, d/b/a The Happy Place, N58W39877 Highway 16, James Akers, Agent from October 20, 2025, to June 30, 2026 with the understanding that he has the proper site plan/plan of operation filed with the County, he meets with the Building Inspector and Western Lakes to give him his final occupancy. Trustee Roelandts seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Consider and Act on adding streetlights on Wisconsin Avenue in Okauchee.** – Highway Superintendent Salman stated that it would cost \$195,040 for the installation and the lights and the price is good until the end of the month, and they would be installed in the spring if approved. Trustee Mullett made the motion to approve adding streetlights on Wisconsin Avenue in Okauchee with a cost of \$195,040. Trustee Roelandts seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. **Consider and Act on proposal from Ayres for inspection for Monterey Dam.** – Administrator Herrmann stated that the proposal was approved at the last meeting for the Okauchee Dam, but now the Village is required to have the Monterey Dam inspected. The total cost for both would be \$3,650.00. Trustee Roelandts made the motion to approve the proposal from Ayres for the inspection of the dams at a cost of \$3,650.00. Trustee Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
7. **President Hultquist.** – Nothing to report
8. **Trustee Reports.**
 - a. **John Koepke.** – Nothing to report
 - b. **VJ Scully.** – Nothing to report
 - c. **Erik Mullett.** – Reminded everyone the Okauchee Business Trick or Treat is on October 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - d. **John Roelandts.** – stated that the Village should investigate other options regarding the sewer charges other than just putting it on the tax bill.
9. **Public Works Superintendent Salzman.** – Nothing to report
10. **Chief Wraalstad.** – stated that Austin Gholson's last day was last week and she has hired a new officer from Menomonee Falls and the Board will meet him at the next meeting.
11. **Administrator Herrmann** – Nothing to report
12. **Clerk/Treasurer Opitz.** – Nothing to report
13. **Approve Vouchers and Checks.** – Trustee Mullett made the motion to approve vouchers and checks subject to Administrator Herrmann's approval. Trustee Scully seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
14. **The Board will enter, by roll call vote, into Closed Session pursuant to State Statue 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (City of Oconomowoc).**

Trustee Koepke made the motion and Trustee Scully seconded to go into Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. Voice Vote was taken – President Hultquist, aye; Trustee Koepke, aye; Trustee Roelandts, aye; Trustee Mullett, aye; Trustee Scully, aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Koepke made the motion and Trustee Roelandts seconded to go into Open Session at 8:15 p.m. Voice Vote was taken – President Hultquist, aye, Trustee Koepke, aye, Trustee Roelandts, aye; Trustee Mullett, aye; Trustee Scully, aye. Motion carried.

Reconvene into Open Session

15. **Adjourn.** – Trustee Roelandts made the motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Trustee Scully seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Opitz, WCMC - Clerk/Treasurer