

**VILLAGE OF LAC LA BELLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR VILLAGE MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 5, 2026

President Robert C. Hultquist called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees' present included John Koepke, John Roelandts, Erik Mullett and V.J. Scully. Also in attendance were 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 December 1, 2025, and December 22, 2025. – Trustee Koepke made the motion to approve the minutes from December 1st, and December 22nd as presented. Trustee Scully seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence. – None

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

Ginny Pease, 466 Lac La Belle Drive, stated it would be helpful to have a map regarding line item #2 under old business.

Lisa Conley, 516 Lac La Belle Drive, stated that there are extra funds from the historic village for the sewer repairs and was wondering if the AdHoc Committee still exists or not.

Rick Pease, 466 Lac La Belle Drive, stated if the Village got a quote for Village property.

Wayne Euclide, N63W37858 Burtonwood Drive, wanted to make the Village aware that the City is in the area of Lake Bluff Road an extension of that road into the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Consider and Act on 2026 Road Program.** – No Action was taken
2. **Consider and Act on Proposed Bid of \$12,500.00 from Krizsan's Tree Removal Service, Inc. for removal of Tree and Brush on Village Owned Property.** – Trustee Roelandts made the motion to approve the proposed bid of \$12,500.00 from Krissan's Tree Removal Service for the removal of tree and brush on Village owned property. Trustee Scully seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Consider and Act on Appointing Erik Joost to oversee removal of Tree and Brush on Village Owned Property.** – Trustee Roelandts made the motion to approve Erik Joost to oversee removal of tree and brush on Village owned property. Trustee Scully seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Consider and Act on Changes to Employee Handbook to be Effective January 6th, 2026.** – Trustee Mullett made the motion to approve the changes to the employee handbook to be effective January 6, 2026. Trustee Roelandts seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chief Bowen's Report.** – Gave his report
2. **Introduction of Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue a Public Right of Way providing access to CTH P (Brown Street).** – Resolution was introduced and will be acted on in the May 4th meeting.
3. **Consider and Act on Street Light Repairs and Painting in Downtown Okauchee Business Area.** – No action was taken.
4. **Discussion on proceeding with Fire Fee and/or Referendum.** – No Action was taken.
5. **Consider and Act on Easement with WE Energies for the Mary Lane Force Main project and Payment of Easement Costs.** – Trustee Scully made the motion to approve the easement with WE Energies for the Mary Lane Force Main project and payment of easement costs. Trustee Mullett seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. **Discussion on Possible Options for Sewer Utility Billing in 2027.** – No action was taken.

7. **Discussion on possible Village Board Volunteer to be on the Village Sewer Commission.** – Trustee Mullett stated that he would be on Sewer Commission for one year.
8. **President Hultquist.** – Nothing to report
9. **Trustee Reports.**
 - a. **John Koepke.** – Nothing to report
 - b. **VJ Scully.** – Nothing to report
 - c. **Erik Mullett.** – Nothing to report
 - d. **John Roelandts.** – Nothing to report
10. **Public Works Superintendent Salzman.** – Nothing to report
11. **Chief Wraalstad.** – Nothing to report
12. **Administrator Herrmann** – Stated the January 19th meeting is moved to January 20th because the Village Hall is closed for Martin Luther King on the 19th
13. **Clerk/Treasurer Opitz.** – Nothing to report
14. **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.
15. **Adjourn.** – Trustee Roelandts made the motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Trustee Mullett seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted –
Lori Opitz, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer