

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 7, 2025

Call to Order: President Vanden Berg called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

President Vanden Berg led members in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Trustees

PRESENT: Michael Vanden Berg, President
Joe Harlow, Trustee
David Peterson, Trustee
Don Van Deurzen, Trustee
Larry Van Lankvelt, Trustee
Brian Van Lankveldt, Trustee
Rosie Sprangers, Trustee

Roll call of Officers and Department Heads

PRESENT: Beau Bernhoft, Administrator
John McDonald, Director of Parks, Rec and Forestry
Lisa Remiker-DeWall, Finance Director
Penny Mack, Human Resources
Kent Taylor, Director of Public Works
Jessica Titel, Community Development Director
Fox Valley Metro Police Captain Slotke
Laurie Decker, Village Clerk

Public Appearance for Items Not on the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda are routine in nature and require one motion to approve all items listed. Prior to voting on the Consent Agenda, items may be removed at the request of any Board Member or member of the public. Any removed items will be considered immediately following the motion to approve the other items.

1. Disbursement List
2. Approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2025
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board meeting of April 30, 2025
4. Special Event Permit for Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2025

Moved by Trustee L. Van Lankvelt, seconded by Trustee Sprangers to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Presentation—KerberRose Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

David Minch, Partner gave a presentation and thanked the Finance team for being prepared and everything tied out and reconciled. No questions were asked.

Discussion—Residential Chickens

Director Titel gave an overview. Several questions and comments about surrounding communities, costs of permits and if those permits will cover costs of enforcement, who would be enforcing; several trustees gave comments about their viewpoint, several members of the community spoke on all the positive aspects that chickens can bring and it's not only for the eggs but also a great hobby. No one in attendance was against chickens in the community. The next steps will be to draft an ordinance and hold a public hearing.

Discussion/Action—Community Band Trailer Budget Adjustment

Moved by Trustee B. Van Lankveldt, seconded by Trustee L. Van Lankveldt to Approve the Budget Amendment as presented.

Ayes 6, Abstain 1, (Harlow) Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vanden Berg	Aye
Larry Van Lankveldt	Aye
Don Van Deurzen	Aye
Rosie Sprangers	Aye
Brian Van Lankveldt	Aye
Joe Harlow	Aye
Brian Peterson	Aye

Action—Appoint Melanie Skalmoski to the Library Board

Moved by Trustee B. Van Lankveldt, seconded by Trustee L. Van Lankveldt to Appoint Melanie Skalmoski to the Library Board.

Discussion—2024 Water Utility Public Service Commission Report

Director Remiker DeWall gave an overview and discussed year to year comparisons. Trustee Larry Van Lankveldt asked a question about rate increase and Remiker DeWall explained she would recommend we would wait and look to apply later this fall as if you apply prior to August it is a 2025 test year and if August or after uses 2026 Test Year which would be in our best interest to use 2026 as costs continue to rise. It is a lengthy process and once the Village applies, the final decision of what increase is approved is the final PSC decision not a Village Board decision. The Village Board decision is whether to apply or not. No further questions.

Discussion/Action—Employee Engagement Survey

Administrator Bernhoft gave an overview. Discussion about types of questions that would be asked and if any input. Trustees would like the vendor to come and speak with Village Board prior to the survey going out and we want to make sure it is anonymous. Questions were also raised of how the results will be delivered.

Moved by Trustee B. Van Lankveldt, seconded by Trustee Sprangers to Award the Survey to KerberRose.

Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Discussion/Possible Action—Cedars Project Event Update

Director McDonald gave an overview requesting to host food trucks and non-food vendors. No alcohol is being sold on Village property. A question was asked about what he raises money for. No money is being raised, he is just looking for harmonious living to bring people together.

Moved by Trustee L. Van Lankveldt, seconded by Trustee Harlow to approve the Cedars Project Event.

Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Department and Officer Progress Reports

Department and Officer Progress Reports were presented

Call for Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agenda

Ordinance and Public Hearing for chickens

Closed Sessions:

19.85(1)(c) Consideration of Employment, Promotion, or Performance Evaluation Data of any Public Employee of the Village of Little Chute. *Clerk and DPW Director Retirement Notice*

19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. Deliberations or negotiations on the purchase of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specific public business when competitive or bargaining reason require a closed session. *Negotiations*

Moved by Trustee Harlow, seconded by Trustee Van Deurzen to Enter into Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.


Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Van Deurzen, seconded by Trustee L. Van Lankvelt to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

Attest: 
Laurie Decker, Village Clerk

By: 
Michael R. Vanden Berg, Village President

