

Village Board Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

Trustees: Larry Crook, Jeremy Giebel, Kyle Goebel, Barb Hoch, Keegan Madigan & Tammy Pflum

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – June 15, 2026 meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Village President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Jeremy Giebel, Kyle Goebel, Barb Hoch, Keegan Madigan & Jared Marchant

Staff: Jeremy Tabbert, Public Works Director & Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Charlie Becker, Janet Clark, Elizabeth Crook, Stephanie Dahlke, Troy Damsteegt-Lakeside Municipal Court, Shane Dennis-MSA, Adam Derksen, Jerry Fairbank, Shawn Gieger-MSA, Angie Hoch, Lisa Kleinmaus, Paul Kleinmaus, Cherie Mayan, Fire Chief Dave McCoy, Tammy Pflum, John Potter, Chris Randall-FDL Sheriff's Dept., Courtney Schleh, Al Schultz, Nancy Smit, Rick Smit, Sheriff Ryan Waldschmidt-FDL County Sheriff's Dept., Emajean Westphal, Jim Westphal

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 5-18-26, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Goebel to approve the minutes from the 5-18-26 meeting. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – President Caramanidis reminded everyone of behavior, to be courteous and to act with proper decorum. Jim Westphal requested the Board to speak slow & to the crowd. No other public comments mentioned at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Presentation from Shane Dennis, MSA Professionals, regarding UV Disinfection – Shane Dennis with MSA Professionals gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the UV Disinfection. He mentioned our permit info & deadlines. He also mentioned this project must be publicly bid out as this will be over the cost of \$25K. It was mentioned that the project should be up and running by April 30, 2029. Jerry Fairbank questioned the sewer rate increase. It was mentioned to look at the percentage. Cherie Mayan asked about the money we saved for last project. President Caramanidis stated it was used for the new sewer plant. Shane Dennis mentioned the equipment replacement fund and how there is a requirement of what amount should be in it. Dave McCoy asked if MSA looked into replacement costs for ex: bulbs & ballasts. Shane Dennis stated that number was figured in.

President Caramanidis mentioned having a wastewater committee meeting to go over info. Trustee Crook asked if MSA already has design plan. Rick Smit asked if this proposal meets our needs. He also asked about future & how much will things change with growth. Shane Dennis stated it's already projected to work.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Wastewater Facility Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) – Shawn Gieger, with MSA Professionals explained the CMAR report. He mentioned that the biosolids did score a "C" due to the arsenic in the sludge. He also mentioned that the Village is still offering the Rebate Program for residents to update their water softeners to help with the lowering of chlorides. Jim Westphal asked about the new subdivision & the arsenic issues. It was mentioned that the new homes will most likely have an RO System installed. Shane Dennis from MSA Professionals mentioned that maybe we could start looking for another municipality to combine sludge

with to help dilute. It was mentioned that arsenic is not going into the discharge. It was mentioned that Waupun currently takes our sludge. "Solution to Pollution is Dilution" was mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Approve Resolution WW06-15-26 for Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) –

Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Giebel to approve Resolution WW06-15-26 for Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR). Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, Speedy Clean proposal – Shawn Gieger mentioned the proposals received. He said they came in lesser than expected. Proposals from Great Lakes TV Seal Inc, Speedy Clean Drain and Sewer & AQUALIS were received and reviewed. Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Hoch to accept the proposal from Great Lakes TV Seal Inc with a contract cost of \$11,650.75. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, review of the Rosendale Police Department & Rosendale Municipal Court for the next 6 months – President Caramanidis mentioned that last month's meeting came with a surprise about the police department and municipal court discussion. He mentioned he had a conversation with Trustee Marchant about having a 6-month review before making a huge change. He mentioned we are currently fully staffed with one full-time officer and 3 part-time officers. It was mentioned that having a police force for 50 plus years, he would hate to get rid of it at this time without further review.

President Caramanidis stated we have a "loaner" judge at this time and all departments are fully staffed. He said he would hate to make a hasty decision without further review. It was mentioned once you get rid of either, it's not coming back. It was mentioned that Trustee Marchant is a new Village Board member with a clean slate.

Trustee Madigan stated it's a good idea to reevaluate. He mentioned how zoning works, we have several meetings before a decision is made.

Trustee Goebel agrees to keep an eye on things. He stated if it makes sense in the future to make a change. He mentioned involving the community.

Trustee Marchant stated he is new to the game. He stated his info is low and doesn't know our personnel. He suggested to track monthly. He mentioned having a public forum. It was mentioned that when we have four months of data, etc., to ask the public their thoughts. Trustee Marchant also mentioned he would like a "drop down date" to put this to bed.

Trustee Giebel mentioned how the court is tied to the Spring Election and asked who President Caramanidis spoke to in NFDL. President Caramanidis stated he spoke to Connie (court clerk).

Trustee Hoch stated that the last several years has been a revolving door with the police department. She stated that consistence and training are lacking. She agreed with Trustee Marchant and stated she had asked Sheriff Ryan Waldschmidt to speak to us in regards to having a dedicated officer from the County. She stated our residents don't know who our officers are and our Chief is in Iron Ridge. She doesn't think this is going to be a snap decision but a date needs to be set. She stated the Judge's term is up in April.

Trustee Giebel asked how review looks like for next 6 months. President Caramanidis mentioned monthly staff reports & numbers. He also mentioned the deadline for having a Spring Election of November 1st. Trustee Giebel

asked if we can have report in September to have all the numbers. President Caramanidis also mentioned how our court also collects the bad debt.

Trustee Crook said if we give it another 6 months, we have been dealing with this for the last 5 years. He mentioned how this talk has been mentioned last year. Trustee Crook also mentioned he is not sure we want to take another 6 months. Trustee Hoch agrees and mentioned the personnel committee. Tammy Pflum spoke and stated she was a part of the personnel committee and agrees with Trustee Crook and the PD turnover.

President Caramanidis stated he understands the concern but likes Trustee Marchant's idea. It was mentioned that businesses don't make a quick decision. Trustee Crook mentioned how this hasn't worked out.

John Potter asked it is true, that we hired Alek (referring to Alek Schultz) back. He mentioned that in past incidents when trying to get ahold of our PD, he didn't get a return call for 5 days when he had his vehicle broken into. He also mentioned he drove around the past four days and saw no officers.

Angie Hoch spoke from her heart, stating her concerns and mentioned it's not because her mom is on the Board. She stated she recommends the Sheriff's Office and that Chief Verdine earned his pay. John Potter questioned who our Captain is.

Trustee Marchant asked if the Sheriff's Department would have the same level of citations and incidents compared to the Rosendale Police Department. Angie Hoch asked for ticket numbers for the last five years. Emajean Westphal questioned where our full-time officer lives. President Caramanidis stated he is not going to give out their personal information. Elizabeth Crook mentioned how the Sheriff's Department has responded to Bluemkes for incidents and how they are knowledgeable vs the Rosendale officers. John Potter asked why this is a revolving door. President Caramanidis mentioned we are not discussing personnel files. Angie Hoch questioned who the veteran is. It was mentioned that it is Alek Schultz. She asked why did we ask him to come back if he was asked to leave. Trustee Marchant asked if FDL County can handle and staff our Village. It was asked for Sheriff Ryan Waldschmidt to give another public presentation. Nancy Smit asked about a monthly review and who is our staff. President Caramanidis stated we can do a monthly review on performance, but we will not give a quota. Trustee Madigan said there are a lot of emotions right now. Trustee Madigan also mentioned if we liquidate equipment and change mind later, it will be hard to get everything back & start over. Tammy Pflum questioned looking at it for six months and how much turnaround time would the Sheriff's Department need if they were contracted here.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Presentation from Fond du Lac County Sheriff Ryan Waldschmidt – Sheriff Ryan Waldschmidt began presentation at 6:45 pm. He introduced himself and presented a PowerPoint. He stated he respects the situation with the Board & community. He said he is here to provide information and not advocating closing the PD.

It was mentioned that the Sheriff's Department is fully staffed at 65 Deputies. It was mentioned that if the Village would decide to contract the County and have a designated officer, it would be an all-inclusive cost of \$81.33/hr. for patrol hours (not including administrative – they would be responsible to cover that). The Village would need to give a six-month notice as the County Board would also need to approve & prepare. It was mentioned the Sheriff's Department would provide a weekly or monthly report for the Village. President Caramanidis questioned if FDL County has a Sanctuary policy. Sheriff Waldschmidt stated Fond du Lac County is not a Sanctuary County. He stated they do work with ICE and the FBI. President Caramanidis asked if any else has contracted the County. Sheriff Waldschmidt mentioned the Village of Brandon, St. Cloud & Eden & Town of FDL, however, the Village of

Rosendale is very unique as we have two major highways going thru town. Tammy Pflum questioned the six-month notice with County again and what the timeline would be to start. It was mentioned if the Village were to start with County in July, the attorney would need to review. It was mentioned there is no need to follow County's budget timeline.

Sheriff Waldschmidt mentioned that the Deputies that work in the different communities are not forced, they want to do this kind of work. Charlie Becker questioned about citations issued and where the money goes. Sheriff Waldschmidt said it would depend on what court we belong to. It can be municipal citations or circuit citations. Charlie Becker asked about our equipment. Sheriff Waldschmidt stated they would look at our assets and if we would be able to sell to County, ex: squads, cameras, computers, etc. He mentioned if they were to purchase our squads, they would change over the logos to FDL County Sheriff Dept.

Jim Westphal asked if our assigned officer is off duty, will we still get charged if County shows up for an incident? Sheriff Waldschmidt stated we would not get charged for back up or if our Deputy is off duty and County is responding to a call. It was mentioned that the contract would guarantee the number of hours of work during a week/month/year. It was mentioned that the County has a staff pool if our contracted deputy is on vacation, we would still have coverage if we have a contract. Trustee Marchant questioned if County has any standards for level of coverage and our traffic. It was mentioned if we had a population of over 5000, we would need our own law enforcement service. Populations under 5000 can contract with their local county. It was also mentioned they can look at the numbers for the calls for service.

Trustee Marchant questioned the citation revenue. Sheriff Waldschmidt stated he cannot predict as FDL County doesn't work around revenue. FDL County focuses on visible presence while staying compliant. President Caramanidis stated he checked with other municipalities and they are at a net negative.

It was mentioned that the Village of Brandon has the Sheriff's Department contracted for 20 hours per week. It was mentioned that St. Cloud requested local ordinance enforcement and Eden wanted police presence. It was mentioned that the Deputies are trained to be more community orientated & voluntary compliance.

Fire Chief Dave McCoy stated our volume of traffic has gone up drastically. He asked if we are focused on income from traffic or safety. Chief McCoy asked about checking into a solar powered radar sign to help slow traffic.

President Caramanidis asked how much time the officer spends at court. Troy Damsteegt mentioned that an officer is not required to come to court, that the initial appearance is only for a plea. It was mentioned if there is a trial, then an officer is required to attend. It was mentioned that the prosecutor comes to represent the municipality.

Trustee Marchant asked about communication between Deputy. Sheriff Waldschmidt said it depends on the magnitude of issue. Elizabeth Crook asked, as a citizen, would she call a service or the Deputy when needing to report something. Sheriff Waldschmidt stated she would call Dispatch. It was also mentioned that the Deputy reviews all calls for service before each shift so they are aware of anything that happened previously/in between shifts.

At 7:53 pm President Caramanidis thanked Sheriff Waldschmidt for coming to the meeting. He also mentioned he has enjoyed the relationship we have with Fond du Lac County. President Caramanidis also thanked Chief McCoy, with the Rosendale Fire Department, for his service and mentioned all the training requirements involved.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, Resolution 06-15-26 Ordering a Special Election for Municipal Judge of the Rosendale Municipal Court to be held on December 1, 2026 – Tabled.

Troy Damsteegt wanted to mention that there is an October 1st deadline if we were to be wanting to join Lakeside Municipal Court (not November 1st). It was also mentioned that Lakeside does suspend licenses, uses State Debt Collection, TRIP and small claims to collect for fines. It was mentioned that Lakeside Municipal Court has been around for 28 years and only on their second Judge during that time. He mentioned they are growing, not shrinking. Troy Damsteegt also mentioned how he stopped in the office today to sign court papers and saw the agenda posted, which is why he came to the meeting. He did continue to mention, if the Court Clerk were to leave, the Clerk position is not just a jump in and take over. Training is required. He mentioned the Municipal Judge does not need to be a lawyer. Village is liable for that Judge, even if Judge has a vendetta. He mentioned Special Elections cost money. He mentioned if we were to join Lakeside, there would be a one-time fee of \$500 for the TIPPS software and the court includes everything else. Trustee Hoch asked if Troy could give this info in writing.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Discuss & vote on a direction for the Rosendale Municipal Court

- A. Continue operations in Rosendale as is
- B. Pursue returning to Lakeside Court & vote on a final plan at the July Board meeting

Trustee Giebel mentioned he doesn't know why we need six months. He asked if we made money. Angie Hoch asked why this wasn't discussed in the last Finance Committee meeting. Trustee Crook stated he was under the impression there was going to be a Finance discussion about the PD and Court from discussion at the May meeting. It was questioned if there can be a vote on the final decision by September 1st on whether or not to move to Lakeside Municipal Court since there is an October 1st deadline. Motion was made by Trustees Giebel/Hoch to approve voting on a final decision by September 1st to move to Lakeside Municipal Court. Motion was carried by a 4-3-0 roll call. Trustees Giebel/Crook/Marchant/Hoch voted yes. Trustees Madigan/Goebel & Village President Caramanidis voted no.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Discuss & vote on a direction for the Rosendale Police Department –

- A. Continue operations as is
- B. Pursue daily Village coverage by the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office & vote on a final plan and contract at the July Village Board meeting

Trustee Giebel mentioned he doesn't know why we need six months and he would like a deadline. It was mentioned the September Board meeting could be the deadline. Trustee Marchant stated he would like to invite the public in. Trustee Hoch agrees. Trustee Madigan stated six months is plenty of time. Trustee Hoch stated she doesn't agree. Tammy Pflum asked Sheriff Waldschmidt if he would present again for the public. It was mentioned to hand out concrete numbers. Rick Smit said let the numbers speak for themselves. Emajean & Jim Westphal stated it doesn't take six months. President Caramanidis said he wants to see.

It was mentioned to have data for the July Board meeting. It was mentioned the plan was to have a public meeting in the fall with information, around the October time frame. Angie Hoch questioned how many full-time officers we have/had. President Caramanidis stated 3 full-time. Emajean Westphal questioned Alek's return. Jerry Fairbank said we have the choice to have an officer or not to have an officer to contact. Jerry went on to state that we have an awesome PD & wouldn't want to throw it away. He stated we need 2 patrol officers Thursday thru Sunday. He also asked about our radar trailer and how he hasn't seen it out in 8 months. Trustee Madigan asked Sheriff Waldschmidt if it is an either/or for hiring the County or if there is a hybrid scenario. He asked if the

Sheriff's Department could subsidize. Sheriff Waldschmidt stated he would have to explore and look into that. Trustee Madigan said we can't throw 68 years of PD away without exploring all options. It was mentioned that the Village Clerk Emily Wirkus can put out notice in the Village email in September/October with numbers and public meeting. Trustee Marchant said he doesn't have proper info and would like to learn. It was asked for a spreadsheet. It was mentioned about info regarding County vs RPD.

President Caramanidis mentioned he wants projections for next month (July). Tammy Pflum asked if part-time officers are experienced and asked about current roster. President Caramanidis stated we have one full-time officer and 3 part-time that fill in when schedule allows. He mentioned we can review monthly, with projection in July. Public meeting this fall for more public input. Troy Damsteegt mentioned he will be out of the county for the September meeting. If anyone has court questions to contact him before.

Motion was made by Trustees Giebel/Crook to vote on the PD at the September meeting. Motion was carried by a 3-4 roll call. Trustees Giebel/Crook/Hoch voted yes to vote in September. Trustees Goebel/Marchant/Madigan and President Caramanidis voted no.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – Approve Sales Permit for Darrell Ringhand to sell fireworks at a temporary stand located at the corner of Hwy 23 & Hwy 26 – Motion made by Trustees Giebel/Hoch to approve the sales permit for Darrell Ringhand. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call. Chief McCoy made a comment after the vote about making awareness about liability with the Village. Clerk Emily Wirkus mentioned to President Kurt Caramanidis that our past attorney helped in reviewing the form Darrell Ringhand uses at the stand for customers to sign & liability. Trustee Hoch agreed to check on the liability portion & get a copy of the form. *Note* Clerk Emily Wirkus went to the stand to get a copy of the form used as requested when they were setting up on June 19, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 15 – Approve a Temporary Class “B” license for the Rosendale-Eldorado Softball Tournament to be held on July 24 – July 26, 2026 at Taylor Park – Motion was made by Trustees Goebel/Hoch to approve a Temporary Class “B” license for the Rosendale-Eldorado Softball Tournament to be held on July 24- July 26, 2026 at Taylor Park. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Madigan abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 16 – Approve a Temporary Class “B” license for the Rosendale Lions Club Chicken BBQ to be held on Sunday, August 9, 2026 - Motion was made by Trustees Hoch/Madigan to approve a Temporary Class “B” license for the Rosendale Lions Club Chicken BBQ to be held on Sunday, August 9, 2026. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Crook abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 17 – Beer & Liquor license applications –

Bluemke's Inc., Bethany Crook, Agent – 102 E. Division St – Class A Beer & Liquor

Main Mart – 108 N. Main St., - Class A & B Beer & Liquor

Dollar General – 100 W. Rose-Eld Road – Class A Beer & Liquor

Tabbert's Restaurant – 221 S. Main St. – Class B Beer & Liquor

Village Grounds – 100 S. Main St. – Class B Beer & Liquor

Motion was made by Trustees Madigan/Goebel to approve the above Liquor license applications. Motion was carried with a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Crook abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 17 – Operator (bartender) license applications –

Reid D Baumhardt – Bluemkes
Eve Clark - Bluemkes
Bethany Crook -Bluemkes
Marissa Johnson – Bluemkes
Hanna Keel - Bluemkes
Mariska Kees – Bluemkes
Kennedy Krohn - Bluemkes
Whitney Madison - Bluemkes
Susan Moore – Bluemkes
Adrianna Norton - Bluemkes
Brianna Pflum – Bluemkes
Maribel Ramirez – Bluemkes
Elsie R Rens - Bluemkes
Diane Semenas – Bluemkes
Brooklyn Smit – Bluemkes
Laura Wuest - Bluemkes
Puja Rana – Main Mart
Renee Sina – Main Mart
Kimberly M. Busch – Tabbert’s Restaurant
Nancy J James – Tabbert’s Restaurant
Heather A Juedes – Tabbert’s Restaurant
Amanda R. Smit – Tabbert’s Restaurant
Nicholas A. Tabbert – Tabbert’s Restaurant
Rebecca Westphal – Village Grounds
Keegan T Madigan – Men’s Softball/Concession
Logan Kinyon – Men’s Softball/Concession
Brenna Grainger – Dollar General
Bobbi J. Jacobson – Dollar General
Terrell J. Wulff – Dollar General
Aaron M. Stein – Dollar General

Motion was made by Trustees Goebel/Giebel to approve the above Operator (bartender) license applications.
Motion was carried with a 5-0-2 roll call. Trustee Crook & Madigan abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 19 – Cigarette license applications –
Main Mart – 108 N. Main St
Bethany Crook for Bluemkes Food Mart – 102 E. Division St.
Dollar General – 100 W. Rose-Eld Rd.

Motion was made by Trustees Hoch/Madigan to approve the above Cigarette License applications. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Crook abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 20 – Police report – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 21 – Wastewater Report – Nothing more mentioned. Everything was discussed in previous agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM 22 – Committee Updates:

- a. Park Committee
- b. Police Committee

- c. Streets & Sidewalks Committee
- d. Tree Committee
- e. Wastewater Committee – it was mentioned that a Wastewater Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the UV Disinfection project.

AGENDA ITEM 23 – Approve checks dated May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 –. Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Hoch to approve checks dated May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 24 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 25 – President’s Report – President Caramanidis thanked everyone who attended tonight’s Village Board meeting and appreciates the feedback.

AGENDA ITEM 26– Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026 – 211 N. Grant St. at 5:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 27 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.