

Village Board Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

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

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – May 18, 2026 meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by 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: Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer & Jeremy Tabbert, Public Works

Citizens: Charlie Becker, Janet Clark, Troy Damsteegt, David Grade, John Potter & Jim Westphal

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Public Comments – Jim Westphal spoke and stated he wanted to make the Board aware of what happened in his rental unit. He stated that his tenants were harassed by our Rosendale Officer continuously & left overnight with no notice. It was mentioned that the tenants also left their employer with a 24-hour notice. Janet Clark, one of the tenant's employers, spoke and stated that the tenants were both hard-working employees, full & part time at both the Grade & Wiese Farms. It was mentioned they had children in the school district. It was mentioned that this was considered to them racial profiling. President Caramanidis stated that he will bring it up to the Police Chief. Janet Clark stated that herself, David Grade or Travis Clark can answer any questions regarding situation.

Charlie Becker mentioned the speed limit sign on Hwy 26. Clerk Emily Wirkus mentioned she received an email earlier today from the State stating it requires a Speed Study. He also mentioned he thought it would be considered a school zone. I had mentioned that per the email from the State a school zone is only considered in an area where kindergarten through 12th grade public, private and tribal school locations qualify for the reduced speed school speed limit signs. It was mentioned there is also a link with the FAQ regarding speed limits.

Charlie Becker also asked what's Industrial and Commercial. Trustee Marchant asked what's the issue. Charlie Becker mentioned moving of the berm on Becker Boulevard to the duplexes on Grant Street for fill. He also mentioned he plans to put in mini storage units. It was mentioned that storage units fall under industrial per our ordinance.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Approve minutes of 4-20-26, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Hoch to approve the minutes from the 4-20-26 meeting. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, transfer of the Class A Beer & Liquor Retail License for Main Mart, 108 N. Main Street, Rosendale (new ownership – previously Rosendale Mart – No comments made. Motion was made by Trustees Goebel/Giebel to approve transfer of the Class A Beer & Liquor Retail License for Main Mart. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, transfer of the Tobacco License for Main Mart, 108 N. Main Street – Motion was made by Trustees Giebel/Goebel to approve the Tobacco License for the Main Mart. Motion was carried by a 7 -0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, operator’s license for Puja Rana, W6830 Blue Heron Apt #14, FDL – Main Mart– Motion was made by Trustees Madigan/Hoch to approve the operator’s license for Puja Rana, Main Mart. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, Temporary Class B License for the Laconia Travel Softball 14U/12U/10U/8U Tournament to be held at Taylor Park – June 5th, 6th, 7th, 2026 – Motion was made by Trustees Hoch/Giebel to approve the Temporary Class B License for the Laconia Travel Softball 14U/12U/10U/8U Tournament to be held at Taylor Park on June 5th, 6th & 7th, 2026. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, operator’s license for Adam Gratton, N7831 Town Hall Road, Eldorado – the Laconia Travel Softball 14U/12U/10U/8U Tournament to be held at Taylor Park – June 5th, 6th, 7th, 2026– Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Hoch to approve the operator’s license for Adam Gratton – Laconia Travel Softball Tournament to be held at Taylor Park June 5th, 6th & 7th, 2026. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, proposal from Speedy Clean – Tabled.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Discuss & view address assignments for the Spartan Subdivision – Zoning Administrator & Trustee Madigan explained the addresses and how he came up with the numbering system. Jim Westphal asked if the corner lots have to duplex or if a single family can build. Charlie Becker questioned if there is a zero-lot line twin-dominium ordinance. Zoning Admin/Trustee Madigan said we have ordinance and it allows for someone to own each side of the duplex. Charlie Becker also mentioned the issue he had with Spectrum and suggests to allow Alliant and Spectrum to wire in/hook up at the same time.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Discuss & clarify VandeZande & Kaufman’s retainer & their role as the Village council – President Caramanidis mentioned that Sam Kaufman is our prosecutor for traffic court. He mentioned we had Steve Segar for Village Attorney before he passed away. It was mentioned that Sam Kaufman also assists with the Village if needed. It was mentioned that East Central Wisconsin was used for the new subdivision development map change. It was mentioned that Sam Kaufman reviewed the subdivision agreement. Trustee Giebel asked if Sam Kaufman is available for questions. President Caramanidis stated that if someone asks him a question, he forwards the response to him. Giebel mentioned statutes and the budget line item regarding council. It was mentioned we pay Kaufman a monthly retainer for the police department.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Discuss the Rosendale Municipal Court & any updates – President Caramanidis mentioned that Brett Zickert resigned. President Caramanidis mentioned that we could have an election in August. I mentioned that County Clerk Lisa Freiberg called at the beginning of the Board of Review inquiring if there was talk about a Special Election as she heard earlier that day that our Judge resigned. She then further stated that there was no time to have an Election in August as ballots need to be certified in the beginning of June. Troy Damsteegt was in attendance at the Village Board meeting as he was at the County Clerk’s office when Lisa called the Village Clerk’s office. Troy Damsteegt introduced himself as the judge from Lakeside Municipal Court. He mentioned, if necessary, he could fill in the Judge position with the approval of the District Judge. It should be noted that Troy Damsteegt came to the meeting on his own.

Trustee Giebel handed out a court finance sheet that he created. He mentioned that the Board should look at the court revenues/expenses for the past few years. Trustee Hoch mentioned that she thought we were anticipating

other municipalities joining the court & nothing has happened. President Caramanidis stated there will be a finance committee meeting to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – Discuss the Rosendale Police Department & any updates – President Caramanidis stated we are down 2 officers. He mentioned focusing more on more full-time experience. He mentioned we need seasoned full-timers. He mentioned paying more for someone more stable & knowledgeable. Trustee Marchant asked if there has been a feasibility study done on the police department. Trustee Hoch stated this would be the perfect time to see what the county can offer us. She mentioned if it's out of line, it's out of line. President Caramanidis stated we can look at the numbers and revisit. Trustee Hoch mentioned other communities who already contract FDL County. Trustee Marchant asked if county can "set up shop" in our municipality. Trustee Giebel handed out a financial sheet that he created. President Caramanidis stated its worthy of further conversation. Trustee Giebel mentioned the MPR news article. Trustee Giebel also asked how many officers we have. President Caramanidis mentioned we have 4 officers. President Caramanidis said we need community involvement. Trustee Crook said now is the time to take a really hard look. Troy Damsteegt mentioned the communities involved with Lakeside Municipal Court and said that the tickets FDL County would issue, if contracted by the Village, would be municipal tickets. President Caramanidis agreed to have a finance committee meeting to review.

AGENDA ITEM 15 – Wastewater Operator's Report – Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert stated everything is going well.

AGENDA ITEM 16 – Police Department Report – Nothing mentioned. Chief Liebenow was not at meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 17 – Committee Updates: Nothing mentioned.

- a. Park Committee
- b. Police Committee
- c. Streets & Sidewalks Committee
- d. Tree Committee – Trustee Hoch mentioned planting a tree on the high school property with the 5th grade class for Arbor Day. She also mentioned looking for grants for trees.
- e. Wastewater Committee

AGENDA ITEM 18 – Approve checks dated April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026 – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Goebel to approve checks dated April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 19 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 – 211 N. Grant St. at 5:30 pm – It was mentioned to have the June meeting at the new pavilion.

AGENDA ITEM 20 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 21– President's Report – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 22 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

