

Public Hearing & Village Board Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

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

Budget Public Hearing

1. **Call Public Hearing to order** - The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. **Persons wishing to speak in support or against the Proposed 2026 Budget & Levy Limit** – Jim Westphal asked about the state aids. Jerry Fairbank questioned the fire truck that the fire department is budgeting for. Trustee Madigan stated they are retiring a truck and mentioned this new truck will be a brush truck. Jerry Fairbank mentioned he does not agree with having an ambulance service. It was mentioned that they are the only service in the area.
3. **Adjourn the public hearing** – Public hearing was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – November 17, 2025 meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Jeremy Giebel, Barb Hoch, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum

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

Citizens: Charlie Becker, Jerry Fairbank & Jim Westphal

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 9-15-25, as circulated – There was no Board meeting in October. Motion was made by Trustees Giebel/Hoch to approve the minutes from the 9-15-25 meeting. Motion was carried by a 4-0-3 roll call. Trustee Pflum abstained. Trustees Crook & Goebel were absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – Jim Westphal mentioned the 4 Christmas trees that have been planted on property as entering the Village – he is looking for volunteers to help decorate with lights. It was mentioned that there are currently two 80+ year olds who decorate the trees. Lights will be provided. Jim Westphal stated volunteers can contact the Clerk's office for his phone number to arrange a date and time to help decorate. Clerk Emily Wirkus mentioned she will help as needed.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Approve the 2026 Levy Limit - It was mentioned that after filling out the Levy Limit worksheet, our allowable Levy is \$255,151.00. Motion was made by Trustees Madigan/Pflum to approve the 2026 Levy Limit of \$255,151.00. Motion was carried by a 5-0-2 roll call. Trustees Goebel & Crook were absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss & approve the 2026 Budget – President Caramanidis asked if anyone had any questions regarding the proposed 2026 Budget. Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Madigan to approve the 2026 Budget. Motion was carried by a 5-0-2 roll call. Trustees Goebel & Crook were absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, giving an employee who has worked for the Village over 1 year a 3% COLA increase – President Caramanidis mentioned that during the recent Personnel Committee meeting, it was recommended that Village employees who have worked here over 1 year, to receive a 3% COLA

increase beginning January 1, 2026. It was mentioned that Fond du Lac County was also doing a 3% COLA increase to their employees. Motion was made by Trustees Madigan/Giebel to approve the 3% COLA increase to Village employees who have worked over 1 year. Motion was carried by a 5-0-2 roll call. Trustees Goebel & Crook were absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, 3% sewer rate increase for 2026 – President Caramanidis mentioned that there has been a discussion on increasing sewer rates as it will be six years since the last increase. It was mentioned we have to prepare for when MSI Express debt repayment schedule ends and prepare for the new UV Disinfection System we are required to install. Jim Westphal mentioned that we should have increased the rates each year. It was mentioned that the initial increase was a big jump already. Motion was made by Trustees Hoch/Madigan to increase sewer rates 3% for 2026. Motion was carried by a 5-0-2 roll call. Trustees Crook & Goebel were absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Wastewater Operator's Report – Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert stated everything is going good. He did mention the blower motor was having issues, but with the temps outside going down, the issue is outdoor temp related, so he is planning on waiting it out a little longer for repair. He did mention the chloride is higher – residents have been updating their water softeners.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Police Department Report – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Committee Updates:

- a. Park Committee
- b. Police Committee
- c. Streets & Sidewalks Committee
- d. Tree Committee
- e. Wastewater Committee

AGENDA ITEM 14 – Approve checks dated September 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Trustees / to approve checks dated October 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024. Motion was carried by a 5-0-2 roll call. Trustees Goebel & Crook were absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 15 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 15, 2025 – 211 N. Grant St. at 5:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 16 – Correspondence – Clerk Emily Wirkus mentioned that the Village employees – including the Village Board can participate in a Chili Cook-off here at the Village Hall next Monday, November 24, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM 17– President's Report – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 18 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.