

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Kapaun.
The meeting was properly noticed.

Present: Mary Shemon, Scott Gerhardt, Jeff Vogt, Brian Tremblay, Katy Kapaun, Janelle Beal and Tim Johnson

Guests: Peter Tharp, Chuck Pizzi, Jerry Strohmusch, Chris Holmes, Josue Gonzales, Jim Groetsch (call in; Ehlers), Michael Miller, Rob Lillesve

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Village Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2026.
2. Approval of Special Village Board Meeting of June 29, 2026.
3. Approval of bills/checks written.
4. Acknowledgement of Treasurer's Report.
5. Acknowledgement of Operator's Licenses.
6. Acknowledgement of the Police Departments Report.
7. Acknowledgement of Library Director's report.
8. Acknowledgement of the Clerks Report.
9. Acknowledgement of Library Board Minutes.
10. Acknowledgement of Plan Commission Minutes
 - Acknowledgement of Business Plan of Operation for Badger State Operations/Badger State Aerial – Angela Weeks @107 W Maple St.
11. Acknowledgement of the Building Inspectors Report.

Agenda:

Discussion/approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda except #1, 5 & 10 including the Business Plan of Operations by Gerhardt, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion/possible action of any items pulled from the Consent Agenda needing further discussion.

#1 - Motion to approve the change to the minutes for spell checks and amend name for Peter Curtin clarification by Kapaun, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

#10 – Discussion regarding the Business Plan of Operation. Johnson asked about searching for animals when she has her down over someone else's property, but Beal thinks it is just a heat-seeking drone. Motion to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

#10 - Motion to acknowledge the Plan Commission meeting minutes by Tremblay, seconded by Beal. Motion carried.

Operator's Licenses:

Motion to approve Chelsey Webster's Operator's License by Vogt, seconded by Beal. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Hailee Raska's Operators License by Beal, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Motion to send Zachary Hoffman back for correction by Vogt, seconded by Beal. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Helen Kusilek by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Max Kusilek by Beal, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Angie Johnson by Vogt, seconded by Beal. Motion carried.

Motion to postpone Constance Eitel until the appropriate class is taken by Vogt, seconded by Shemon.
Motion carried.

Motion to postpone Michael Cleary until the appropriate class is taken by Beal, seconded by Johnson.
Motion carried.

Motion to postpone Mianna Vue until the appropriate class is taken by Vogt, seconded by Gerhardt.
Motion carried.

Motion to postpone Kelly O'Malley Bennett until the appropriate class is taken by Beal, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Communications:

Legal Updates:

Twin Lakes – the briefs had been scheduled for July 10th, but the litigating attorney asked for extension, so they are now due August 7th.

Tharp vs village of Roberts – one case has been settled and the other is ongoing.

Update on the sidewalk project:

Cedar Corp and DOT – had a call with them and we walked through the proposed route. There is a question regarding the west side of S. Division St. and he thought we were satisfied with just the east side sidewalk that is already there.

SEH Update:

Notice of non-compliance – we received another notice of non-compliance on phosphorus and suspended solids. We have asked SEH to assist with the response.

Public Concerns:

Gage Flandrick expressed concerns about issues that he is having with the geese population on the pond by Highway 65. They are destroying approximately four to five acres of land per year. They cannot apply herbicides as these are limited in amount that can be used. Chief Strohmusch has concerns with the location of Highway 65 relative to this pond.

Old Business

Discussion / action regarding Rolling Meadows Pay Application for Albrightson Excavating.

There is a memo from Ayres recommending approval for the closeout of the project. This is the final retainage for the final cleanup that needed to be done. Still needs some additional cleanup but that is not part of this project. Motion to approve the final payment for Albrightson Excavating for the 2023 Rolling Meadows Street project by Gerhardt, seconded by Beal. Motion carried.

New Business:

Acknowledgement of the Public Works Report.

The DNR is now having us test for PFAS in our sludge. There are no regulations given yet on limits or frequency. Johnson asked about the compost bags at the plant and if they contain PFAS that could leak in the soil and they do not. Motion to acknowledge the Public Works report by Tremblay, seconded by Beal. Motion carried.

Discussion/action of purchasing a pallet of water meters from Ferguson Water.

There is an estimate for a pallet of water meters from Ferguson. Motion to approve by Vogt, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Discussion/action regarding two-lot CSM for Crane 1 Holdings, LLC located at XXX Wagner Drive

(south of Dollar General).

There were several recommendations from Ayres in the memo. Updated plan was received and no further concerns for the CSM. Johnson asked if this is still commercial and the future land use shows as both. Motion to approve the two lot CSM by Tremblay, seconded by Kapaun. Discussion continued with Vogt asking about the red lines and they were from Ayres. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding using Ehlers – Jim Groetsch for investing loan funds until needed.

Jim Groetsch is here from Ehlers to discuss investing the loan funds. We would borrow at a tax-exempt rate but earn at a taxable rate. Discussed the timeline for spending the money. Money can be used for project expenses, and the goal is to earn as long as possible. The fee is applied monthly at an annual rate based on balance and number of days of the month .025% annually. The fee will go down as the earnings go down. Kapaun asked if the decision on this would fall to the pricing committee and this would be done by resolution at the next board meeting.

Discussion/action regarding the Phase 2 outcome for the PSC.

Not needed at this time.

Discussion / action regarding Well No. 3 Pay Application for Olympic Builders.

This is the first pay application as no work has been done. This is for the cost of bonding of the project. Right now, the delay is with the PSC approval. Motion to approve the Olympic Builders pay application by Beal, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

SCADA Radio Survey Update.

Quick update. They will be here next Thursday for confirmation if this will work with communications.

Discussion / action regarding Energenecs proposal for Well No. 3.

There is a memo in the packet. Village wide SCADA improvements. Scada is part of the tower project already. This is for the well only. Cost is \$112,175 for equipment, programming and conditional approval on the radio. Gonzales is recommending conditional approval. Motion to conditionally approve the Energenecs proposal for well #3 in the amount of \$112,175, contingent on the successful radio survey by Tremblay, seconded by Beal. Motion carried.

Discussion/action regarding Deer Hills Phase 2A public Infrastructure Acceptance.

In the memo is the final punch list items needing to be done. They are looking for acceptance for above ground items. Kapaun asked why we would accept this now instead of waiting until September. If we wait, then the warranty starts but agree that the damage will be fixed. This is monitored by Ayres, Public Works, etc. to bring these issues up. Do we have something formal for the review of items on the developer's agreement. Motion to postpone until the September meeting by Vogt, seconded by Shemon. Discussion continued that when this is back for approval, to specify a walk-through date to monitor this. Motion carried.

Discussion/action regarding West Blvd.

There was a hydraulic analysis done that looked at the existing conditions. Looking at alternatives, only one of the crossings needs to be done to resolve the issue. Upsize the culvert to the south drainage area and then along 80th Avenue. Another alternative is to just upsize the northern culvert in the north ditch. Continue to use both with more of a balanced area. Slightly more expensive to go the southern route to connect the northern ditch to the south ditch to minimize the issues. No downstream issues with either option. Motion to approve option #1 for the West Blvd project for the culvert under Pine St by Vogt, seconded by Beal. Motion carried.

Discussion/action approval of purchase of squad car for police department.

Chief went over the details of the purchase. Radio that is currently in the car is hooked to the lights and sirens. GTEC for a camera to be put in only looks at the dash this will scan out and make researching an issue easier and includes a camera in the back for the cage area. This would occur now because the funds are available. Chief's recommendation is to go with Dodge. Question was asked about the 2018 squad and we can try to trade it in or sell it out right. Motion to approve the police department's recommendation for not more than \$90,000 by Tremblay, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion/action approval of purchase of firearms for police department.

Officer Wes Adams introduced himself and the proposal. The need for new firearms comes from the safety aspect for the gun and the other from usage. Kapaun asked if the department issued the firearms and they were. Kapaun asked if they would take the old firearms back and they would. How many rounds are fired annually and the state qualification is minimum of 30 for each gun. Motion to postpone until the budget meeting by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. This means it will be looked at during budget time. Is the gun wearing out, no but do you go against manufacturers' recommendations. Strohmusch said there is \$8,500 in drug forfeiture money that could be used towards this. Motion carried with Beal and Tremblay opposing and Vogt abstaining. Motion carried.

Discussion/action regarding Ordinance No. 2026 -xx , An Ordinance creating section xxx in the municipal code of ordinances of the Village of Roberts for Tax Incremental District Charge.

This is in for legal review. Motion to postpone by Johnson, seconded by Gerhardt.

Discussion/action on Resolution 2026-05 – Resolution Imposing a Moratorium on Data Centers.

This was discussion at the Plan Commission. This language was shared from Baldwin. This would put a hold on any data center potentially coming to Roberts until we have time to discuss how to proceed with them. Johnson said it is a good idea, especially because of what is happening in Eagan. We have not had any request for this in our community. Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-05 - Resolution Imposing a Moratorium on Data Centers by Beal, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Discussion/action regarding clarification on golf carts.

Tremblay wants to treat these like ebike and does not care about these. Residents want their children to be able to drive them. Kapaun said except for age this looks like more of a guidance of what is expected. Strohmusch would like to look at this along with ebikes to be put together so that we can work with this. Motion to postpone this until ready to bring something forward so Strohmusch, Tremblay and Vogt can work on this by Vogt, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Motion to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performances evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility Holmes progress towards Public Works Director by Beal, seconded by Shemon. Roll call: Beal – yes, Vogt – yes, Gerhardt – yes, Kapaun -yes, Shemon – yes, Tremblay – yes, Johnson – yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn from closed session by Tremblay, seconded by Beal. Beal – yes, Vogt – yes, Gerhardt – yes, Kapaun -yes, Shemon – yes, Tremblay – yes, Johnson – yes. Motion carried.

No action taken from closed session.

Items for future agendas.

- Bird control at pond
- TID resolution

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- Education Request
- Ehlers – investment

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm by Johnson, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Megan Dull,
Village Clerk