



Village of Maine Minutes

**Monday, February 10, 2025
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Maine Municipal Center
6111 N. 44th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401**

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Maine will hold a Board meeting at the Maine Municipal Center on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Maine Municipal Center, 6111 N. 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401

AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order – Betty Hoenisch, Village President
2. **General Business**
3. Silence Cell Phones
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
5. President's Report
 - Department of Transportation Certification Submittal
 - Maine School water purification system
6. Fire Department Report
7. County Board Supervisor's Report – Brandon Jensen
8. Audience participation regarding *Other Business Items* limited to three minutes
9. Other Business:
 - A. Discussion and possible action on River Country Coop's Conditional Use Permit and Operations
 - B. Discussion on 2025 Personnel Policy
 - C. Discussion on Fire Department Training Per Diem
 - D. Discussion on Plan Commission Meeting Per Diem
 - E. Discussion on Fire Department application process and equipment/gear policy
 - F. Discussion and possible action on Elijah Johnson for employment as a Maine Fire Department member
 - G. Discussion regarding Board meeting policy
 - H. Discussion regarding Board meeting minutes and approval process
10. The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be Monday, February 24, 2025
11. Adjournment

I certify that this agenda was posted at the Brokaw Post Office, Red Granite Bar, Richard's Restaurant & Bar and the Maine Municipal Center located at 6111 N. 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI on February 8, 2025. Agenda was also posted on Maine's website.

Betty Hoenisch, Village President

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Call the meeting to order – Betty Hoenisch, Village President

President Hoenisch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

President Betty Hoenisch, Trustee Chad Channel, Trustee Judith Hase, Trustee Jim Kraemer, Trustee Tom Marquardt, Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Bailey, Deputy Clerk Leodith Freyholtz and Attorney Shane VanderWaal.

President's Report

Department of Transportation Certification Submittal.

President Hoenisch reported that the Department of Transportation Road Certification Submittal had been completed and mailed timely. This submittal ensures that Maine will receive \$213,279.34 of transportation aid revenues from the DOT in 2025. In Fall of 2025 the PASER Program submittal is due. Road Certification/PASER submittals are important due to the transportation revenues Maine receives from the state.

Maine School water purification system.

President Hoenisch reported that she was contacted by Governor Evers staff and Principal Laura Simonson and invited to a meeting at Maine School on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

She explained that Governor Evers and his staff visited Maine School because the school district received \$80K in Clean Water funding for a \$88K water filtration project. REI designed the filtration system, and they demonstrated the system during the meeting.

Governor Ever spoke regarding Wisconsin as an agriculture state. Because Maine School is surrounded by farm fields, they were a candidate to receive funding, so the students and staff have clean water. Maine School's PFAS level is currently low, however environmental engineers feel it will continue to rise in the future.

In previous years Maine School had high nitrates and was forced to go on bottled water. The filtration system will take care of both contaminants.

Fire Department Report

Deputy Chief Gau reported that there had been twenty-two fire department calls in the month of January. The calls consisted of seven fire calls and fifteen EMS calls.

County Board Supervisor's Report – Brandon Jensen

Supervisor Brandon Jensen reported that the Broadband taskforce met with the five Internet Service Providers (ISP) that applied for the Wisconsin Public Service grants. The five ISPs submitted a bid proposal to Marathon County.

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Marathon County Highway personnel toured the Eau Claire Highway Department building and are working on quotes for the proposed new Marathon County building.

Audience participation regarding *Other Business Items* limited to three minutes

Other Business:

Discussion and possible action on River Country Coop's Conditional Use Permit and Operations

Mr. Grefe reviewed the Conditional Use Permit that had been issued to Heartland Coop in 2018 by the former Village of Brokaw Plan Commission and Board. Mr. Grefe explained the 2018 Conditional Use Permit requirements.

Trustee Channel made a motion for River Country Coop to reapply for a Conditional Use Permit. Trustee Marquardt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on 2025 Personnel Policy

Clerk Bailey said she will be meeting with Mr. Trautmann soon regarding Maine's PSC report and hopefully he will have HRA information at that time.

Discussion on Fire Department Training Per Diem

President Hoenisch reported that it has been several years since the Fire Department Training Per Diem had been increase. She further explained that this had been discussed with the officers at the Budget workshop.

Discussion on Plan Commission Meeting Per Diem

President Hoenisch explained that historically, when previous Boards increased the Fire Department training per diem, they also increased the Plan Commission per diem.

Discussion on Fire Department application process and equipment/gear policy

President Hoenisch explained that she discussed the Fire Department application process with Deputy Chief Gau. She added that the goal is to streamline the process, so applicants are given a background search permission form with the application form.

President Hoenisch stated that due to recent issues, she is suggesting that the Board and officers consider an equipment/gear policy and form. Applicants must return the background search permission form and equipment/gear policy form before an interview is scheduled.

Trustee Marquardt initiated a discussion on the background search and who is responsible for reporting charges and violations to the Board.

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Attorney VanderWaal asked if he should prepare an equipment/gear form and create the FD ByLaw amendment for the February 24, 2025, Board meeting.

Discussion and possible action on Elijah Johnson for employment as a Maine Fire Department member

President Hoenisch asked Deputy Chief Gau to report on Elijah Johnson's interview by the Fire Department officers on January 22, 2025. Deputy Chief Gau explained that Mr. Johnson is enrolled in the NTC firefighter program and has completed firefighter one and EMR basic. The officers approved Mr. Johnson.

President Hoenisch reported that Mr. Johnson's current employer gave him a favorable reference.

Clerk Bailey reported that no issues were found on the DOJ background search, therefore criteria for hire have been met.

Trustee Channel made a motion to approve Elijah Johnson for employment with Maine Fire Department. Trustee Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Board meeting policy

Trustees can revisit a policy in the future if they wish to.

Discussion regarding Board meeting minutes and approval process

President Hoenisch stated that she emailed the Wisconsin League of Municipalities attorney to get his opinion on minutes approval and content.

Attorney VanderWaal stated that the Clerk or designee takes the minutes, the Board edits and approves the minutes.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be Monday, February 24, 2025

Adjournment

Trustee Channel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Trustee Marquardt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved after Trustee revisions on March 24, 2025.

Betty Hoenisch, Village President