



Village of Maine Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2026

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 monthly meeting at the Maine Municipal Center on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. **General Business will commence at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Maine Municipal Center, 6111 N. 44th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401.

AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order – Betty Hoenisch, Village President
2. Review, initial and approve bills.
3. **6:00 p.m. - General Business**
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
5. Clerk/Treasurer's Report
 - Present bank balances
 - Audit Update
6. County Board Supervisor's Report – Brandon Jensen
7. Financial and Personnel Committee Report
8. Fire Department Report – Chief Genrich
9. President's Report
10. Audience/Resident comments re: **Other Business Items** limited to three minutes
11. Other Business:
 - A. Discussion and possible action to approve Mary Sue Shore as an election inspector for the term ending December 2027
 - B. Discussion and possible action on Hawkins Ash 2025 Financial Audit proposal
 - C. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the February through December 2025 Invoices for the auditor to review for the 2025 Audit
 - D. Discussion and possible action on the 2026 Personnel Policy
 - E. Discussion & possible action to amend the Village Board Meetings/Rules of Procedures Ordinance
 - F. Discussion and possible action on an ordinance for a Public Works Committee

G. Discussion and possible action on Hiring Policy

12. Discussion and possible action to approve previous Board Meeting minutes

13. The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026

14. Adjournment

I certify that this agenda was posted at the Brokaw Post Office, Red Granite Bar & Grill, Richard's Restaurant & Bar and the Maine Municipal Center located at 6111 N. 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI on February 6, 2026. Agenda was also posted on the Village of Maine website. *Betty Hoenisch*, Village President

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Call the meeting to Order – Betty Hoenisch, Village of Maine

President Hoenisch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Also present at the meeting:

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

Review, initial and approve bills.

Trustee Channel made a motion to approve the invoices, statements and timesheets. Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6:00 p.m. - General Business

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

- Present bank balances
- Audit Update

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For the Month of February 2026

Village of Maine General Accounts

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of: 02/01/26		\$45,207.27
Deposits and Interest	\$ 1,377,941.26	
Disbursements	\$ 805,288.18	
Balance as of: 02/28/26		<u>\$617,860.35</u>

Municipal Savings Account

Beginning Balance on: 02/01/26		\$1,432,193.00
Deposits and Interest:	\$ 1,097,439.88	
Disbursements:	<u>\$ 1,377,905.24</u>	
Balance as of: 02/28/26		<u>\$1,151,727.64</u>

Water Short Lived Assets - 02/28/26	\$27,019.78
Sewer Short Lived Assets - 02/28/26	\$18,370.42
Municipal Savings PW Fire Account - 02/28/26	\$192,977.52

Village of Maine Fire Department Accounts

Checking Account	\$790.64
Memorial & Donations Money Market Account	\$77,164.73
Equipment Outlay Account	\$7,809.10

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Bailey Clerk/Treasurer

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County Board Supervisor's Report – Brandon Jensen

- The County Highway Facility held an educational meeting for the infrastructure committee last week. They are going through some plans and timelines. There is nothing really about the bid or proposal at this point. There are Educational and Voting Meetings on March 19th and 20th.
- The River Drive and Thomas Street Properties are going up for sale soon.
- The UWSP campus building in Wausau held an open house last month.
- Marathon County was given fiber pairs to hook up county connections
- Worked on Administration plan/tasks

Financial and Personnel Committee Report

Trustee Hase had no report

Fire Department Report – Chief Genrich

Chief Genrich was unable to present the report due to a family emergency.

President's Report

- Marathon County Highway Department Road weight limits took effect today at 5:30 a.m. Village of Maine follows that county. Village of Maine does monitor its own roads and occasionally has kept them on for the additional two weeks that the DOT allows.
- The rainstorm late Friday night into Saturday morning created havoc on Village of Maine's roads. Two granite roads that have a flat terrain did not have damage. All the other granite roads had severe damage. After checking roads and putting out plastic-cades and cones, I called Nick Bohte in, and he took out the grader to smooth out the ruts and bring the washed granite back onto the road. There is some damage to the shoulder of paved roads. Nathan Fitzke ordered materials and Worden delivered them today. The Public Work employees will be busy for at least a week or more repairing the damage.
- The Utility Operator had his first DNR WWTP Inspection. An inspection is required prior to the DNR renewing the Village of Maine permit. The permit is renewed every six years. The inspection went well for Mr. Henaman. The DNR always finds issues that need to be addressed. Mr. Henaman, and I met and drafted a response to the DNR 's items. Mr. Henaman corrected all of the mechanical items. Mr. Grefe and I are working on the items the DNR needs updated in Brokaw's utility ordinance.
- The Village Board approved Maine Fire Department to move their phones and devices from Cellcom to AT&T FirstNet because AT&T has an emergency response priority channel. The account manager

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- did a presentation and suggested that Village of Maine's other devices be included because there is savings and the utility operator could not receive alarms when Cellcom had its outage. I've been working with RACO in confirming AT&T/FirstNet compatibility with the RACO dialer. See the note I received from RACO's Senior Product Specialist below. We haven't tested FirstNet on our cellular modems yet because FirstNet SIMs are only available to qualified organizations. FirstNet uses Band 14, which is dedicated for public safety/first responders. We can configure our cellular modems with the required FirstNet APN settings, but we're currently unable to obtain a FirstNet SIM for validation testing. The quote to make the dialers compatible is \$6,448.00, plus \$400.00 a/yr. Operator Henaman and I discussed the situation and he suggested Village of Maine continue to use Cellcom for his dialer and utility I-Pad, since there was only one issue to date.

Audience/Resident comments re: Other *Business Items* limited to three minutes

Kim Freund – 2005 Decator Drive. 11F & 11G. The creation of this new hiring policy is too much red tape. How big of a poll of an employee you think you'll have applied? This not the City of Milwaukee. This proposed ridged hiring policy is to strictive and already disqualified and qualified candidates to resolve any position and higher turnover. Trustees, have you read our current Hiring Policy? Why is it the Public Works Committee

Joe Yelle – 10325 N. 60th Avenue. 11D & 11F. A Personnel Policy is needed, and we need a policy if there is to be a new Public works building built.

John Ohrmundt – 3800 Falcon Drive. 11F. 100% in favor of the Public Works Committee

Other Business:

Discussion and possible action to approve Mary Sue Shore as an election inspector for the term ending December 2027

Trustee Channel made a motion to approve Mary Sue Shore as an Election Inspector for a term ending December 2027. President Hoenisch seconded the motion. motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Hawkins Ash 2025 Financial Audit proposal

No Action taken.

Discussion and possible action on the approval of the February through December 2025 Invoices for the auditor to review for the 2025 Audit

 action taken.

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Discussion and possible action on the 2026 Personnel Policy

Trustee Kraemer made a motion to approve 2026 Personnel Policy subject to revisions. Trustee Marquardt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Channel = Yes, Trustee Kraemer = Yes, Trustee Hase = Yes, Trustee Marquardt = Yes, President Hoenisch = No. Motion carried 4 to 1.

Discussion & possible action to amend the Village Board Meetings/Rules of Procedures Ordinance

The Village President wanted to amend this Ordinance and add Trustee decorum. After a lengthy and heated discussion, the Village President withdrew her request.

Discussion and possible action on an ordinance for a Public Works Committee

Trustee Hase made a motion to approve Ordinance for a Public Works Committee. Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Channel = Yes, Trustee Hase = Yes, Trustee Kraemer = Yes, Trustee Marquardt = Yes, President Hoenisch = No. Motion carried 4 to 1.

Discussion and possible action on Hiring Policy

Trustee Kraemer made a motion to approve Hiring Policy with those revisions as stated by Attorney VanderWaal. Trustee Hase seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Channel = Yes, Trustee Kraemer = Yes, Trustee Hase = Yes, Trustee Marquardt = Yes, President Hoenisch = No. Motion carried 4 to 1.

Discussion and possible action to approve previous Board Meeting minutes

This item was tabled.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026

Adjournment

Trustee Channel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Trustee Marquardt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leodith Freyholtz, Deputy Clerk