

# **MINUTES**

## **VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING**

### **August 12, 2025**

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Leo Nauman at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: John Pooler, Dan Bergsten  
Bruce Bergsten, Kory Gilderman

Absent: Adam DeMeyer

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- Mark Liebaert – Not present
- Erik Olson – A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve the land use permit application at 10030 E The Meadows Road, Poplar. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Paul & Sarah Helland – A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Kory Gilderman to approve the land use permit application and conditional use permit at 4817 County Road D, Poplar. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Steve Anderson, Franklin Outdoor Advertising was present. He will be fixing up the signs on the Major Richard I. Bong Memorial Highway. The sign and sign easement are on the Pearson property. All of the board members agreed that it was ok to go ahead and fix the signs.
- Steve Kimmes was present to discuss the policy for the renewal period starting September 1, 2025. He answered questions that the board members had regarding the policy for the village and the fire department.

#### **MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2025 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second John Pooler to pay the bills for July 2025. Motion carried without negative vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Poplar Volunteer Fire Department was present. The members had questions regarding the funds in the Volunteer Fire Department checking account.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The discussion for the hooking up the fire siren is tabled until the September 9, 2025 meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kory Gilderman & Brianna Fiandt gave a presentation on their trip to Madang, Papua New Guinea.
- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Kory Gilderman to approve the Operator's License for Dollar General (Jackson Rabold and Amanda Wester). Motion carried without negative vote.

- The discussion and vote to move the board meetings to Monday nights was tabled to the September 9, 2025 meeting.
- A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Bruce Bergsten to approve the comp policy for OT hours. Motion carried without negative votes.

**CLERKS REPORT:** None

**TREASURERS REPORT:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- *Sewer Commission*- A draft of the August 5, 2025 meeting was presented.
- *Fire Department*- The minutes from July's meeting was presented. The donations are still coming in for the extrication equipment. It needs to be purchased. The estimated cost is approximately \$50,000.00. There are five new members. The gear for each new member is approximately \$9,000 per person. All radios need to be replaced in 2027. John Pooler is applying for grants. The volunteer fire department would like to discuss having incentives for their members as well as having awards for length of service.
- *Cemetery* – The cemetery is winding down for the year.
- *Parks & Rec* -None
- *Roads & Culverts* – The backhoe needs some repair done. The approximate cost could be \$10,000. The Village of Poplar will try to get a bridge grant with the Town of Amnicon.
- *Buildings & Grounds* - None
- *Land Use Permit Applications* - None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Discuss and vote on hooking up the fire siren
- Discuss and vote on moving the village board meetings to Monday nights
- Discuss next steps for keeping our connection going with Mandang, our sister city

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

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Leo Naumann, President

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Gina Ormond, Clerk

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Date