

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2025

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

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

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert was present to give an update for Douglas County. There are discussions going on regarding proposals for the fairgrounds in Superior. The process is close to completion for hiring a full-time administrator. The county took possession of a property in the Village of Superior and it burned the same day. The Hwy B bridge collapsed after a county truck drove over it. The budget is near completion. Mark Liebaert is asking for representation for Superior Days because local governments are not supported at the event.
- Jeff & Sandra Olson – A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Kory Gilderman to approve the Land Use Permit Application at 10051 E Middle River Road, Poplar. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Keith Fechtelkötter – A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve the Land Use Permit at 10369 E US Hwy 2, Poplar. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Mike and Karen Nevin – A motion was made by John Pooler, second Kory Gilderman to approve the Land Use Permit Application at 10144 E Oak Road, Poplar. The project was already completed. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Benjamin Olson – The rezoning request for the property at 9465 E Lakeview Road, Poplar was tabled to the October 14, 2025 meeting. The notification for a public hearing was not met for the September 9, 2025 meeting.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2025 meeting. Kory Gilderman wanted to mention that as a sidenote that it was a disappointment that the media was here to hear the presentation about the trip to Mandang, Papua New Guinea, and the meeting ended up in a heated debate with the fire department. Motion carried without negative vote.

Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Bruce Bergsten to pay the bills for August 2025. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion regarding hooking up the fire siren and buying two radios. There wasn't any new information on quotes for hooking it up. This subject is tabled to the October 14, 2025 meeting.

- After a discussion of moving the board meetings to Monday nights, it was decided to keep the meetings on Tuesday nights.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kyle Torvinen – Table until the October 14, 2025 meeting.
- There was a discussion on sending a letter to Governor Ramsey Pariwa for their 50th anniversary of independence. Kory Gilderman shared the flags of the Papua, New Guinea and gave a quick report of ideas of how the relationship between our sister cities will continue in the future. A picture of our board members was taken and will be sent along with the letter to Governor Ramsey.
- Gina Ormond and Wendy Lauenstein would like to attend the 2025 Fall Town and Village Workshops in Cable, Wisconsin in Cable on September 17, 2025. A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Adam DeMeyer to approve sending Gina Ormond and Wendy Lauenstein to attend the workshop. Motion carried without negative vote.

CLERKS REPORT: The village board needs to set a date to work on the 2026 Proposed Village Budget. A date was set for September 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for the committees to meet.

TREASURERS REPORT: Wendy Lauenstein is still working on getting a Shell gas card for Paul Abrahamzon to use. The credit company is difficult to deal with. Wendy Lauenstein will be in Colorado from September 21 -26, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- Dan Bergsten is working with Norvado. There was a mechanical / electrical failure at Manhole 13 on September 13, 2025.
- *Fire Department*- John Pooler presented reports to the board. There are two suits that are expiring by the end of the year. Firefighter 1 needs a new suit.
- *Cemetery* – Dan Bergsten is still mowing the grass at the cemetery.
- *Parks & Recreation* – A question was brought up regarding the use of weed killer on the fields. There was a discussion regarding moving the warming shack to the skating rink this winter. There is a discussion about a possibility of having a Fall Fest at the lower ball field this year.
- *Building & Grounds* - None
- *Roads & Culverts* – Two culverts will be replaced this year.
- *Land Use Permit Applications* – There is an addendum to add to the Commercial / Rental to add to the Land Use Permit Application.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Check into the penalties for building without Land Use Permit Applications
- Rezoning the Property – Benjamin Olson @ 9465 E Lakeview Road
- Discuss hooking up fire siren

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Kory Gilderman to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, President

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date

