

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2025

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

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

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert was present to give the county update. The budget is completed. The employees will be receiving a 2 % increase across the board. The forestry has met its goals. The fair grounds might go to the forestry. The county is the owner of the junkyard. Superior Days may be worth attending to get support for our public safety (Volunteer Fire Department). The interim administrator will be offered the job as the administrator.
- Benjamin Olson – Variance / Land Use Permit Application at 9465 E Lakeview Road. A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to table approval of variance of rezoning property and Land Use Permit Application for further information. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Steve Westerlund – Tabled

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2025 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on October 20, 2025. Motion carried without negative vote.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- John Pooler presented a couple of quotes to hook up the fire siren. The two quotes were approximately \$9200. A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, no one second the motion. Motion was denied. The project will be checked into further in the spring.
- Kory Gilderman attended the Gala at the Bong Center. Jason Talen from Pacific Works was there to give updates on the mission for finding the Marge plane. The event raised approximately \$200,000. Brianna Fiandt and Kory Gilderman had a committee meeting for the sister city program. They worked on the flags for Papua, New Guinea.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CLERKS REPORT: None

TREASURERS REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- The village does not have anyone to work on privately owned grinder pumps. Ty Botten with O'Brien worked on one that went down recently. We are looking for solutions for repair people in the future. The sewer odor is back by Poplar Auto. Aidan Paquette will be checking it out. The manholes on Balsam Road are repaired. Norvado has been installed at the sewer pond.
- *Fire Department*- John Pooler gave a report on the Poplar Volunteer Fire Department. A report was given on the calls that were responded to for October and November. There is one new member and four EMRs. A couple of members quit. Trunk or Treat was a success. The tree lighting service is Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Kory Gilderman is still trying to get the internet working at the fire department. John Pooler would like the Village Board to consider Length of Service Awards and State of Service Awards for the members of the fire department.
- *Cemetery* - The work in the cemetery is winding down for the season.
- *Parks & Recreation* – The warming shack will be moved down to the ice-skating rink in the next few weeks.
- *Building & Grounds* - None
- *Roads & Culverts* – The culvert on Middle River Road was replaced. Paul Abrahamzon has been doing a few repairs on the 1 ton and the backhoe.
- *Land Use Permit Applications* - None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Discuss and vote on Length of Service awards for Fire Department members.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second John Pooler to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, President

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date