

MINUTES - Draft
VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2025

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

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

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert was present to give an update on the county. The fairgrounds and the racing track will be running under separate contracts. An increase in sales tax is being proposed. This could increase revenue for Superior. A few of the topics that will be addressed at Superior Days will be State Aid to repair bridges, Medicare, and the sales tax increase. The county sold the property off State 13. The County Board is up for election in April. All seats are up coming up in April.
- Lori Ronchi, President of the Northwestern Tigers Education Foundation was present. The foundation would like to plan a 5K Run fundraiser sometime in the spring. She asked permission from the board to hold the 5K Run in the village. The board approved of the plan. The only request is to keep the board updated so road blocks can be put up as needed.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Kory Gilderman to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2025 Board Meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2025 Public Hearing. Motion carried without negative vote.

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

UPDATE ON PAPAU, NEW GUINA: Kory Gilderman gave an update on the sister city project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Dan Bergsten to approve the 2025 Levy Amount of \$127,759. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Kory Gilderman to approve the Proposed 2026 budget for the Wastewater and the Village. Motion carried without negative vote.
- The Caucus date is set for January 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Adam DeMeyer to approve \$50 gift cards Christmas Bonus to Paul Abrahamzon, Gina Ormond, and Wendy Lauenstein. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to approve the ordinance to reduce the election workers to three election inspectors. Motion carried without negative vote.

- There was a discussion regarding the Length of Service Award for the Poplar Volunteer Fire Department. A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to approve the Length of Service. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion regarding compensation for the Fire Chief. A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to approve compensation for the Fire Chief. Motion carried without negative vote. The amount of compensation will be discussed at the January 13, 2026 meeting.
- A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second John Pooler to approve Republican Party nominee, Jeffrey Olson, Kathy DuBois, Rose Bedard, Carol Jones, and Anna Love. Motion carried without negative vote. The term of this election cycle is January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027.
- There was a discussion regarding penalties for building without a Land Use Application. A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to approve a \$300 Fine, a cease and desist order will be in place until a Land Use Permit Application and fines are paid. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to eliminate the Tax Collection Bond. Motion passed without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Adam DeMeyer, second Kory Gilderman to approve the policy of nonpayment for board members that miss meetings and do not have an excused absence. Motion carried without negative vote.

CLERKS REPORT: None

TREASURERS REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Wastewater Operations*- The air scrubber was repaired by Olson Auto.
- *Fire Department*- Minutes from the November meeting was presented to the board. John Pooler suggested going through Benevity to handle the grants for the Volunteer Fire Department. This will be on the January 13, 2026 Agenda.
- *Cemetery* – The cemetery is frozen over
- *Parks & Recreation* - The warming shack will not be moved to the ice -skating rink this year. The person that was going to move it was too busy this year.
- *Building & Grounds* – John Pooler got the WIFI working at the Fire Department Hall. Norvado will be coming in the spring. Kory Gilderman will be getting that hooked up at the village hall.
- *Roads & Culverts* – Snowplowing started for the season. There was only one complaint received regarding the plowing.
- *Land Use Permit Applications* - None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Benevity account for the Fire Department grants, Fire Chief compensation, Poplar Volunteer Fire Department volunteers compensation.

ADJOURN: A motion was made Bruce Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

