

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2026

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 – Not present
- Mary Pitzen – A motion was made by John Pooler, second Dan Bergsten to approve the Land Use Permit Application at 5319 S Maple Drive. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Jay Johnson – A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the Land Use Permit Application at 4858 S Village Road. Motion carried without negative vote.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2026 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second John Pooler to approve the minutes from the Caucus held on January 13, 2026.

Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to pay the bills for January 2026. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve Resolution 2026-01 Approving Amendments to the 2025 Budget. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to approve the UDC building cost updates proposed by Rob Lietha, Inspector Rob Agency. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Kory Gilderman gave an update on the Sister City project. The flag project is on-going. Mandang had a cleanup day.
- A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to compensate the fire chief \$1500 yearly/ \$125 a month. Motion carried without negative vote. John Pooler did not vote due to conflict of interest.
- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to begin paying the compensation for the fire chief. Motion carried without negative vote. John Pooler did not vote due to conflict of interest.
- A motion was made by Adam DeMeyer, second Kory Gilderman to pay the members of the fire department \$50 / call. Motion carried without negative vote.

- There was a discussion regarding the fire department to set up an account at Benevity to handle grants that they apply for. All of the board members were all in favor of the account being set up.
- After a discussion regarding transferring the land to Brooke Hefner that a billboard was on, it was determined that the village does not own that land. There are village ordinances regarding billboards, any plans on putting up billboards or signs should be brought up to the board.

CLERKS REPORT: Gina Ormond contacted Waste Management to get possible dates for the spring cleanup. It was decided to hold the spring cleanup day on May 9, 2026.

TREASURERS REPORT: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Wastewater Operations-* Aidan Paquette resigned as the Wastewater Operator. Aaron Lenmark will be starting training as the Wastewater Operator. The school district sewer rates will be reviewed due to the phosphorus input into the sewer system. The letters went out to the wastewater customers who owns their grinder pumps. The letters were to inform them of the maintenance and repairs plans for the parts.
- *Fire Department-* John Pooler gave a report. There were 56 calls responded to in 2025. There were six calls responded to in December. John Pooler has applied for the EMT Grant. Enbridge offered a grant for a truck but it was turned down, the truck was not what the fire department needed. There was a State Audit that was performed on February 3, 2026. There were several areas that did not pass. The fire department will work to correct them. One area that needs improvement is to do more community outreach. The Peer Support that was held at Mission Covenant Church raised approximately \$8000.
- *Cemetery* – No report
- *Parks & Recreation-* Kory Gilderman set up links to reserve the ball fields for practice and games. The links will be posted on the village office door as well as the village website. www.villageofpoplar.com. The skating rink lights have been set to come on at 6:00 p.m. every night.
- *Building & Grounds* – No report
- *Roads & Culverts* – A request was made to sand Wiehe Drive.
- *Land Use Permit Applications* – No report

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Adam DeMeyer, second Bruce Bergsten to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, President

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date