

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING
April 14, 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 was present to give an update on the county. He gave the report on the lumber sales, logging report, and the closing of a mill in Mosinee. There will be a company opening up in Hayward that handles Bio Diesel Fuel. The containers will be filled with the fuel, put on ships, and shipped to the United Kingdom. The new County Board will be sworn in next week. Wisconsin is allowing towns to appoint Clerks and Treasurer instead of electing them. They will need an ordinance for this. An Emergency Management person will be moved so they will be closer to respond to calls to Solon Springs, Gordon, etc.
- location. Since it met the setbacks, approval was given. Sarah Helland gave an update on the venue plans. Once the plans are closer to being completed, a variance will have to be applied for.
- Dan and Bethany Gant were present to discuss the amount of asphalt, rocks, and dirt in the ditch after the plows went through. The Poplar roads that had blacktop road had the same issues. Dan Gant brought up the possibility of black topping the road, but the price to black top roads is quite expensive.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2026 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Kory Gilderman gave an update on the Sister City Projects. There was a discussion at the meeting to possibly have Sister City booths set up at the Spring cleanup day on May 9. A fundraiser will be set up to raise money for a water tower in Mandang. The students at the Maple School District are having a contest to come up with an official flag for our Sister City. Kory Gilderman contacted Poplar Manufacturing to create a monument for the Sister City. The monument will be displayed at the Bong Park on Main Street.

CLERK'S REPORT: Gina Ormond gave an update regarding the Spring cleanup on Saturday, May 9. Paul Abrahamzon ordered the bins for the scrap. Jeanne Abrahamzon will be collecting the money that day. The Trustees signed up to work shifts to help with the cleanup day. The Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to a later date will be held on May 12, 2026 at 6:15 pm. Since the inspections will not be completed by May 12, 2026, the Board of Review will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The Village of Poplar had a surprise inspection from the Wisconsin Election Commission. There were only two minor things

that needed attention. The assessable voting machine did not have a sign. The outside door needs to be adjusted. The door should be adjusted for lighter resistance for the elderly and disabled residents

TREASURER’S REPORT: Wendy Lauenstein stated that she has not been receiving any invoices to pay for the fire department bills. She has been contacted by different vendors for late payments due. When inspecting the invoices the billing addresses and sometimes the name of the Fire Department has been changed. If the bills do not come to the village post office box or they are not turned in, the bills can’t be paid in a timely fashion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer-* The Sewer Commission voted on changing the policy for the residents that owns their own grinder pumps. The village will take over ownership of the grinder pumps. The repairs and maintenance will be taken care by A G O’Brien Heating and Plumbing. They will be available 24 hours a day/ seven days a week. The residents will be charged \$25 on top of their regular monthly amount to help with the repairs and maintenance of the grinder pump.
- *Fire Department-* John Pooler gave a report on the calls responded to in March and for the start of April. He is waiting on a quote for a couple pairs of suspenders. The appreciation dinner will be held on Saturday, April 18. The brat feed fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 9. The paint stripping will be done on the fire hall to separate the fire hall from the village garage.
- *Building & Grounds-* None
- *Parks & Rec* – There have been some reservations lined up for the Lion’s Field for this spring. The coaches and teams will help with the maintenance of the field and Paul Abrahamzon will continue to drag the field. Kory Gilderman will be working on replacing the village hall flag and fixing the light and riggings
- *Roads & Culverts* – Dan Bergsten is working on a grant to replace the culvert on Oak Road. Paul Abrahamzon is working on the brushing.
- *Land Use Permit Applications* - None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Voting on the Sister City Projects – Poplar Flag Contest and Sister City Monument

Reminder for the school fund raising event on Saturday, May 16

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Adam DeMeyer, second Kory Gilderman to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, President

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date