

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2026

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board Trustee Dan Bergsten at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Leo Naumann

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert gave a Douglas County update. New County members will be sworn in. Mark Liebaert will be making decisions on committee members. Surveys will be taken of the fair ground to see what the fair grounds can be used for. There is a new change in the zoning administration. There is a road project on Highway B, the bridge by Lake Nebagamon. Some of the capital funds will be used for body cams for the Sherrif's Department.
- Logan Jones – A motion was made by John Pooler, second Bruce Bergsten to approve the Land Use Permit Application. Address applied for. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Tom Belanger – A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second John Pooler to approve the Land Use Permit Application. Address applied for. Motion carried without negative vote.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second John Pooler to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2026 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to pay the bills for April 2026. Motion carried without negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was a discussion regarding the Tigers Event that will be held on Saturday, May 16. The road barriers will be put out the night before.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to pass Resolution 2026-01, A resolution to protect local roads. Motion carried without negative vote.
- The Sister City Monument will be tabled until this fall.
- There were many submissions for the Poplar flag contest from the 6th grade and 8th grade students at the School District of Maple. The Board Members had a real difficult time deciding from all the impressive entries. A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second John Pooler that two students tied

for first. A flag will be designed using both of the entries combined. Kory Gilderman will notify the winners.

CLERKS REPORT: None

TREASURERS REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Wastewater Operations* – The new permit is out for review and will be in effect on June 24, 2026. Maintenance will be done on two manholes this year. A service contract was voted on for Ty Botten, A.G. O’Brien Plumbing and Heating to work on the lift pumps and panels owned by sewer residents.
- *Fire Department*- A report of calls responded to was given. There were two calls in April and four calls in May so far. The final report for the fire on Lindgren Road in Maple was submitted to the state. An order for gear for the new member is needed. It is approximately \$3840 plus shipping. A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to purchase the gear. Motion carried without negative vote. New helmets need to be ordered. The cost per helmet is \$500. NBC contacted the fire department to make a \$500 donation for one helmet. The Medical Grant has been applied for. There is a discussion that half of the fire department board will change every two years. A report was given from the brat feed fundraiser.
- *Cemetery*- There have been a couple of burials. There are a few cremations lined up. A couple of plots have been sold this year.
- *Parks & Recreation* – The ball fields are busy this summer. The mound has been shaved off at the baseball field.
- *Building & Grounds* - The bridge for the internet is down at the fire hall. Kory Gilderman will get the information to Wendy Lauenstein, Treasurer so it can be ordered.
- *Roads & Culverts* – Paul Abrahamzon has been grading the roads.
- *Land Use Permit Applications* - None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second John Pooler to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Dan Bergsten, Board Trustee

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date