

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2026

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board President, Leo Naumann 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, County Update – Not Present
- John Fechtelkotter – A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve the Land Use Permit Application at 5039 S Maple Drive. Motion carried without negative vote.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the minutes from the Opening the Board of Review meeting held on May 12, 2026. Motion was carried without negative vote.
- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by John Pooler, second Bruce Bergsten to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2026 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Kory Gilderman to pay the bills for May 2026. Motion carried without negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the Class “A” Beer License, “Class A” Liquor License, Cigarette, Tobacco, & Electronic Vaping Retail License, and Operator’s Licenses for Great Plains Oil Co., Little Store. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve the Class “A” Beer License, “Class A” Liquor License, Cigarette, Tobacco, & Electronic Vaping Retail License, and Operator’s Licenses for Iron River Cooperative, Inc., Poplar Hardware. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Dan Bergsten to approve the Class “A” Beer License, “Class A” Liquor License, Cigarette, Tobacco, & Electronic Vaping Retail License, and Operator’s Licenses for Dolgencorp, LLC, Dollar General Store #18451. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve the Class “B” Beer License, “Class B” Liquor License, Cigarette, Tobacco, & Electronic Vaping Retail License, and Operator’s Licenses for Poplar Golf and Campground LLC. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Adam DeMeyer, second Kory Gilderman to approve the Cigarette, Tobacco, & Electronic Vaping Retail License for Humble Beginnings Cannabis Company. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion regarding the billing address on the fire department’s invoices. The address should be the Village of Poplar PO Box 137, Poplar, WI 54864. This will make sure that Wendy Lauenstein, Treasurer, will be able to pay the invoices on time.

- There was a discussion regarding the fire department charging at the Poplar Hardware Store. A purchase order will be filled out by Wendy Lauenstein, Treasurer, for the items being purchased.
- There was a discussion regarding mileage reimbursement requested by the fire department members. Discussion was tabled until the July 14, 2026 meeting.
- There was a discussion regarding unauthorized check signatures and signatures on grants by volunteers. It is fraud for anyone to sign other than the three signors on the village accounts. Leo Naumann made a statement saying he will report it the next time anyone signs village checks.
- Kory Gilderman gave an update on the Sister City. Brianna Fiandt, two of Richard Bong's nephews, and a photographer will be going to Papua, New Guinea. The Poplar flag that was designed by two winning entries from students at Northwestern Middle School, will be presented to Governor Ramsey Pariwa of Madang. The flag is a symbol of friendship between our Sister Cities. The Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center had a fundraiser to raise money for a water pump for New Guinea.

CLERK'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Waste Water Operations*- Discussions are underway of the village taking over repairs and maintenance of the grinder pumps and panels from the sewer customers that privately owned. The Sewer Commission is working on a plan with John Kamrath from SYCOM to purchase the grinder pumps and the panels. Ty Botten, A.G. O'Brien Plumbing and Heating will be working on repairs for the panels.
- *Fire Department*- **A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Kory Gilderman to appoint Justin Cheever as the New Fire Chief. Motion carried without negative vote. – Strike the vote. Topic was not on the agenda.** A report was given on the numbers of calls responded to, 7 calls in May and 1 call in June so far. The wireless bridge for the internet was installed at the fire hall. NBC donated \$500 for a helmet. Two more fire helmets will be ordered using the 2% dues. The overhead doors will be worked on at the fire hall. There will be a gun raffle fundraiser held this fall. Justin Cheever and the members of the fire department will be sworn in at their next fire department meeting.
- *Cemetery* - There was a big turnout for the Memorial Day Service. Approximately 150 people were there. A couple of burials are lined up.
- *Parks & Recreation* – The ball fields are being used a lot this summer. There are games practically every night.
- *Building & Grounds* - None
- *Roads & Culverts* – Paul Abrahamzon is working on patching and grading. Dan Bergsten mentioned checking into fiber glass patching like the manholes that had patching done before.
- *Land Use Permit Applications* - Leo Naumann and Dan Bergsten temporarily approved the Land Use Permit Application from Blake Orton at 5132 S Blue Jay Drive. The Land Use Permit will be approved at the July 14, 2026 board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discuss mileage reimbursement for members of the Fire Department
- Approve the Land Use Application Permit Application - Blake Orton at 5132 S Blue Jay Drive.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second John Pooler to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

