

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

July 14, 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 Board Chair, was present to give an update on the county. An audit on the forestry is coming up. Sarah Helland will be working on Superior Days. A plant will be setting up in Hayward. The County will be receiving the carbon credit as early as this fall. A study on the fairgrounds was done and there are numbers for costs for updates were given.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2026 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second John Pooler to pay the bills for June 2026. Motion carried without negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

ON -GOING BUSINESS: Sister City update: A crew went to Mandang. The wing tip that was in Mandang will be brought to the Bong Memorial Museum. Two thousand books were delivered to the library in Mandang. There will be a P38 flyover Poplar. There was only two Poplar flags made. One is flown at the village hall and the other flag was brought to Mandang. A few people mentioned that they would like to have a Poplar Flag. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of having a few flags made up to sell for a fundraiser. This will be on a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve the Land Use Permit Application for Blake Orton at 5142 S Blue Jay Drive. Motion approved without negative vote.
The application was temporarily approved on 6/9/2026 by Leo Naumann and Dan Bergsten.
- A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to approve the renewal of the Land Use Permit for Paul & Sarah Helland at 4817 S County Road D at no charge on continuation. Motion carried without negative vote.
- The Public Hearing to approve the Floodplain Zoning ordinance was scheduled for August 13, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.
- A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second John Pooler to appoint Justin Cheever as the Fire Chief for the Poplar Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried without negative vote. Justin Cheever was sworn in as the Fire Chief. The June meeting minutes will need to be corrected to reflected that the vote for fire chief had to be stricken because it was not on the agenda.
- The discussion for mileage reimbursement for the members of the fire department was tabled until the August 13, 2026 Board Meeting.

CLERKS REPORT: None

TREASURERS REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- An update was given on the inspections that need to be performed on the grinder pumps and panels that are owned by individual sewer customers. There will be a charge for excess phosphorus discharged in the sewer system.
- *Fire Department*- A report was given on the calls responded to. There was a discussion on the Robert Rules vs. Open Meeting Laws. Robert Rules are guidelines for the structure of a meeting. Open Meeting Laws are Wisconsin Laws regarding meetings and notices. The public needs to be notified on what is being voted on the agenda. A new plaque with the date that the fire department was established needs to be ordered. The fire department payments for calls responded to is \$50/month. The Fire Chief's salary is \$125/month. A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Bruce Bergsten to purchase 5 helmets from the 2025 2% dues, the donation from National Bank of Commerce, and some out of the 2026 2% Dues. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion made by Dan Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve make repairs to the Tender. Motion was approved without negative vote. The Fire Department bylaws need to be updated. They have not been updated since 1991. There was a discussion regarding a Menard's rebate that was received last year. It was given to the fire department. The new number process was discussed. The Village Board is in charge of the Fire Department and the Fire Chief. There was a discussion regarding the Fire Chief issuing the POs for the Poplar Hardware for purchases of \$500 or less. A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second John Pooler to approve the Fire Chief issuing the POs for the amount of \$500 or less. Motion carried without negative vote. There was an invoice for GVC Truck Wash. Nobody knows who ordered it. The truck wash could not be returned so there was a \$499 charge for the shipping. The truck wash could be sold to the neighborhood fire departments to recoup the cost. There was a motion by Bruce Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve a request to spend \$1500 on apparel for the fire department. Motion carried without negative vote. A request for \$5000 from the fundraising account to buy guns for the November Gun Raffle. A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve the request for the \$5000 to purchase the guns. Motion carried without negative vote.
- *Cemetery* – The mowing has slowed up. There are burials lined up.
- *Parks & Recreation* – The Little League is done playing for the year. There are a few teams playing. The lower field is mowed. Leo Naumann suggested having a fun day this fall at the lower ball field.
- *Building & Grounds* - None
- *Roads & Culverts* – Paul Abrahamson is working on the brushing. There are a few culverts that have to be changed out.
- *Land Use Permit Applications* - None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discuss mileage reimbursement for members of the fire department.
- Discuss ordering a plaque with the date the fire department was established.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Kory Gilderman to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, President

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date

