

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

September 8, 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,
Kory Gilderman

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

Absent: Bruce Bergsten

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert was present to give the update on the county. The county is working on the budget for 2027. The zoning department still needs to be approved. The county board needs to approve the Sheriff's budget. The audit was done on the fairgrounds. The buildings are in pretty good shape, except the DNR building. There is discussion on borrowing money to fix some roads.
- Mike Paul, with Northland Foods & Distribution, requested that work be done on the parking lot and in front of the road. Leo Naumann said that there isn't money in this year's budget to work on the road. The village can put reground on the road for the winter and will work with contractors to fix the road in front of Northland Foods & Distribution.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Kory Gilderman, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2026 Board Meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Adam DeMeyer, second John Pooler to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing held on August 13, 2026. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by John Pooler, second Dan Bergsten to pay the bills from August 2026. Motion carried without negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

ONGOING UPDATE – Sister City: Brianna Fiandt is not working at the Bong Memorial Museum any longer. She still wants to be on the Sister City Committee. Kory Gilderman is still working with Northwestern High School on designing the Sister City Monument. Kory Gilderman is looking into the cost of ordering Poplar Flags and checking different manufacturers.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CLERKS REPORT: Stacey Sanders will probably need to Adjourn the Board of Review to November, possibly December. With it being the revaluation year, the land assessments are taking longer to complete.

TREASURERS REPORT: Invoices are still coming in that the billing and shipping addresses are being changed. The address needs to be the Village of Poplar's PO Box so bills will be received and paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission-* A report was given on the grinder pumps replacement and maintenance that will be turned over to the village ownership. The sewer customers that declined turning their grinder pumps and panels over to the village will have to pay to upgrade them. This cost is approximately \$9600. The \$25/month charge will be billed starting October 1, 2026. This fee will help cover costs of repair and maintenance of the grinder pumps. The permit was approved for the next five years.
- *Fire Department-* A quote was given from Poplar Auto to paint and repair the ambulance that was donated to the Poplar Volunteer Fire Department. The estimate cost is \$6800.00. There are five new helmets that have been shipped and will arrive soon. Three radios need to be ordered. The approximate cost for the radios is \$13,000. The gun raffle will be held at the Poplar Golf Course on November 7 at 6:00 p.m. The tickets are \$100 / piece. Rick Summerfield gave the New Chief Orientation. Every one on the board, all employees, and the members of the fire department need to take blood born pathogens training. The date of the training will possibly be held on November 30. The Occupational Health & Safety Committee needs three people for the committee. The committee meets two times a year. A foster family called the fire department for an inspection
- *Cemetery* – There has been several burials this year. The mowing is close to being done for the year.
- *Parks & Recreation* – The concert in the park will not happen this year due to timing. Planning will start earlier so it can be held next year. Kory Gilderman asked if the warming shack can be moved to the skating rink this year. Dan Bergsten said that he would call Troy Woodhull to see if it could be moved.
- *Building & Grounds* – The bridge for the fire department needs to be moved.
- *Roads & Culverts* – Paul Abrahamzon has been working on grading, ditch mowing, and patch graveling. More needs to be done.
- *Land Use Permit Applications* - None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discuss and vote on the Poplar Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws
- Update on Plaque for the Poplar Volunteer Fire Department
- Discuss updating the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Poplar

ADJOURN: A motion was made by John Pooler, second Adam DeMeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, President

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date