



VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Solon Springs Community Center, 11523 S. Business Hwy. 53, Solon Springs, WI 54873

President: Ben Evans

Trustees: Jon Brostowitz, Ashley Nelson, Todd Gilbert and Carl Wahl

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Jon Brostowitz called the Village Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Brostowitz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk called roll call with the following trustees present: Jon Brostowitz, Carl Wahl and Ashley Nelson and Todd Gilbert; absent/excused: Ben Evans.

Staff present: Clerk Kathy Burger, Treasurer Rebecca Nordskog, Public Works/Operators Dean Magariner, others present: village resident Keith Sather and Bob Sanborn.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Nelson second by Wahl to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Keith Sather raised concerns regarding an ongoing property issue including burning debris and septic concerns. Board members confirmed follow-up had occurred on burning, and discussed drafting a formal letter from the attorney to address remaining complaints. He also raised concerns about the same residents living in a camper beyond the allowed time frame and potential septic violations. The board discussed ordinance limitations, documentation, and the process for issuing notices. Clerk will work with the attorney to draft letters.

Resident Bob Sanborn addressed the board regarding lake access at the end of Baldwin Avenue. He thanked the board for its prior decision not to sell access points, and encouraged better marking of public access sites. Trustees discussed possible signage or stakes to identify access points and emphasized communication with adjacent landowners.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - *there will be no separate action on these items unless a board member utilizes a vote. All licenses are contingent upon meeting village code and board approval.*

Motion by Gilbert second by Nelson to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

6.1 Approval of minutes for board of review and the regular monthly meetings 8/25/25.

6.2 Treasurers report for August – profit and loss and reconciliation detail

6.3 Approval for payments for general & sewer fund checking on expenditure report: 9/22/25

6.4 Approval of zoning permit applications

- Judith Little – 12x12 shed
- Joe and Taylor Martin – 32x40 garage
- Steve and Melissa Flagstad – new roof
- Bruce and Colleen Nelson – new roof
- Bruce Smith – new roof
- Steve and Carrie Shepard – new roof

6.5 Approval of licenses:

- Operator licensed issued: none
- Consideration & approval of published liquor license applications: Pump it Up, LLC dba Village Pump
- Consideration & approval of Class “B”/Picnic license applications: none
- Consideration & approval of cigarette license: none

7. Old Business

7.1 **Property complaints** – Further discussion on property complaints. Motion by Wahl, second by Gilbert to authorize the clerk to work with the attorney to draft and send letters to property owners related to nuisance and compliance complaints, and to maintain documentation for follow-up. Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 F250 truck and plow bids for new truck

Discussion held regarding the resale of F250 plow truck. Presidents Evans had reviewed blue book values and determined the village should list the truck for \$60,000 with President Evans authorized to negotiate final sale price.

MOTION by Nelson, second by Wahl to list the Ford F250 with plow for \$60,000, with President Evans authorized to negotiate final sale price. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding purchase of a replacement plow. Two options were reviewed; recommendation was made for a Boss single-plug model from vendor in Ashland for \$10,600.

MOTION by Nelson, second by Wahl to purchase the new plow from Ashland vendor at a cost of \$10,600. Motion carried.

8.2 CN letter received on village ROW property

Board reviewed correspondence from CN regarding contaminated soils and monitoring wells. No board action required; notice received for informational purposes only.

8.3 November meeting date/public budget hearing

Trustees set the budget hearing/November meeting for **Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 **Administrative Committee** – Brostowitz discussed staff and cross-training for sewer data entry on the DNR website. Trustees agreed Ashley Nelson will work with public works to learn data entry procedures alongside current staff to ensure backup coverage.

9.2 **Buildings and Grounds** no updates

9.3 **Public Works/Sanitary Sewer** – Wahl would like to begin tackling the village sewer contract with Gordon and USCLSD. Contract hasn't been updated since 2010. Board agreed the contract should include updated terms on future readings, meters, rates, and annual review. A draft will be roughed out for attorney review.

9.4 **Fire Commission** – Wahl reported on commission activity. He noted the increasing challenges facing the department due to limited volunteerism and anticipated financial pressures, including the likelihood of compensating personnel in the future. Wahl expressed intent to step down from the Fire Commission after exceeding his original term and encouraged the board to consider appointing a new representative. Trustees discussed potential replacements, scheduling conflicts, and the importance of the commission in light of budget concerns, ambulance response times, and future planning for facilities and equipment. Discussion tabled to allow Wahl to contact Evans regarding potential interest before reassignment is made.

9.5 **Community Center Commission** – Gilbert reported that the budget is on track with no additional funds requested for next year. Work is underway to relocate the siren from the old village hall to the community center. Board members and residents discussed concerns about the siren's volume, purpose, and whether it should continue operating as a noon whistle given maintenance and safety considerations. Further discussion can be continued at the community center meeting in October for anyone interested.

9.6 **Airport Commission** – Discussion held on the overall value of the airport to the village, budget commitments, and federal grant obligations. Trustees noted rising budget contributions and questioned the long-term sustainability and community benefit. No action was taken; additional study and review may be needed.

9.7 **Planning Commission** – Wahl is working on a rough draft of updated zoning ordinances and has sent to Brad for review and comparison with existing drafts. The planning commission will reconvene after feedback is received, with the goal of finalizing the ordinance and holding a public hearing over the winter.

9.8 **Development Commission** – no updates

9.9 **Recycling Commission** – Gilbert said concrete work for compactor and container placement and rebuilding the demo box has started. Nelson will pass along recommendation for updating the outdoor sign with hours.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Gilbert, second by Wahl to adjourn this Village Board Meeting. Motion carried.

This Village Board Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Kathy Burger, Village Clerk

