



VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 5, 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

Village President Ben Evans called the Village Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk called roll call with the following trustees present: Ben Evans, Carl Wahl, Ashley Nelson and Todd Gilbert; absent/excused: Jon Brostowitz; Staff present: Clerk Kathy Burger and Treasurer Rebecca Nordskog and village resident Charlie Shaw.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Evans opened the Public Budget Hearing up for public comment. The 2026 general budget was \$499,529.92. Tax levy is \$276,018, with \$20,000 allocated for debt service – the blacktopping loan. Total sewer budget is \$271,605. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m. Motion by Wahl second by Gilbert to approve the 2026 budgets are presented. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

7. 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 Wahl to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

7.1 Approval of minutes for the special and regular monthly meetings 10/27/25.

7.2 Treasurers report for October – profit and loss and reconciliation detail

7.3 Approval for payments for general & sewer fund checking on expenditure report: 11/05/25

- 7.4 Approval of zoning permit applications: none
- 7.5 Approval of licenses:
 - Operator licensed issued: none
 - Consideration & approval of published liquor license applications: none
 - Consideration & approval of Class “B”/Picnic license applications: none
 - Consideration & approval of cigarette license: none

8. Old Business

8.1 DNR sewer grant project – Evans reviewed the handout with the board on the DNR grant project for Nelson and Elm Streets. Engineering phase to begin; paperwork signed. Discussion held on potential loan if grant funding is not received. Estimated \$17,000 sewer loan will be paid off in September, potentially offsetting new costs. Village may cash out approximately \$47,000 in CD interest accrued when it matures in February to help with funding the project. It is unlikely the project will qualify for grant forgiveness due to the Village’s strong maintenance record. Motion by Wahl second by Nelson to move forward with the engineering phase of the project. Motion carried.

8.2 Ballfield Damage Bids

Evans said two repair estimates were received and both are significantly higher than the insurance adjuster’s estimate. Adjuster claimed full roof replacement was unnecessary, citing policy language and requirements in Wisconsin. Discussion held regarding discrepancy and next steps. Village will contact its insurance representative for further guidance and consider challenging the adjuster’s assessment.

9. NEW BUSINESS: none

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Administrative Committee – no updates

10.2 Buildings and Grounds – Gilbert reported the dock has been pulled. Trucks and equipment are ready for winter. Clerk reported attorney is preparing a summons and complaint for two properties complaints were received on and letters were sent on 3 others for cleanup.

10.3 Public Works/Sanitary Sewer – no update

10.4 Fire Commission – Wahl said the fire commission is searching for a replacement for Charlie Shaw’s position on the fire commission.

10.5 Community Center Commission – no updates

10.6 Airport Commission – Evans discussed potential projects with the Bureau of Aeronautics. Possible 95% federal, 2.5% state, and 2.5% local cost-share opportunities for site leveling and maintenance improvements.

10.7 Planning Commission – Wahl said he is still awaiting review of the draft zoning ordinances by Brad Theien.

10.8 Development Commission – no updates

10.9 Recycling Commission – No new updates; recent projects completed successfully. A cracked concrete bumper at the dump site was reported. Possible vehicle impact; cause unknown. Discussion about contacting the contractor to assess.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

This Village Board Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Kathy Burger, Village Clerk

