



VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, February 23, 2026 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

Brostowitz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk called roll call with the following trustees present: Ben Evans, Carl Wahl and Todd Gilbert; absent/excused: Jon Brostowitz & Ashley Nelson; Staff present: Clerk Kathy Burger and Treasurer Rebecca Nordskog and village operator Dean Magariner, village resident Beth Magomolla, Mike Klinzing and Lisa Ash

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Klinzing addressed the board for permission to use the baseball field on July 4th at 2:00 PM for a family-oriented kickball tournament. The board confirmed there were no scheduling conflicts. Recommended he reach out to Jeanine Krenz, organizer for the 4th activities. Inquired about serving alcohol, will need a picnic license with a non-profit sponsor.

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

6.1 Approval of minutes for the regular monthly meetings 1/26/26.

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

6.3 Approval for payments for general & sewer fund checking on expenditure report: 2/23/26

6.4 Approval of zoning permit applications: none

6.5 Approval of licenses:

- Operator licensed issued: none

- Consideration & approval of published liquor license applications: Muman Bros WI, LLC, DBA MAKS
- Consideration & approval of Class “B”/Picnic license applications: none
- Consideration & approval of cigarette license: Muman Bros WI, LLC, DBA MAKS

7. Old Business

7.1 Ballfield Project Update

Evans spoke with Dustin Nelson for the ballfield project and repairs will begin once weather permits. A fabricator has been secured. He anticipates repairs can be completed from underneath without roof removal. Painting will be required following repairs.

7.2 Bid summaries for sewer improvement project

Sanitary improvement project bid summaries were reviewed. Motion by Gilbert second by Wahl to approve the contractor bidder of Stout Construction identified as the lowest bidder for \$204,353.07. Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Update on fees for UDC inspector

Evans said Rob’s inspection fees for new housing are changing. Required paperwork was signed. No Board motion was necessary, as fees are set by the inspector.

8.2 Business Hwy 53 project

Evans discussed the Business Hwy 53 project. County engineering is nearing completion with construction anticipated in 2027–2028. Discussion included installing 8–10-foot-wide blacktop sidewalks connecting Prevost area on County Road A to Jackpine. Possibly maintaining a flat surface on the east side of the old roadway for snowmobile use. Evans will contact the county before next meeting.

8.3 Roadway striping for 2026

The board reviewed pricing for roadway striping of Mertzig and North Boundary. It was agreed no striping on Mertzig this year. The situation will be monitored.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 **Administrative Committee** – no updates

9.2 **Buildings and Grounds** – Magariner said a replacement plow part has been acquired and is significantly more durable than the previous unit.

9.3 **Public Works/Sanitary Sewer** –Wahl discussed sewer rates and how no increase has occurred with Gordon or USCLSD since approximately 2013. The current rate is \$5.17 per thousand gallons. Proposed increase to \$6.00 per thousand would generate approximately \$1,400 additional revenue per quarter. Magariner will contact Ayres for comparative data and recommendation. Also the CMOM plan requires updating for 2026 compliance. Planned objectives include camera inspections and manhole rehabilitation.

9.4 **Fire Commission** – approval of recommendation from the fire commission for appointing a village representative to the commission. Motion by Wahl second by Gilbert to appoint Jon Dauplaise as village representative to the fire commission, replacing Charlie Shaw. Motion carried.

Wahl discussed the new inspection firm, First Strike, has been contracted. Introductory letters have been sent to businesses. The board expressed preference for assisting businesses with compliance before imposing fines. Fines to be used only as a last resort for serious safety violations. Wahl will share the Superior fine schedule with the board for review.

9.5 **Community Center Commission** – Gilbert reported installation of new lighting is complete and some painting has started.

9.6 **Airport Commission** – Evans reported operations remain stable. Snow removal has been effective. Fuel sales increased during recent warm weather.

9.7 **Planning Commission** – no updates

9.8 **Development Commission** – no updates

9.9 **Recycling Commission** – Gilbert stated recent sewer repair at the facility was successful and the issue has been resolved.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

This Village Board Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Kathy Burger, Village Clerk

