

**VILLAGE OF WYOCENA
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

Call to order: Village President Kim Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: President Kim Bauer, Trustees: Paul Crary, Owen Landsverk, Jeremy Crary, Rusty Schiradelly, and Doug Rose. Also present: Administrator Lori Kratky, Public Works Foreman Henry DeBoer, At Home Again Owner Alexandra Hasselberger, Fire Chief Brian Lemanczyk, Wyocena Fire Department members: Ken Bond, Mike Kolkovich, and Ralph Pulver, and Citizens: Courtney York, and Dave and Tracy Warning.

Absent Trustee: Rebecca Sersch

Proof of Posting: The Village Clerk posted the agenda for the February 9, 2026 Village Board meeting on the bulletin board at the Wyocena Community Center, Wyocena Post Office, entrance to the Wyocena Library, and the village website on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

Recognition of Visitors: Nothing to report.

Minutes: Nothing to report.

Reports:

Library Director Report: No report provided.

Police Chief's Report: No report provided. Bauer reported Chief Harkey had a heart attack on February 8th and is recovering well.

Fire Chief's Report: A written report was not provided. Chief Lemanczyk stated the new brush truck is in service.

Public Works Foreman's Report: A written report was provided. DeBoer stated the snowflake decorations will be removed from the streetlight poles next week.

Administrator Report: Kratky informed the board of the following items: 1) Tax receipting is complete and once the tax report totals are confirmed by Columbia County we will repay the other taxation districts for money collected. 2) The money market account earned \$22,400.18 interest in 2025. 3.) Library Board member Jean Porter wrote a letter thanking the Village Board and Lori Kratky for the additional \$2,500 appropriation to the Wyocena Library in 2026. The letter also mentions Memorial Day Celebration items which may be discussed later on this agenda.

Treasurer Report: Kratky presented the following vouchers for approval. Motion by P. Crary, second by Landsverk, to approve the following vouchers: Roll Call: P. Crary – yes, J. Crary – yes, Landsverk – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Schiradelly - yes. M.C.

Alliant	\$9,015.25	Martelle Water	\$211.50
Alliant	\$10,142.73	Met Life	\$9.40
Associated Appraisal	\$833.33	MSA Pro Services	\$900.00
Auto Value Parts	\$201.58	Nicholas Dube	\$2.97
Belco Vehicle	\$9,036.08	North Woods	\$1,919.02
Bliffert Lumber	\$236.02	Pardeeville Area School	\$140,777.85
Cardmember Services	\$652.32	Postmaster	\$644.00
CenturyLink	\$2.96	Registration Fee Trust	\$219.50
Cintas	\$113.28	Securian Financial Group	\$16.56
Col Cty Accounting	\$114.00	Securian Financial Group	\$60.05
Col Cty Solid Waste	\$3,440.83	Spee Dee Delivery	\$120.88
CT Labs	\$442.00	US Cellular	\$140.94
Delta Dental of WI	\$191.66	WI Dept of Justice - TIME	\$771.00
Delta Dental of WI	\$44.52		
Diggers Hotline	\$327.60	General Fund	\$162,271.40
Frontier	\$1,379.72	Library	\$345.99
General Engineering	\$50.00	Capital Outlay	\$9,255.58
Gordon Flesch	\$162.00	Water Fund	\$2,710.35
Lori Kratky	\$481.11	Sewer Fund	\$8,077.34

Unfinished Business:

Fire Station Remodel/Rebuild Update: Motion by P. Crary, second by Schiradelly, to keep the fire station remodel/rebuild update item on the agenda until more information is received. M.C.

New Business:

At Home Again Request To Use The Community Room: Motion by P. Crary, second by J. Crary, to approve Alexandra Hasselberger's request to use the Community Room on April 2nd and April 3rd 2026, with the fee waived, to host a free community event. M.C.

Pardeeville Boys Club Request To Use Toppe Field: Motion by Bauer, second by J. Crary, to approve the Pardeeville Boys Club request to use Toppe Field. Field Use will begin April 1, 2026 and end no later than July 31, 2026. The Boys Club will use the field Wednesday and Friday evenings, and alternating Mondays, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The Boys Club will coordinate alternating Mondays with the Pardeeville Girls Club. In addition, the Boys Club may use the field June 13th and July 11th 2026 from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Other than lawn mowing, all maintenance, including ensuring the area is cleaned after each use, is the responsibility of the club using the field. M.C.

Memorial Day Celebration Update: No action taken. Item to be placed on a future board agenda.

2026 Haz-Mat Response Agreement: Motion by P. Crary, second by Schiradelly, to approve the 2026 Haz-Mat Response Agreement with Columbia County as presented. M.C.

Columbia County Humane Society Annual Service Agreement: Motion by Landsverk, second by Rose, to approve the 2026 Columbia County Humane Society Agreement providing the village is responsible for delivering stray animals to the shelter as needed and the shelter is required to obtain authorization from the village prior to accepting any stray animals on behalf of the village. M.C.

Adams-Columbia electric 2026 Construction Permit Preference: Motion by J. Crary, second by Bauer, to utilize the Utility Permit Application process and require an Excavation in Right of Way permit prior to beginning a project in the village. M.C.

Columbia Health Care Center (CHCC) Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) – Revised:

Motion by Bauer, second by Rose to approve the revised CHCC M.O.U. as presented. M.C.

Police Chief's Request(s): For a .GOV Email Account, Department Cell Phone, To Have Control of Police Department and Budget, To Change Police Office Door Locks, For a Department Credit Card, and For Equipment Including a Body Camera, Laser, and Radar Unit/Camera System For the Squad Car: Limited discussion followed. Motion by Rose, second by Bauer, to table the Police Chief's requests until the March 9, 2026 meeting or until Chief Harkey is available to attend the meeting. M.C.

Review Municipal Fee Schedule: Bauer asked about the Conditional Use Permit Application Fee and then had Dave and Tracy Warning talk about their business and necessary permits. Much discussion followed. No motion was made but the board conceded to allow Flutterbuzz Farm to apply for two Conditional Use Permits, one for each of their two parcels, with one of the application fees (\$400) being waived.

Ordinance Committee Update: Nothing to report.

Discuss/Establish DPW/Utility Operator and DPW Foreman Wage: The Personnel Committee recommends an hourly wage of \$30 per hour for Henry DeBoer as the Department of Public Works (DPW) Foreman and \$28 per hour for the new DPW/Utility Operator position, as long as the candidate has all required operator licenses, or \$26 per hour if the candidate does not possess the required licenses. Alternatives to raise revenue to cover wage increases, as well as the process to complete a referendum to increase the property tax levy, were reviewed. Water and sewer rate increases were also discussed as a source for the proposed wage increases. Motion by Landsverk, second by Bauer, to accept the Personnel Committee recommendation to increase Henry DeBoer's hourly wage to \$30 per hour effective immediately, and to establish the wage as up to \$28 per hour for the DPW/Utility Operator position if the candidate has all necessary licenses or up to \$26 per hour if the candidate does not possess the required licenses. Roll Call: P. Crary – yes, J. Crary – yes, Landsverk – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Schiradelly – yes. M.C.

Board Comments: The next Village Board meeting will be March 9, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Landsverk, second by Schiradelly, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. M.C.