

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** At 5:30p.m. Village President (VP) Shannon Berg called the meeting to order.
- II. **ROLL CALL.** Village President (VP) Shannon Berg, Board of Trustee (Board) Members in attendance were Gary Pitts, Brad Lotts, and Paul Blodgett. There was a quorum in attendance. Staff in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer (CT) Stephanie Daniells, Deputy Clerk Treasurer (DCT) Teresa Dachel, Building Inspector (BI) Joe Atwood, Lieutenant Mark Bauman. Public in attendance were McKinzie Berg, Brady Bischel, Makena Riedesch, Thomas Bischal, Donna Bischel, and Terry Schilt.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were no public comments.
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA.** Per CT Daniells, Miles Perusky, Jr. will no longer be obtaining an Operator's license. There were no questions or concerns with the consent agenda. Motion made by Pitts to accept the consent agenda, 2nd by Blodgett. All in Favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 1. Announcements, Complaints, Concerns and Communications.
 2. Minutes and Reports.
 - a. Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2026.
 3. Operator Licenses:
 - a. Miles Perusky, Jr. — Bridge Stop
 - b. Tashauna Humphrey - Bridge Stop
 - c. Austin Engel - Quarthouse
 4. Review updated Election Day Emergency Response Plan
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS.**
 1. Public Works. CT Daniells read the report prepared by PW Jared Thom.
 2. Public Safety.
 - a. 2027 Proposal Discussion. DCT Dachel presented the quote from the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office for the renewal contract for law enforcement services for the Village. Based on Deputy wages, benefits, and equipment costs the new hourly rate would be \$84.67 per hour. The Sheriff's office is seeking a three-year contract and would propose a 3% rate increase each of the subsequent years of the contract. DCT Dachel has researched this hourly rate and it is in line with other local Sheriff's departments fees.
 - b. Fire Department Quarterly Report submitted by Wayne Dachel, presented by DCT Dachel. The NAFD reported that it is currently using QuickBooks 2017 and has experienced issues with data extraction. They are obtaining quotes to have an audit completed, as a formal audit has not been conducted in a significant amount of time. They have also received a quote from Highway 53 to refurbish the existing tender trucks (tankers) at a cost of approximately \$100,000–\$150,000 per truck, compared to an estimated \$450,000 cost for a new tender truck. The Board approved proceeding with the refurbishment of one tender truck. The Board also approved the purchase of a storage pod.
 3. Building Inspector.
 - a. Update on 126 S Old 53 Building Permit. BI Atwood stated the building has been painted and most of the windows have been repaired/replaced. The building remains out of compliance because the overhead door has not been replaced. BI Atwood stated that a citation will be issued if the matter is not corrected.
 - b. BI Atwood also discussed the list of properties that still need to be addressed. His monthly report included 11 properties still under review, with two of the projects completed. He has not received a response to the letter sent regarding the health and safety inspection conducted at 123 E. North Street.
 4. Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Receipts-Expense Report. DCT Dachel noted since last board meeting total revenues of \$93,381.22 and total expenses of \$92,290.23. The board did not have any questions and DCT Dachel noted everyone had signed the report.
 - b. Recycling of old computer hard drives. DCT Dachel reported that three hard drives and two non-smart cellular phones were delivered to First Choice Recycling for data destruction and recycling.
 5. Clerk-Treasurer
 - a. Discussion: Vacant Trustee position due to Trustee relocating outside of the Village Limits. CT Daniells reported that, per Attorney Chris Gierhart, Trustee Gerid Dodge no longer resides within the Village limits and is therefore no longer eligible to serve as a Village Trustee. Trustee Dodge has returned his binder and electronic tablet to DCT Dachel. VP Berg stated that the Board will discuss filling the vacancy at the September Board meeting
- VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

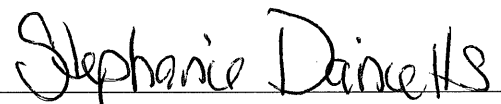
1. County Hwy SS Project. DCT Dachel reported that she was notified by Fred Anderson, Chippewa Co Highway dept. that the County Hwy SS project will be pushed back to possibly September due to a grading project and paving the courthouse parking lot that they are still working on.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Consider/Act on Certified Survey Map for Tom Bischel to divide property located at 330 Mathias St. for new construction. Motion made by Lotts to approve the Certified Survey Map for Tom Bischel to divide the property located at 330 Mathias Street for new construction, 2nd by Blodgett. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. A copy of the signed CSM is to be provided to the Village Hall.
2. Consider/Act on a request to permit the proposed new construction to tie into the existing well and septic system, subject to verification of system capacity, required inspections, and approval by the appropriate regulatory authorities. Motion made by Blodgett to approve the proposed new construction connecting to the existing well and septic system, subject to verification of system capacity, required inspections, and approval by the appropriate regulatory authorities, 2nd by Lotts. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
3. Consider/Act on Memorial Tree planting in the park. Motion made by Lotts to approve planting a Memorial tree by Barb Plummer at the Village Park, 2nd by Pitts. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. Consider/Act on Storage Container Permit for the New Auburn Fire Department. Motion made by Blodgett to approve storage container permit for the NAFD, 2nd by Lotts. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
5. Consider/Act on Ordinance 2026-02 Ordinance Amending Sections 284-23. A, B, C, and D relating to Recycling and Yard and Garden Waste. Motion made by Blodgett to approve Ordinance 2026-02, amending Sections 284-23 A, B, C, and D relating to recycling and yard and garden waste, 2nd by Lotts. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
6. Consider/Act on Ordinance 2026-03 Ordinance repealing and recreating Storage Containers in the Village of New Auburn. Motion made by Pitts to approve Ordinance 2026-03, repealing and recreating Section 350-76 relating to storage containers, 2nd by Berg. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
7. Adopt new Village Logo. Motion made by Pitts to adopt the Village logo created by Jill Petska, 2nd by Lotts. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
8. Consider/Act on Waste Collection Permit.
 - a. Waste Management: Motion made by Pitts to approve waste collection permits for Waste Management, 2nd by Blodgett. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
9. Future Board Meetings:
 - a. Next Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026.
 - b. Next Park Committee Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

IX. ADJOURN.

NOTE: Any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the American with Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible location or format must contact the Village Clerk-Treasurer at (715) 237-2223 or email Sdaniells@newauburn-wi.com by 2:00 p.m. the day before the meeting so that any necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate each request.



Prepared by Stephanie Daniells, Village Clerk-Treasurer