

Village of Fall Creek
Minutes for Regular Village Board & Inland Lake Annual Meeting
August 10, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Village President Tim Raap, Trustees Ryan Aylesworth, Bryan Kaatz, Josiah Kleven, Matt Mattoon, Staci Moldenhauer, Curt Strasburg. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Village Administrator/Public Works Director Jared McKee, Clerk/Treasurer Renee Roemhild. Also Present: 4 citizens.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting including the agenda was posted at the three public places, the Village website and local newspapers were notified. The public hearing was noticed in the Eau Claire Leader Telegram.
5. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - MOTION (Aylesworth/Strasburg) to adopt the agenda with the adjustment of moving agenda item #13B to be considered right after #9A because it is related to the Library/Village Center project. PASSED, without negative vote.
6. **Recognition of Visitors/Citizen Input/Correspondence:** The Board reviewed the written correspondence received during the month.
7. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - MOTION (Aylesworth/Kleven) to approve the 7/13/26 Regular Village Board and 8/5/26 Special Village Board meeting minutes. PASSED, without negative vote.
8. **Financial Report:** The monthly financials were reviewed.
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Kleven) to approve the 7/31/26 Budget Comparison Reports. Roll call vote: Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes. PASSED.

9. **Approval of Bills**

A. **Contractor's Pay Requests, Including Any Change Orders/Amendments**

- MOTION (Aylesworth/Strasburg) to approve:
 - Pay Request #13 of RJ Jurowski for a net due of \$413,063.04 and
 - Associated Change Order #9 for an addition of \$17,974.00Roll call vote: Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes. PASSED.

B. **Regular Monthly Approval of Bills**

- MOTION (Mattoon/Strasburg) to accept the Invoice Listing and Payroll Pay Summary Reports of 7/14/26-8/10/26. Roll call vote: Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes. PASSED.

The Board moved to agenda item #13B per the motion approving the agenda.

13. **New Business**

- B. **Consider Sign Package for Library Village Center:** Administrator Jared McKee reviewed the proposed Phase 1 sign package which includes exterior building signage and the interior room identification/donor plaques. Phase 2 will be done some time after the building has been opened to allow in case there are extra donations to include on the main donor recognition plaque.

- MOTION (Aylesworth/Kleven) to approve the Phase 1 signage proposal from Fast Signs of Eau Claire for approximately \$9,700. Roll call vote: Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes.

As the time was 6:30 p.m., the Board moved to agenda item #14.

14. **Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting (at 6:30 p.m.):** President Tim Raap called the meeting to order.

- A. **Citizen Input:** None.

- B. Clerk/Treasurer Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Renee Roemhild reported on year-to-date and prior year-end financial numbers. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.
- C. Administrator/Public Works Director's Report:** McKee stated the depth of the sediment trap is approximately 8 feet. He recommended applying for financial assistance from Eau Claire County for cleaning the sediment trap. The next funding cycle would be for 2028, with the application being due in early 2027.
- **MOTION** (Mattoon/Aylesworth) to apply for the Eau Claire County grant to help with the sediment trap cleaning project in 2028. Roll call vote: Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes. **PASSED.**

McKee reported on a discussion with the Village engineers regarding the pros & cons of the options discussed at the last quarterly meeting.

- 1) **Sediment traps** work to remove material; they don't remove it all - only trap the heavier material but the silt seeps through.
 - a. Having a larger sediment trap would allow more material to be trapped but it would be significantly more expensive to clean because the removal would no longer be by side-arm-reach but would require a full-on dredge.
 - b. Doing spot dredging would be a possibility. Removing material is a good thing, but the concern with that option is that it is very costly and the results wouldn't last very long because the spots would likely fill in whenever we go through a "five-year storm."
 - c. Considering an additional sediment trap or a different location was not recommended either. McKee said the engineers didn't see much benefit in having an additional trap, stating a trap is going to be affected by the size of particulates that need to drop out of it. If the area for an additional trap was in a significantly better location where it was cheaper to remove the sediment, you could consider doing that. But for Fall Creek Pond, the best place for a sediment trap is in the current location of our existing trap. McKee said each of those points the engineers brought up reiterated the same consensus the Board came to at its last meeting.
 - d. The engineers talked about **learning to love your pond the way it is; manage for aesthetics by cleaning your sediment trap.**
- 2) Find a big pile of money somewhere to be able to **do a full-on dredge.**
- 3) Or **consider whether or not you would like to remove your dam.**

McKee also reported the engineers said there was a funding source from the State of Wisconsin. The State offers grant funding at a 2 to 1 ratio. As an example, they would fund \$10,000 of a \$15,000 project. Surface water planning is one of their allowable projects – hiring for a study to write a focused management plan to address a specific management challenge. McKee stated that rather than having only a phone conversation with a summary email, we could hire the engineers to do a professional study to more completely analyze what they feel the Village's options are. It would give a more firm report to rely on; instead of saying "this is what we think," it would be "this is what we know." That being said, the engineers were pretty confident that doing the study would not come up with a miracle solution – it would likely result in the three options just discussed.

- D. General Discussion on Inland Lake Matters:** The Board discussed McKee's report and reviewed the State DNR's Surface Water Grant funding list for fiscal year 2026. The type of information the study could provide was discussed.

- MOTION (Aylesworth/Kaatz) to apply for the Surface Water Grant. Roll call vote: Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes.

A. Establish Budget for 2027 & Set Levy: The proposed budget was discussed and modifications were made per discussions from previous agenda items.

- MOTION (Aylesworth/Mattoon) to approve the 2027 budget with the modifications discussed and to set the Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District levy at \$10,000. Roll call vote: Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes. PASSED.

President Raap adjourned the Inland Lake Annual District meeting.

10. Report of Village Administrator: Administrator Jared McKee reviewed key highlights and achievements for the month.

11. Committee Reports: None.

12. Unfinished Business

B. Request of FC School to Extend Hoover Ave: McKee reported the school was thankful the Village was willing to consider extending Hoover Avenue and offered a proposal requesting the cost share be split 75% School / 25% Village. McKee reviewed Village ordinances regarding public improvements and stated the school's proposal falls right in line with Village ordinances. If the Board was in agreement with the concept of the School's proposal, the mechanism to do so would be through a legal document similar to a Developer's Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.

- MOTION (Mattoon/Aylesworth) to accept the concept of the school's proposal of a 75%/25% cost share split and to prepare a legal agreement as described above. Roll call vote: Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes. PASSED.

C. Engineering for Hoover Ave Extension: Tabled.

13. New Business

A. Requests for Permission and Waiver of Fees for Memorial Softball Tournament:

- MOTION (Kaatz/Strasburg) granting permission and the waiver of fees for the memorial softball tournament as requested. PASSED, without negative vote.

C. Request of Xcel Energy for a Conditional Use Permit for the Construction of a 160' Tall Monopole with Private LTE Antennae Inside of Northern State Power's Harstad Substation Located at 205 Brickyard Street: Raap reported on the Plan Commission review of the application and that they recommended approval.

- MOTION (Aylesworth/Kaatz) approving the application of Northern States Power Company (a.k.a. Xcel Energy) to build a 160' tall monopole with antenna to propagate a private LTE network. PASSED, without negative vote.

D. Downtown Business District Façade & Sign Applications:

- MOTION (Mattoon/Aylesworth) to approve the following applications:
 - Façade application of Hailey Martin, Restored Co., 102 W Lincoln Ave
 - Sign application of Sarah Williams, Ice Cream & Extras, 130 W Lincoln Ave.

PASSED, without negative vote.

E. Consider Estimate to Fix Stormwater Retention Pond in Business Park:

- MOTION (Mattoon/Kaatz) approving the estimate from Tanner Excavating in the amount of \$6,700 to fix the stormwater retention pond in the business park. Roll call vote: Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes. PASSED.

F. Consider Sale of Surplus Generator:

- MOTION (Kaatz/Aylesworth) authorizing the sale of the 5 KW generator that the Village obtained from the Federal Surplus Program to Jared McKee for \$500. Roll call vote:

Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes. PASSED.

G. Establish Signature Authority for Land Transaction:

- MOTION (Strasburg/Kleven) giving Administrator Jared McKee signature authority for documents for the land sale to Timothy and Stephanie Raap. Roll call vote: Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-abstain, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes. PASSED.

H. Consider 1st Reading of Amendment to Village Code §16.1.13 Zoning, General Provisions, Traffic Visibility Triangle:

- MOTION (Kaatz/Strasburg) to hold the first reading of amendments to §16.1.13.A. clarifying the parameters of the vision triangle in the Downtown Business District. PASSED, without negative vote.

I. Consider 1st Reading of Amendment to Village Code §195.1.1 Parks, Hours regarding Modification to Pickleball and Basketball Court Hours:

- MOTION (Aylesworth/Mattoon) to hold the first reading of amendments to §195.1.1 Parks establishing hours for the pickleball and basketball courts. PASSED, without negative vote.

J. Move to Convene in Closed Session Per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchasing of Public Properties, the Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting Other Specified Public Business, Whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons Require a Closed Session, Namely, Discussion re: Possible Land Sale. At the End of the Closed Session, the Board Will Be Going into Open Session to Conduct Further Business. Roll Call Vote on Motion to Convene into Closed Session.:

- MOTION (Kleven/Strasburg) at 7:34 p.m. to move into closed session per §19.85(1)(e). Roll call vote: Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes. PASSED.

K. Move to Return to Open Session and Action, if Any, on Matters Discussed in Closed Session.

- MOTION (Aylesworth/Kaatz) at 7:45 p.m. to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aylesworth-yes, Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes. PASSED.
- MOTION (Aylesworth/Strasburg) to approve the land sale at the discussed criteria as discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Kaatz-yes, Kleven-yes, Mattoon-yes, Moldenhauer-yes Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Aylesworth-yes. PASSED.

15. Committee Recommendations: None.

16. Possible Assignment to Committee: None.

17. Adjournment: at 7:46 p.m.

Renee Roemhild, Clerk/Treasurer