



**VILLAGE OF WALDO BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES FROM SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
JULY 31, 2024**

1. Call to order: President Dekker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees Jerry Hammarlund, Dennis Reinemann, and Michael Hintz were present. Trustee Steve Bunnow was absent. Village staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Gillette. For all others present, please see the sign in sheet.
2. Certification of compliance with open meetings law: Clerk/Treasurer Gillette confirmed the meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
3. Pledge to the flag: All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.
4. Public comment: President Dekker explained that each person wanting to speak has 3 minutes. The board is not able to discuss or take action on public comment.

Joe Schaffer from the Milwaukee River Keepers was part of the group that helped Cascade find the right solution for their millpond. He commended the Village Board on reaching out for the public's comment for help with the tough decision on the Waldo Millpond.

Brian Wimmeler (406 Mill St): Explained to the board that he is one of the few people that would be most affected by the decision on the millpond. He wanted to remind the board that forward thinking people chose to fix the dam when the mill was no longer there for the residents of Waldo to enjoy.

Pete DeGroff (JD Trucking): He has owned a business in Waldo for 40 years and grew up just outside of Waldo. He has many memories of spending time at the Millpond as a child. He gave the Village Board some ideas that he thought could help with the millpond: Hydroelectric from the dam, change the pond shape in to a V shape and narrow it by 150 ft. on both sides to give a buffer zone, plant grasses in the buffer zone, make the changes in phases- 5-year plan. The Village Board has hard decisions to make.

President Dekker thanked all the public comment speakers for their input.

5. Working meeting on wording for the Waldo Millpond Advisory Referendum: The Village Board discussed their concerns with the wording of the advisory referendum. Trustee Reinemann did not agree with the amount presented from Ayre's engineering firm. Trustee Hintz did not agree that there is an issue with the millpond dam. Trustee Bunnow stated that the Village Board had to address the DNR requirements and wanted the village residents' input on what they wanted regarding keeping or removing the dam. The board agreed to change the wording of the referendum to remove the specific dollar amount. Clerk Gillette was instructed to type the Advisory Referendum up and send it to the Village Attorney for approval. The board members will approve the resolution for the referendum at the August 12<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting.
6. Discuss/approve Waldo Millpond Advisory Referendum for November 5, 2024, election: no action taken.
7. Adjourn: Trustee Reinemann motioned to adjourn. The motion carried with a second from Trustee Hintz. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Gillette

Clerk/Treasurer