



**VILLAGE OF WALDO BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES FROM  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

1. Call to order:

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Gillette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. due to President Gary Dekker being absent. Trustees Steve Bunnow, Jerry Hammarlund, Dennis Reinemann, and Michael Hintz were present. Clerk Gillette asked for a nomination to preside over the board meeting. Trustee Hammarlund nominated Trustee Bunnow to preside. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reinemann, and the motion carried. Trustee Bunnow continued with the meeting.

2. Certification of compliance with open meetings law:

Clerk Lisa 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. Discussion with Andrea Stern from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding the Waldo Millpond Dam:

Key Discussion Points:

A. Requirements for Waldo Millpond Dam:

- Question: What are the requirements for the Waldo Millpond Dam?
- Answer (Andrea Stern): The engineering firm responsible for the dam will calculate the specific requirements based on the unique characteristics of the dam and the surrounding area.

B. Change from 100-year to 500-year Flood Requirement:

- Question: When did the requirements switch from a 100-year to a 500-year flood event?
- Answer (Andrea Stern): The switch from a 100-year to a 500-year flood requirement occurred in 2015, following the completion of the dam failure analysis.

C. Village-Specific Requirements:

- Question: Are the requirements village-specific, or are they the same for all communities?
- Answer (Andrea Stern): Requirements are village-specific, with the water volume and hazard rating being based on the individual community. Waldo Millpond Dam has been classified as a "significant hazard" dam, which influences the required standards.

D. Water Quality Considerations:

- Question: How will the water quality issue be addressed in the overall project?
- Answer (Andrea Stern): The water quality issue needs to be addressed as part of the broader project, ensuring a holistic approach to the dam's restoration and management.

E. Drawdown of Water:

- Question: Will the engineers have to draw down the water in order to proceed with the project?

- Answer (Andrea Stern): Yes, the engineers will likely need to draw down the water as part of the project. This is a common requirement for dam repairs and improvements.
- F. Village Loan Cycle and Timeline:
  - Question: The Village is on a 3-year loan cycle. Will the DNR work with the Village's timeline for this project?
  - Answer (Andrea Stern): The DNR is willing to work with the Village as long as the Village is making a good faith effort and is moving forward with the project. There is flexibility in working within the Village's loan cycle timeline.
- G. Process for Removing Silt:
  - Question: What is the process to remove the silt from the dam?
  - Answer (Andrea Stern): Andrea will provide the Village Board with contact information for dredging through the DNR, as dredging is not her direct area of responsibility.
- H. Engineering Costs and Grant:
  - Question: Can the engineering costs be wrapped into the awarded grant?
  - Answer (Andrea Stern): Andrea confirmed that engineering costs will be eligible to be included within the grant award.

5. Discussion and possible action on Waldo Millpond Engineering:

A motion was made by Trustee Reinemann to approve the Waldo Millpond Engineering. The motion died with no second. Trustee Hintz motioned to table this item until the March meeting to have the full board present. The motion carried with a second from Trustee Bunnow.

6. Adjourn:

Trustee Reinemann made, and Trustee Hammarlund seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Gillette

Clerk/Treasurer