

VILLAGE OF WALDO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025

1. Call to Order:

President Travis Thomas called the August 11th Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Trustees present included Joshua Behr, Jerry Hammarlund, Dennis Reinemann, and Michael Hintz. Village Staff present included Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Gillette, DPW Mike Kitzerow, and OIC Bruce Neerhof.

2. <u>Certification of Compliance with open meetings law:</u>

Clerk Lisa Gillette confirmed the meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comment:

- Ted Scharl: Asked the board about water/sewer requirements for a parcel in the village. He and Greg Kanz inquired about the Village's contribution to extending Mowtown Road and installing water/sewer to the potential business lots.
- Steve Richgruber asked the board where the ATV/UTV ordinance stood and if the board had plans to continue moving forward with the ordinance.

5. Review and act on Village Board minutes of July 14, 2025:

Trustee Hintz motioned to approve the Village Board minutes of July 14th, 2025. Trustee Hammarlund seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. <u>Discussion and Possible Action on Village Legal Counsel:</u>

Trustee Hintz motioned to approve hiring Attorney Nathanial Jung from Ritger Law Office as the Village of Waldo's legal counsel. Motion seconded by Trustee Hammarlund. Motion carried.

7. Review and Possible Action on Resolution 2025-10: A Resolution Requesting Authorization and Permitting to Open the Waldo Millpond Dam Spillway for Observation and Study:

The Board discussed the reasoning for drawing down the Millpond, noting it would allow for observation and provide the opportunity to clean out fallen trees that cannot be reached when submerged in frozen water. President Thomas motioned to approve Resolution 2025-10, permitting the spillway to be opened from October 1st through April 1st. Trustee Hammarlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*President Thomas requested to move Agenda Item #10 ahead of Item #8. The Board agreed without objection.

10. <u>Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Vandalism at the Village Park and Related Bathroom Security Procedures</u>:

President Thomas reported that the Village Park bathrooms had again been vandalized, causing significant damage to fixtures and plumbing. The park cameras captured potential suspects on video. The Board discussed options for maintaining restroom facilities for families visiting the park. Trustee Hintz motioned to keep the bathrooms locked except during park rentals and to investigate the cost of renting a port-a-potty for the park. Trustee Hammarlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Village Park & Millpond Dam Park Hours:

The Board discussed adjusting the hours for Village Park and Millpond Dam Park, noting that neither park is lit at night and after-dark use is not advisable. Trustee Hammarlund motioned to set the parks' hours from dawn to dusk. Trustee Behr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Discussion on Feral Cat Issue:

The Board reviewed the feral cat situation but did not identify any specific solutions at this time. No motion was made.

11. <u>Plan Commission Appointments by Village President – Appointment of one Village Board member</u> for a one-year term and one Village resident for a two-year term:

President Thomas appointed Trustee Joshua Behr to a one-year term and Village resident Jacob Meyer to a two-year term on the Plan Commission.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Noise Ordinance:

The Board proposed a few changes to the ordinance. Trustee Hintz motioned to table the item until the September Board meeting. Trustee Reinemann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. Review and Possible Action on the Village President's Committee Nominations:

President Thomas nominated the following committee members:

- Parks Committee: Trustee Behr and Trustee Reinemann
- Roads Committee: Trustee Hintz and Trustee Hammarlund
- Buildings Committee: President Thomas and Trustee Reinemann

Trustee Hintz motioned to approve the committee nominations. Trustee Hammarlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. Treasurer's Report:

- Review and act on vouchers: Trustee Hintz motioned to approve paying vouchers 16820-16846
 and online payroll liabilities, in the amount of \$29,227.79 President Thomas seconded. The
 motion carried.
- Review and act on Treasurer's Report: Trustee Reinemann motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Hintz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

15. Police Report:

The July Police Report was reviewed, noting 3 warnings, 63 property checks, 1 complaint, 15 hours of service, and 124 miles patrolled.

16. Fire Department Report:

The Fire Department reported a total of 5 calls in July, including 2 structure fires, 2 outside fires, and 1 welfare check.

17. Correspondence from the Clerk: None

18. Items to be Considered for the Next Village Board Agenda:

The Board suggested the following items for consideration at the next meeting: a UTV/ATV ordinance, a request for Cascade Police Chief Liermann to attend, and a discussion regarding GK Machine

19. Adjourn:

Trustee Hintz motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Trustee Hammarlund seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at $7:43\ p.m.$