VILLAGE OF WALDO SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Waldo recognizes the importance of effective governance through focused oversight and planning; and

WHEREAS, standing committees can improve transparency, promote resident involvement, and provide valuable recommendations to the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village maintains multiple municipal assets and operations, including parks, streets, public buildings, and the Waldo Millpond, that require ongoing attention and community input;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Waldo, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the Village Committee Ordinance of the Village of Waldo.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish standing committees to advise the Village Board on specific areas of municipal operations and to support informed decision-making through focused committee work.

Section 3. Creation of Committees

The following standing committees are hereby created:

- Parks Committee: To advise and assist in the oversight, planning, and development of the Village Park, Millpond Dam Park, and Waldo Millpond, including its use, maintenance, and environmental quality.
- Grounds and Buildings Committee: To advise and assist in the maintenance, use, and improvement of Village-owned facilities, including the Village Hall, Waldo Fire Department Building, Memorial Hall, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and DPW Garage.
- Streets Committee: To advise and assist in matters concerning the condition, maintenance, and improvement of Village streets and related infrastructure.

Section 4. Committee Membership

Each committee shall consist of:

- Two (2) Village Board Trustees, who shall be voting members.
- Two (2) Village residents, who shall serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity.

Section 5. Appointment and Term

Committee members shall be appointed by the Village President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Village Board. The term of appointment shall be one (1) year, renewable by reappointment.

Section 6. Committee Operations

- A. Committees shall meet as needed at the call of the Chair or as directed by the Village Board.
- B. A quorum shall consist of two (2) trustees. Only trustees shall vote on committee matters.
- C. Resident members may participate fully in discussion and provide input but shall not vote.
- D. The Village President shall appoint the Chairperson of each committee.
- E. All meetings shall comply with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.
- F. Committees shall keep written minutes of each meeting. Minutes must be submitted to the Village Office within one (1) week of the meeting and shall be retained as part of the official municipal record.
- G. Committees shall report their discussions and recommendations to the Village Board.

Section 7. Authority

Committees shall serve in an advisory role to the Village Board and shall have no independent decision-making authority unless explicitly delegated by formal Board action.

Section 8. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication/posting as provided by law.

Passed and adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Waldo, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, this 14 day of July, 2025.

Travis Thomas-Village President

Lisa Gillette-Village Clerk/Treasurer