**VILLAGE OF MILLTOWN**
**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**
**AUGUST 10, 2026**

**Meeting Minutes**

- **6:45 p.m. VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

***CALL MEETING TO ORDER***: Meeting was called to order by Village President, Larry Kuske.

***ROLL CALL***: Present: Joe Castellano, Jeff Erickson, Mitchell Galle, Les Sloper, Henry Studtmann, Aaron Zbleski and Larry Kuske. Absent: None Also Present: Mike Nutter, Shaun Thayer, and Amy Foeller.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***: A unanimous Sloper/Zbleski motion approved the minutes of the July 13, 2026 meeting as prepared and presented.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR AUGUST 10, 2026, VILLAGE BOARD MEETING***: A unanimous Castellano/Studtmann motion approved the agenda for tonight's meeting with the addition of the following agenda item:

*10(c)(ii)-Water Tower Restoration; Consideration and possible action for pay request #2 for Lane Tank in the amount of $73,818.00.*

***COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS FROM PRE-REGISTERED CITIZENS***:

a. Discussion regarding letter received from Nancy Lemay regarding property at 114 Fourth Avenue SW.; referred to Ordinance 8-1-26 Regulation of Natural Lawns. A Natural Lawn Permit application and a copy of the ordinance will be mailed to Nancy Lemay.
b. Discussion regarding reported complaints of unsightly junk at the property of Richard Berget, 113 Main Street West. Chief Thayer stated he made contact with the current tenant's father and removal of the junk is being addressed. It was also advised by trustees that Chief Thayer to mail a letter to both the property owner and current tenant regarding the removal of junk.
c. Discussion regarding submitted complaints received to the Village Office (via phone) from resident Paula Sogge, 210 Gandy View Ave.:
    i. Equipment stored on vacant Parcel #151-00296-0301, owned by Marie Sogge. Chief Thayer stated he had spoke to Mike Sogge and Mike stated he would address the concerns of the stored equipment on the parcel as Mike and the tenant, Josh Draves residing at 303 Dancer Street, had an agreement at one time. Chief Thayer stated everything that is currently being stored on the property at this parcel falls within the ordinance allowance.
    ii. 215 Gandy View is driving a skid steer over the public sidewalk and curb to gain entrance for landscaping purposes. Chief Thayer stated he had a discussion with the property owner and advised that her excavator, according to Village ordinance, cannot access the property driving over village curb or sidewalk; and that the driveway must be used to gain access for the work currently being done on the property.

***LIBRARY REPORT***:

a. Director Report, submitted by Library Director Brandon Hardin, was given to each Trustee.
b. A unanimous Castellano/Studtmann motion approved Resolution 2026-02 Exemption from Library County Tax for year 2027.

***POLICE REPORT:***

a. A unanimous Zbleski/Galle motion approved Operator's License for Jada Raiter, Circle-K.

b. A unanimous Castellano/Zbleski motion approved donation of $500.00 to the 2026 Kid's Night Out event.
c. Chief Thayer stated he spoke with the property owner of Parcel #151-00065-0000 on 2nd Avenue NE regarding clean up. The owner stated he would be working on it and contacting the previous owner to remove their personal property as well.
d. Chief Thayer stated he mailed Greg Tougas a letter to clean up junk at his residence located at 507 Milltown Avenue.
e. Discussion regarding the purchase of a new squad car *(tabled until resolved).* Trustee Mitchell Galle inquired if Chief Thayer has looked into options with Ewald. Chief Thayer advised that he has intentions to.
f. Trustee Les Sloper requested Chief Thayer to provide a work schedule for the Police Department.

***PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:***

a. Discussion regarding Village Shop ceiling insulation *(tabled until resolved).*
b. A unanimous Castellano/Sloper motion approved accepting bid for Monarch Paving Company in the amount of $10,566.00 for overlay on Margaret Street.
c. Discussion regarding ordinance for driving over village sidewalks and curbs. It was asked to have Diana Virkus adding verbiage to the ordinance exempting medical, fire, and public works.
d. Water Tower will be put back online on August 18, 2026. Currently the interior epoxy layer needs to cure. Once filled, it is required to obtain two water samples. Mike Nutter stated he anticipates to have the water tower in use by the end of that week.

***CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:***

a. A unanimous Studtmann/Zbleski motion approved Sterling Bank loan for the refinancing of the library loan in the amount of $142,850.72; 5-year amortization; quarterly payments in the amount of $8,117.99; 5% tax exempt rate.
b. A unanimous Zbleski/Sloper motion approved Sterling Bank loan for water tower restoration in the amount of $176,800.00; 10-year amortization; quarterly payments in the amount of $6,254.36; 7.25% taxable rate.
c. A discussion regarding submitting an application for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). It was advised Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Foeller, to move forward with the application and submittal.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

a. Milltown Community Center Updates-Village President, Larry Kuske, reminded Trustees of the scheduled meeting for Wednesday, August 19, at 10:00 a.m. to tour the progress of the Milltown Community Center.
    i. A unanimous Zbleski/Castellano motion approved Pay Request #1 for Dave Cecil Builders in the amount of $284,279.24.
    ii. A unanimous Sloper/Galle motion approved Change Order #2 for the Milltown Community Center project, reflecting a decrease of $8,219.40.
b. No updates regarding Milltown Village Ordinance project updates *(to remain on agenda until project completion).*
c. Water Tower Restoration *(to remain on agenda until project completion).*
    i. A unanimous Castellano/Zbleski motion approved Lane Tank Pay Request #1 in the amount of $99,097.00.
    ii. A unanimous Studtmann/Zbleski motion approved Lane Tank Pay Request #2 in the amount of $73,818.00.

d. Updates to the 2026/2027 Assigned Committees:
    a. A unanimous Castellano/Erickson motion approved adding Trustee Aaron Zbleski to the Personnel Committee.
    b. A unanimous Sloper/Studtmann motion approved establishing a new committee titled Road Maintenance Committee with members approved to be Larry Kuske, Jeff Erickson, Mike Nutter, and Boyd Heilig.
e. Hanging flower baskets were discussed. Pro-lawn provided information that the fuel surcharge invoiced this year in the amount of $80.00 was an expense passed from their supplier, passed to the Village. Pro-lawn stated that they are not aware if there will be a surcharge in 2027. Pro-lawn will be providing a quote for 2027 flowers *(item tabled to the September 14, 2026 meeting).* Trustee, Joe Castellano, did state to avoid a delivery charge in 2027, he will volunteer his time/vehicle to pick up the flowers.
f. A unanimous Zbleski/Studtmann motion approved adding Site Plan Review, $500.00 + Professional Service Fees to the Village of Milltown fee schedule.

***NEW BUSINESS**:*

a. Discussion regarding Ty & Jennifer Tretsven, 230 2nd Avenue SW., request to rezone parcel from commercial to residential. Village Clerk, Amy Foeller, is to advise the property owners that they should move forward with submitting an application for a rezone request. And a second application for a variance due to rezoning the parcel from commercial to residential will cause the parcel to be non-conforming not meeting the setback requirements for residential zoning.
b. Discussion regarding River Pfeifer, 414 Main Street W, adding an 8' x 8' deck, with additional steps, on the south-side of the parcel. The location of the deck does not meet the 25' required setback. Village Clerk, Amy Foeller, is to advise the property owner that he should move forward with submitting an application for a variance for consideration of this request.
c. Discussion regarding Parcel #151-00345-0100, possible Quonset style home. Parcel is zone R-1 Residential. It was decided a Quonset-style home would be allowed in this zoning district, as long the structure is not a shouse-style home (including a garage and/or shop area).
d. Discussion regarding Elite Auto, 151 Eider Street, for an addition to the current primary structure. Addition would be 20' x 60', intended for cold storage, possibly converting to work space at a later time. Village Clerk, Amy Foeller, is to advise Chris Skow that he should move forward with a Zoning Permit application for considering of this request.

***CONSENT AGENDA***: A unanimous Zbleski/Erickson motion approved General check #34747 through #34812; manual checks; and Payroll voucher #V2012 through #V2039.

***ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:*** A unanimous Sloper/Studtmann motion approved moving the meeting into closed session.

***RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:*** A unanimous Castellano/Zbleski motion approved moving the meeting into open session. No action of matters discussed in closed session to make motion on.

***ADJOURN:*** A unanimous Sloper/Studtmann motion made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of February, 2026

Amy E. Foeller
Village Clerk/ Treasurer
Milltown, WI

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