

**VILLAGE OF MILLTOWN
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Aaron Zbleski and Larry Kuske. Absent: Henry Studtmann Also Present: Mike Nutter, Shaun Thayer, and Amy Foeller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A unanimous Castellano/Sloper motion approved the minutes of the August 10, 2026 meeting as prepared and presented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: A unanimous Galle/Castellano motion approved the agenda for tonight's meeting as prepared and presented.

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS FROM PRE-REGISTERED CITIZENS:

- a. Louie Vollrath in regards to the George Melby American Legion and the 99-year lease with the Milltown Community Center and Village of Milltown. Louie was advised by trustees that the memorial stone/plaque has been restored and will be placed back at the Milltown Community Center; as well storage area for flags and guns; as well as a dedicated wall space for American Legion memorabilia. Louie requested that trustees review the lease as it is believed the lease continues to be valid. Louie will provide a list of requests, the lease, along with an addendum with Village Clerk, Amy Foeller, to disburse to trustees for review.
- b. Melvin Smith in regards to sign storage for snowmobile club since they have been advised the Quonset currently used will eventually be destroyed. It was discussed the possibility of the snowmobile club purchasing a storage shed that can be placed at the Village Shop property.

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT: A unanimous Castellano/Sloper motion approved Zoning Map Amendment request by Ty Tretsven, to amend the Zoning Map for property located at 230 2nd Avenue SW from B-1 General Commercial to R-2 Residential, Parcel #151-00368-0000. The subject property is of approximately 0.35 acres.

LIBRARY REPORT:

- a. Director Report, submitted by Library Director Brandon Hardin, was given to each Trustee.
- b. A unanimous Sloper/Erickson motion approved \$300.00 quote submitted by Alex Binfit (via Trustee Jeff Erickson) to power wash the library building awning; cost to be shared between Village of Milltown and Milltown Public Library.

POLICE REPORT:

- a. A unanimous Sloper/Galle motion approved Operator's License for:
 - Jennifer Dye, Circle-K
 - Jennalee Nelson, Circle-K
- b. Discussion regarding the purchase of body camera equipment. Chief Thayer handed out a quote from Axon Enterprise in the amount of \$8,774.60; 5-year contract (\$1,754.92/year); to include equipment, training, docking station, online tech support, charging equipment, licensing, and storage. Cameras and hardware are replaced every 2-1/2 years. Quoted contract pricing is

effective as of January 1, 2027. Village President, Larry Kusek, stated this will be discussed during the 2027 Budget Finance Committee meeting in October.

- c. Discussion regarding the purchase of a new squad car. Chief Thayer stated he will have quotes for the October 14, 2026, meeting; receiving quotes from Don Johnson and Johnson Motors. Village President, Larry Kuske, advised he would like to have the quotes for the schedule 2027 budget meeting with the finance committee scheduled for October 5, 2026 (*tabled until complete*).
- d. It was requested by Trustee Jeff Erickson to repair the squad car running light; and concerns of the condition of the squad car's upon witnessing start-up of the vehicle. Chief Thayer stated he will address both items.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- a. A unanimous Zbleski/Galle motion approved Northern Aquatic Services for third treatment of sewer ponds (dollar amount not provided; previous time in August was a cost of \$820.00).
- b. Mike Nutter informed that one of the wells went down that morning; problem being the main bearing on top of motor. Motor scheduled to be pulled for repairs.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:

- a. 2027 Budget preparation meeting with the Finance Committee was set for Monday, October 5, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Milltown Village Office.
- b. A unanimous Castellano/Zbleski motion approved Emilie Albrecht and Cheryl Langeness for Village Office personnel for office coverage as needed.
- c. Discussion regarding switching landlines (voice over internet) and internet services to Verizon. Village President, Larry Kuske, advised it is best to keep the current fiber-optic internet services with Lakeland; however, tabled discussing switching to Verizon for voice over internet desktop phones (*item tabled to March 8, 2027 meeting*).
- d. A unanimous Zbleski/Sloper motion approved financing with Sterling Bank for the Milltown Community Center project; draw-down line of credit in the amount of \$800,000.00; 5.0% fixed for 1-year. Loan will be refinanced after project completion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Community Center project update:
 - i. A unanimous Castellano/Erickson motion approved Pay Request #2 for Dave Cecil Builders in the amount of \$544,194.52.
 - ii. Brandon Sather and Kevin Oium were in attendance to discuss sidewalk area(s). Brandon handed out photos of sidewalk concerns and explained the existing sidewalk appeared to be tilting inward towards the building. It was agreed that the problem was pre-existing (in accordance with provided photos of sidewalk before project start time). Sidewalk quoted replacement cost is \$1,392.00 (29-feet section). It was advised to remove the entire sidewalk, and revamp the plan to be a six foot (6') wide sidewalk (original plan was to add another four feet (4') to the existing four feet (4') wide sidewalk). Curb will remain as is. Dave Cecil Builders is responsible for replacement cost for approximately twenty-nine feet (29') of damaged sidewalk caused by them. A unanimous Sloper/Zbleski motion approved change order.
- b. Milltown Village Ordinance Updates (*to remain on agenda until complete*):
 - i. A unanimous Zbleski/Galle motion approved ordinance update to 10-1-42 Driving Over Curbing or Safety Islands Prohibited.
 - ii. A unanimous Castellano/Zbleski motion approved Bakke Norman to update fee schedule and rework nuisance and junk ordinances.
- c. Water Tower Restoration (*to remain on agenda until complete*).

- d. A unanimous Castellano/Zbleski motion approved hanging flower baskets from Pro-Lawn for the 2027 year in the amount of \$1,320.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion regarding trimming trees located by the Milltown Community Center. It was asked for Mike Nutter to obtain quotes for the next meeting (*item tabled to the October 14, 2026 meeting*).

CONSENT AGENDA: A unanimous Galle/Sloper motion approved General check #34813 through #34856; manual checks; and Payroll voucher #V2040 through #V2063.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: A unanimous Zbleski/Galle motion approved moving the meeting into closed session.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: A unanimous Zbleski/Galle motion approved moving the meeting into open session.

A unanimous Zbleski/Galle motion approved changing current title of Utility Clerk/Office Assistance to Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; 4% increase effective September 14, 2026.

ADJOURN: A unanimous Sloper/Galle motion made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of September, 2026

Amy E. Foeller
Village Clerk/ Treasurer
Milltown, WI