Village of Balsam Lake Monday October 5th, 2026
Regular Meeting of Trustees

Meeting called to order by President Kellie Flaherty at 6:00 p.m.

Members present on roll call: Kellie Flaherty, Brian Nelson, Katie Jordan, Gretchen Bloss, Jason Larson, Len Manning.

Members absent on roll call:

Others present: Jim Duncan, Ben LaLone, Lorren Anderson, Darryl Ince, Chris Nelson, Dave Durner, Peter Jordan, Jamey Flaherty, Dave Patterson, Linda Heimstead, Paul Mahler

Public Comments: Lorren Anderson stated he would like the Village to pass a one year moratorium for data centers coming to the Village. The Polk County one does not cover Villages within the County. Chris Nelson stated that he is worried about the Village's new zoning administrator and the lack of communication and being managed poorly. Dave Durner stated Cedar Corp is adding a lot of layers and red tape, he would like to see Ben Campbell back.

Consent Agenda.
Motion by Brian Nelson to approve consent agenda items as followed:

A. **Approve the September 8th, 2026, Regular Board meeting minutes.**
B. **Approve the September 8th & 21st, 2026, Finance Committee meeting minutes.**

Second by Len Manning. All in Favor. Carried.

To consider and possibly act to approve the October 5th, 2026, Regular Board meeting agenda.
Motion by Jason Larson to approve the October 5th, 2026, Regular Board meeting agenda. Second by Gretchen Bloss. All in Favor. Carried.

Acknowledgement of Trustee Eric Jorgensen's resignation. **No reason was given. Motion by Gretchen Bloss to approve resignation. Second by Katie Jordan. All in favor. Carried.**

Police Chief Report-Monthly Activity.- **None Given**

Library Director report was **given by Linda Heimstead.**

To consider and possibly act to appoint Rebecca Manning to the Library Board. **Motion by Gretchen Bloss to appoint Rebecca Manning to the Library Board. Second by Katie Jordan. Roll call; GB- yes, JL- yes, BN-yes, KJ-yes, KF-yes, LM-abstain.**

Chamber of Commerce report was **given by Katie Jordan.**

Public Works report was **given by Dave Patterson. It was stated that the burn pile is BRUSH ONLY from here forward.**

To consider and possibly act to approve cropland lease amendment, Don Ellefson & Eric Antonson. **Mr Ellefson would like to change the cropland lease amendment to his nephew's name, as he is taking over the field. Motion by Katie Jordan to approve to transfer lease in Eric Antonson's name. Second by Len Manning. All in favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding refuse contract with Waterman Sanitation, James Duncan Jr. **James Duncan Jr was here on behalf of Waterman Sanitation and stated that price increases are necessary due to the rising costs of fuel and land fill rates. This a new 5yr plan that would take over the current contract. Motion made by Len Manning to approve the new contract with notes for future discussion if prices do come down. Second by Brian Nelson. All in favor. Carried.**

Discussion regarding moratorium for data centers, Lorren Anderson. **It was stated by the Village attorney that these are typically to allow a municipality to research the impact of data centers.**

Discussion and possible action regarding HVAC project and payment request from Johnson Controls, Ben LaLone. **The Board just wanted to verify the warranty covers 5 years for the compressor of the HVAC system, including parts and labor, 2 years for everything else. Payment will be made once done.**

Discussion and possible action regarding new Residential Licensing Application for 825 N State. Rd. 46, Rice. **Motion by Brian Nelson to approve the Rental Application for 825 N State Rd 46. Second by Jason Larson. All in favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding Bids for Assessment Services. **Motion by Len Manning to continue with Associated Appraisal. Second by Katie Jordan. Roll call: All Ayes. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding request to divide parcel 106-00576-0000, Darryl Ince. **Motion made by Len Manning to approve the request to divide parcel 106-00576-0000. Second by Brian Nelson. All in favor. Carried.**

To consider and possibly act to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 exemptions (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Discussion and possible action regarding Industrial Park Property. **Motion by Gretchen Bloss to go into closed session. Second by Jason Larson. All in favor. Carried.**

To consider and possibly act to go into open session. **Motion by Jason Larson to go into open session. Second by Gretchen Bloss. All in favor. Carried.**

Statement or action on any closed session items. **Tabled until next month. The Board would like to find out tax assessments.**

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To consider and possibly act to approve August 31st, 2026, & September 30th, 2026, Treasurers Cash report. **Tabled until next month.**

Building Permit Log report.

Review 2026 Unity Fire Department calls for service totals.

September Committee Meetings: Monday October 26th, Water/Sewer meeting @ 530 pm & Dam Committee Meeting @ 6 pm.,

Motion by Katie Jordan to adjourn. Second by Len Manning. All in Favor. Carried. 7:36 pm.

Anna Ball, Deputy Clerk Treasurer