

Village of Soldiers Grove – Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 12, 2026

Regular Board Meeting: 6:30 PM

Board Members Present:

Shayne Chapman, Vicki Campbell, Sarah Kemp, Marla Walsh, and Jill Quandahl.

Public Input

- Harrison Heilman spoke in regards to the public hearing regarding the zoning of 220 Pine Street, recommending the Village to explain the taxing on the mixed commercial. He also mentioned that there is a new Library member starting in September.
- Scott Guthrie spoke regarding speeding that has been ongoing on Pine Street, he is concerned about people's safety. He asked the Village to see what it would take to get a radar speed sign on the street to see if that would help with the speeding, he stated that it is mainly the dump trucks that are speeding, going anywhere from forty to fifty mph.

Fire Department Report – Chief Jeannette McCormick

- Planning a Gun Raffle for the beginning of November, have a handmade bow that is being donated for the Raffle.
- Emergency Family Fun Night September 2 from 4-7 pm at the old Brewery building, Vernon Health is putting the event on. Grove Fire, Gays Fire, North Crawford Rescue, Ocooch Rescue, and Crawford County Sheriff's Dept will be there, this event is open to the public.
- Have annual flow testing on the air packs Thursday, August 13th
- Driver Operator Class will be held at the Fire Station starting on August 18th and will go on for 3 weeks. This class is essential for fire members so they can drive the fire trucks and learn how to operate them safely. Members from Readstown and Gays Mills Fire will be attending the class as well.
- Have the guy who painted Clayton Township's shop coming to give a quote on painting the Fire Station, also have another person coming from Westby to look and give a quote.
- Looking at possibly selling Engine 1 and replacing it with a newer to the department Engine that would have a smaller tank and can fit more members in it. Engine 1 has a hard time getting up hills and onto properties. Had it appraised and the appraisal came back at \$190,000, the goal is to find another engine that is within that \$190,000 range so would not have to use funds or take out a loan for another truck,

reason to that is because all the gear for the members expires this year and need to look at getting new gear. Emergency Management is looking for grants and offered to help write the grant for gear when a grant is found. It costs \$10,000 per member to fully gear them.

CDC Report

- No bills or news

Public Works Report – Public Works Director Michael Allie

- Ditched road tubes along Prospect Street, Tavern Road, and the end of Tamarack Street, also raked out and reseeded where the ditching repairs were done.
- Put rain gutter guards up at the shelter, public bathrooms, and back side of Desperados.
- Filled in driveway wash out on Motsinger Road.
- Modified the weed sprayer for the ball field
- Put up the cemetery ordinance sign as well as the new Forest Hill Cemetery Sign.
- Moved the merry go round that was down by the slough to the newer park by the ball field
- Reinstalled the picnic table at Bullet Bob park by Solar Town Farm & Home
- Put in a turnaround driveway on North Clayton Road for the plow truck in the wintertime
- Made new parking curbs and put some at the Bank and in the parking lot by John's TV
- Had WRWA come down and assist with a number of annual samples(some were new items that the DNR is testing for that the village has never had to do)
- Had a sewer back up at the public bathrooms in the park, Wallace Plumbing and Heating assisted with the issue, ran a camera down the pipe and found that it is packed full of tree roots, recommended the village to rent a Jetter from Nelson's to clear the roots out and then have the pipe lined so roots cannot continue to grow.

New Business

Resolution No. 2026-14, A Resolution Correcting the Official Zoning Map for property located at 220 Pine Street

It was mentioned the recommendation from the Plan Commission Committee recommending the board pass Resolution No. 2026-14 to correct the zoning map and keep the property zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Motion: Campbell, Second: Quandahl to approve Resolution No. 2026-14, A Resolution Correcting the Official Zoning Map for property located at 220 Pine Street. All present aye, motion carried. Roll Call Vote.

Discussion regarding request to purchase Village-owned land adjacent to Roger Olson's property and determination of proposed sale price

Roger Olson is interested in buying the piece of property that surrounds his property next to the sand pit. Village Assessor stated the village should sell the property for \$2,000-\$2,500.

Motion: Kemp, Second: Quandahl to sell the Village-owned land adjacent to Roger Olson's property for \$2,500.00. All present aye, motion carried.

2026 WWTF Phase 2 Upgrade-Soldiers Grove

- a. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-15- Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$3,480,669 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect thereto, and Approval of Related Financial Assistance Agreement.

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- b. Approval of DNR CWF Bond related documents

Motion: Walsh, Second: Quandahl to approve DNR CWF Bond related documents. All present aye, motion carried.

- c. Approval of DNR CWF Financial Assistance Agreement(FAA)

Motion: Quandahl, Second: Kemp to approve DNR CWF Financial Assistance Agreement. All present aye, motion carried.

Approval of Picnic Licenses for Driftless Area Art Festival

Motion: Campbell, Second: Quandahl to approve picnic licenses if all required documents have been submitted. All present aye, motion carried.

Approval of Operator's License for Mindy Hayes(Old Oak Inn)

Motion: Walsh, Second: Kemp to approve operators license if all documents required have been submitted. All present aye, motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

July 8, 2026 minutes

Motion: Campbell , Second: Walsh. All present aye, motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Bills

- General: \$27,364.73, Fire: \$735.84, Sewer: \$30,787.75, Water: \$609.12, and Library: \$9,049.17.

Motion: Campbell, Second: Quandahl to approve paying all bills. All present aye, motion carried.

Schedule Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing

Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss personnel matters

Motion: Campbell, Second: Kemp to adjourn to closed session. All present aye, motion carried.

Reconvene to Open Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(2)

Motion: Campbell, Second: Walsh to reconvene to open session. All present aye, motion carried.

No motions were made in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Walsh, Second: Quandahl to adjourn at 7:15 PM. All present aye, motion carried.