

Village of Soldiers Grove – Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

Regular Board Meeting: 6:30 PM

Board Members Present:

Shayne Chapman, Vicki Campbell, Sarah Kemp, Marla Walsh, and Harrison Heilman.

Public Input

- Diane Coleman asked about the coin machines for the park showers and when/if they will be put in before the season starts this year.

Fire Department Report – Chief Jeannette McCormick

- Due to the increased number of members, moved the meeting room upstairs for more room
- Fire Cert 2 class is still continuing at the station on Wednesday nights.
- Had 3 members attend the rescue task force training in Janesville and 6 members attend the wildland class. All members are now wildland certified. Have a storm spotting refresher class in March held by the NWS of La Crosse
- Got the six “new to us” SCBAs, just waiting on the bottles to come, they are on back order as of now
- Current gas meter is not working, had MG&E recalibrate it and that did not work. Got a quote from MacQueen Equipment for a new one \$1690.

Motion: Campbell, Second: Walsh to approve the purchase of the new gas meter from MacQueen Equipment for \$1690. All present aye, motion carried.

CDC Report

- Motion: Heilman, Second: Kemp to approve bill payment of \$777 to Driftless Wisconsin for advertisement. All present aye, motion carried.

Public Works Report – Public Works Director Michael Allie

- Got the new sidewalk tractor, and it has been put to use
- Snow plowing when needed
- Cleared trees and brush on Yankeetown Road, Halverson Ridge Road, and New Well Road
- Started exercising gate valves and entering the data into the diamond mapping

- Got a list of road signs that need to be replaced, Kaitlynn got them ordered through the County
- Cleaned and organized the shop, fixed the issue on Motsinger Road(a survey marker kept getting pushed up from the frost, so pulled it out)
- Spring Clean up will be Saturday, April 11th 7:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Village Park
- Dump truck went to the County shop to get worked on again
- Tabled the discussion on the Cemetery signs until more quotes come in
- No changes made to the camping fees
- Talked about the trees over by the Old Oak Inn, two trees on Pine Street, and two trees behind the Lion's Shelter that need to be taken down. The two trees behind the Lion's Shelter need to come down. The trees by the Old Oak Inn and on Pine Street are in the Village right of way. The trees by the Old Oak Inn have been dropping limbs into the roadway due to the winds, the trees on Pine Street are causing issues to the curb and sidewalk, as well as have dead limbs that can fall and cause damages. Discussed leaving the trees by the Old Oak Inn and taking care of Pine Street and park trees now.
- Discussed the fence that surrounds the back of the lion's shelter, it is in bad shape. Discussed replacing only 40 feet of it now and the rest next year or just replacing the entire fence now. Also discussed the chain-link fence by the ball field that needs to be replaced

Motion: Heilman, Second: Campbell to approve Stussy Tree Service to come in and take down the two trees behind the Lion's Shelter and the two on Pine Street. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion: Walsh, Second: Kemp to purchase all 18 fence panels to replace the entire fence this year. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion: Campbell, Second: Kemp to purchase 100 foot roll of chain-link fence with all accessories(entire kit). All present aye, motion carried.

New Business

Approval of Picnic License for Lion's Club for May 15-17th, 2026

Motion: Campbell, Second: Heilman to approve the picnic license for the Lion's Club for the weekend of May 15th, 2026. All present aye, motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

February 11, 2026 minutes

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

Approval of Monthly Bills

- General: \$18,918.77, Fire: \$5,806.50, Sewer: \$3,595.96, Water: \$1,023.51, and Library: \$6,116.84.

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

Next Monthly Meeting

The April regular board meeting is rescheduled to April 15th at 6:30 pm due to the election.

Motion: Campbell, Second: Heilman to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e)(b) for personnel matters. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion: Campbell, Second: Heilman to reconvene to open session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(2). All present aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Walsh, Second: Kemp to adjourn at 9:22 PM. All present aye, motion carried.