Village of Soldiers Grove – Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 14, 2026
Regular Board Meeting: 6:30 PM

Board Members Present:

Shayne Chapman, Sarah Kemp, Marla Walsh, and Jill Quandahl. Not Present: Vicki Campbell

Public Input

- There was no Public Input

Fire Department Report – Chief Jeannette McCormick

- Pizza Ranch Fundraiser went well, brought in just over $600 profit
- Mock Crash at North Crawford was a success, had a lot of good feedback and the school would like to do this every year
- Upcoming Events: October 18: Trivia Night, October 20: Crawford County Fire Officers Meeting in Eastman, October 26: Monthly training with Sheriff's Dept, October 31: Trick or Treating, November 2: Dairy Days meeting, November 14: Fall Fundraiser at the American Legion
- Fall fundraiser will be November 14th at the Legion, will be doing the large gun raffle, basket raffles, 50/50 raffle, will be serving pulled pork and brisket. Solar Meats is donating a huge portion of the meat for the fundraiser so the department's cost for the entire fundraiser will be $300. Members will be donating all the extra food for the meal.
- November is the end of the Fire Department's fiscal year, will be holding elections for officers at the November meeting
- As of today, October 14, have had a total of 33 calls for the year so far

CDC Report

- No bills

Public Works Report – Public Works Assistant Jeannette McCormick

- Well 1 repairs done, antenna clamp came off and lightening arrestor was installed due to communication failure
- Lift Stations 1 and 2 had issues with communication, B&M came to fix the issue
- Repaired building post next to the library as it had been hit years ago and never fixed

- Campground equipment all painted-per campground inspection
- Removed and cleaned UV lights from the sewer plant and stored for the winter
- Did work up at the water tower
- Repaired wash outs by Steve George's and Mobil
- Replaced leaking water spickets in the campground
- Assisting with the Sewer Plant Project when needed
- Continue to mow the village
- Upcoming: Shutting campground/park bathrooms down for the winter, assist Clayton with hauling sand for the winter, Take the 1 ton to La Crosse to get plow fixed, will begin putting new lights on the Christmas pole décor(decided to go with Blue) need to find an electrician that can put the plugs in so the lights will go throughout the park rather than in random places in town

Clerk's Report

- Fair Housing Ordinance has been updated on the Village's eCode to reflect the provisions adopted by Resolution in May 2025
- All playground items that were in violation have been corrected
- Village is still waiting information from FEMA regarding the updated FIRM.
- The draft 2027 budgets have been completed

New Business

Proposed 2026 WWTF Phase 2 Upgrade—Pay Application #2

Portzen Construction, Inc—Pay Application #2 $179,550.00

Motion: Walsh, Second: Kemp to approve the pay application #2 for Portzen Construction, Inc. in the amount of $179,550.00. All present aye, motion carried.

Garbage/Recycling Service Contract

Reason behind getting quotes, is the Village has had a lot of on-going issues with the current hauler not picking up every resident each week. Campbell had stated to stay with current hauler due to the cost increases, especially with just raising the sewer rates. All trustees agreed. No motion needed.

2026 Trick or Treating Hours

Motion: Walsh, Second: Quandahl to approve trick or treating hours for Saturday, October 31 4 pm to 7pm. All present aye, motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

September 9 minutes

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

Approval of Monthly Bills

- General: $24,656.44, Fire: $542.37, Sewer: $17,363.22, Water: $3,962.15, and Library: $7,398.42.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kemp, Second: Walsh to adjourn at 6:53 PM. All present aye, motion carried.