VILLAGE OF BROWNSVILLE

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Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

RESUME OF MINUTES:

Confirmation of Legal Notification: Yes, per Clerk Hull.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Village Board Members Present:
President Tim Kemmel
Trustee Phil Bloohm
Trustee Dan Henke
Trustee John Pesch
Trustee Jeff Westphal

Also, present, see listing:
Marshal Stuckart, Asst. Supt. Kemmel, Dennis Kemmel, Kristen Mielke, Kelly Thomas, Brad Toellner

President Kemmel called the regular Village Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Henke, to accept the presentation of September 9th, 2026, Regular Board minutes, and the Financial Report as of September 30th, 2026; motion carried. 5-aye

PUBLIC COMMENT: One comment was received.

Motion by Trustee Westphal, second by Trustee Bloohm, to accept the 2027 Fire Protection Contract with the Brownsville Fire Company, Inc. at a cost of $31,500; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Westphal, second by Trustee Bloohm, to accept Alliant Energy Natural Gas Easement Agreement; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Henke, to give no recommendation on a minor land division request in the Town of Lomira, specifically Tax Parcel #030-1317-1821-001; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Bloohm, second by Trustee Westphal, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement, County 911 Emergency System with Dodge County; motion carried. 5-aye

Library Director Kristen Mielke's verbal report included:

- 2027 Budget shortfalls and what's need to keep the doors open.
- Synopsis of Library information for January-September 2026.
- Various activities are planned for the upcoming months at the library.
- Director advised of Dodge County's plan to decrease the percentage of circulation reimbursements.
- Library is required to spend at least $2,500 per year on new materials

Motion by Trustee Westphal, second by Trustee Bloohm, to set 2027 Exemption from Dodge Library Tax at $45,000; motion carried. 5-aye

Marshal Stuckart's report included:
- 45 Traffic Citations, 23 Traffic Warnings, 50 traffic stops and 1 arrest in September.

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second Trustee Westphal, to approve Marshal Stuckart's written report; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Henke, to approve the Public Service Commission simplified rate case of 3.0% increase effective 12/31/26; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Westphal, second by Trustee Henke, to approve a 3% sewer rate increase effective 12/31/26; motion carried. 5-aye

Superintendent Report included:
- All 2026 water samplings have been completed including the PFAs.
- Conducting annual valve exercising and fall hydrant flushing in the next few weeks.
- Clarification from DNR on requirement to supply them a full facility plan this next permit term preceding our UV disinfection upgrade.
- Park maintenance for end of season will begin in the next few weeks.
- New machine is at Serwe's in Theresa, getting new hydraulic fittings and greased up. Having our own machine, we have the flexibility to adjust pickups according to all kinds of factors (weather, volume, dumping availability.)

Motion by Trustee Henke, second by Trustee Bloohm, to approve Superintendent Lechner's written report; motion carried. 5-aye

Clerk Hull's report included:
- After October meeting has finalized wages and benefits, 2027 Budget will be constructed.
- The recodification process is still on-going. Civics Plus legal team is going through all materials for validity and proper corrections.
- Village insurance renewal packets have been completed. Cyber Security was not available at this time but will be submitted once received.
- Lions Park new equipment, excavating and wood chips have all been paid for.
- Absentee voting upcoming October 20th – 30th for November 3rd election.
- Dishwasher and stove have been removed from kitchen.
- Coffee truck by Wake-Up Whitetail will be coming back at the end of the month for residents.

Motion by Trustee Bloohm, second by Trustee Westphal, to set the 2027 Budget Hearing and 2027 Budget Adoption Meeting for November 11, 2026, starting at 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular monthly meeting; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Westphal, second by Trustee Bloohm, to approve the transfer of $11,571.13 4th Qtr. Transportation Aids from General Checking to Street Repair Fund; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Henke, second by Trustee Pesch, to approve payment of the listing of statements for September payments; motion carried. 5-aye

General government and utility bills totaling $130,938.72 were audited and approved for payment. Checks numbered 31718 to 31738. See check listing. Checks included:
- Ck#31721, Municipal Law & Litigation - $3,793.80 – Legal matters, zoning code, Michels annexation.
- Ck#31722, Brownsville Fire Co. - $9,150.00 – 2026 Fire Contract payment 3 of 3.
- Ck#31727, SAFEbuilt LLC - $26,455.18 – Building permits.
- Ck#31730, Dorner Company - $1,932.94 – Check valve.
- Ck#31731, Eric's Lawn & Landscaping - $2,250.00 – Lions Park excavation for new equipment.
- Ck#31735, Motorola Solutions, Inc. - $27,836.34 – Portable radios for police department.
- Ck#31737, Cole Oil & Propane - $1,430.70 – 380 gallons of fuel

EMPLOYEE WAGES AND COMPENSATION:

- Motion by Trustee Henke, second by Trustee Pesch, to convene into closed session at 6:40p.m. pursuant to WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body as jurisdiction or exercise responsibility; motion carried. 5-aye
  Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Henke, to reconvene the meeting into open session at 7:04p.m.; motion carried. 4-aye
- Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Henke, for 2027 to increase full-time Village employees' wages as follows; Supt. Lechner $38.00 per hr., Asst. Supt. Kemmel $33.00 per hr., Clerk-Treasurer Hull $28.00 per hr., Marshal Stuckart $39.00 per hr. Marshal Admin. Aimee Mallon $23.00 per hr., employee benefits as summarized in the "Proposed Pay Rate and Benefits for 2027 Document"; motion carried. President Kemmel abstained. 4-aye
- Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Westphal, to approve Health Insurance benefit percentage for eligible employees at 80% of average of plans in the Village service area; motion carried. 5-aye

EMPLOYEE WAGES AND COMPENSATION:

- Motion by Trustee Henke, second by Trustee Bloohm, to convene into closed session at 7:08p.m. pursuant to WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to deliberating or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically with regard to potential purchase of real property within the Village, specifically located at 515 Clark St.; motion carried. 5-aye
  Motion by Trustee Henke, second by Trustee Bloohm, to reconvene the meeting into open session at 7:22p.m.; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Henke, for adoption of Resolution 2026-04 and allowing the Village President to negotiate purchase price of real property located at 515 Clark St. up to $310,000; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Henke, second by Trustee Pesch, to adjourn the regular board meeting; motion carried. 5-aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Submitted by:

Kathryn Hull, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Timothy Kemmel, Village of Brownsville President