

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

IN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ROOM

OCTOBER 13, 2025

The regular board meeting of the Village Board, of the Village of Strum, Trempealeau County, was held in the Village Community Room on October 13, 2025

Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Dean Boehne at 6:31 pm. Village Clerk, Tish Nelson, took the minutes of the meeting. The following board members were present: Berge, Bjerke, Rindal, Thompson, Hanson. Absent: Maki. Also present, B. Olson.

Open Meeting Law Requirements have been complied with:

President Boehne announced the open meeting laws have been met for the meeting.

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Rindal to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 8, 2025 as printed. Motion carried.

Appearances of citizens and others:

a. Eleva-Strum Dipstix requested to use Crystal Lake Park July 30, 2026-August 2, 2026 for the annual car show.

Reports from Officers:

a. Zoning Commissioner

i. Noah Stayton & Melody Morse requested to build a fence reaching across the entirety of both properties, 210 Hawthorn & 209 Hickory, which they own. This was discussed and tabled until more information is available.

ii. Synergy requested a building permit for the new dry fertilizer storage facility. Plans have been submitted and approved by the state. A motion was made to approve building permit by Hanson, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.

b. Clerk

i. New Operators Licenses – A motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Thompson to approve both new licenses.

1. Kegan Walsh, Consumer's Cooperative Oil Co

2. Tayna Wasson, Foolish Pleasure Firehouse LLC

ii. Office will be closed October 28<sup>th</sup> from 12pm until the following day at 8am

iii. Halloween time of 4:30pm – 7pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> will be advertised in the Ad\*Delite as well as a burn reminder

Reports from Committees:

a. Personnel

i. Flexible Time Off – There was a discussion about paying out some of vacation and/or comp time to Brad Olson because the end of the year is coming up and no way it will all be used in time due to a lapse of another Public Works employee. It was decided a meeting of personnel should be set and the matter discussed further before turned to finance for review.

- b. Finance
  - i. Preliminary budget meeting set for October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Village Office
- c. Public Works
  - i. Meeting set for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Village Office.
- d. Public Safety
  - i. An update from the re-zoning – currently waiting on more information from the landowner.
  - ii. The Public Hearing will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Village Community Room.
- e. Public Welfare
  - i. There was a meeting with Rebecca Glewen, Trempealeau County Administration, to discuss the Community Trails located at the Strum Rod & Gun area for a possible grant opportunity to help fund permeant signage with names and mapping of the trails, permanent porta potty and some misc. equipment to maintain the area and its trails.
- f. Recycling
  - i. The concrete has been poured and the compactor is done, just waiting to be shipped. Install will happen at a later date.
  - ii. Meeting set for October 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Public Works meeting.
- g. Joint Sewer Commission
  - i. The tank repairs are complete out at the Sewer plant.

#### Miscellaneous

- a. The board discussed the possibility of putting up “No Trespassing” signs and/or gating the gravel/rock pile located at the old sewer plant due to village residents and non-village residents helping themselves to the rocks and gravel purchased by the Village for certain projects. This will be handed to the Public Works committee for further discussion.
- b. The library is looking into Solar Panels, so it was brought to the board weather or not they were able to have them. The discussion brought about weather an ordinance is in place and weather or not Xcel would ‘accept’ solar. This has been tabled for now.
- c. David Berge was considering putting curb and gutter out front of his home on Walnut, and weather the Village would allow it but is now undecided.
- d. It was mentioned that TCC would be dropping their email service, so another platform would have to replace the existing emails for the Village, the employees and the board members. Tish and Michelle will be looking into a few options and will have something to present at the November meeting.

#### Approval of the Vouchers and Journal Entries

Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Thompson to approve Vouchers & Journal Entries as presented.  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Rindal, seconded by Thompson to adjourn meeting @ 7:45pm. Motion carried.

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Dean Boehne, Village President

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Natisha “Tish” Nelson, Clerk