



2026 BUDGET HEARING AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Kronenwetter Municipal Center - 1582 Kronenwetter Drive Board Room (Lower Level)

1. CALL BUDGET HEARING TO ORDER

President Dan Joling called the 2026 Budget Hearing to order at 6 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT: *President Dan Joling, Trustee Ken Charneski, Trustee Aaron Myszka, Trustee Craig Mortensen, Trustee Sandi Sorensen, Trustee Jessica Stowell*

STAFF: *Village Administrator James Davel, Finance Director John Jacobs, Police Chief Terry McHugh, Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien, Community Development Director Peter Wegner, Public Works Director Greg Ulman, Clerk Jennifer Poyer*

2. BUDGET HEARING

C. 2026 Budget Presentation

Finance Director John Jacobs presented the Proposed 2026 Budget, including budget development, timeline, highlights, the general fund, debt fund, capital projects fund, capital equipment replacement fund, utility fund, tax rate and levy limit. He reviewed the 2026 Budget Summary and Resolutions 2025-011 and 2025-012.

D. Public Comment and/or Questions

Bernie Kramer, 2156 E. State Hwy. 153, Peplin, WI 54455- *Kramer said there is still no 2024 audit available. He said he is disappointed that there is no "road talk" regarding next year's budget. He questioned why money would be spent on a garage and not roads.*

Guy Fredel, 2240 Ruby Drive, Kronenwetter, WI 54455- *Fredel, who serves as the vice-chairperson of the Administrative Policy Committee, said he wanted to provide information on how the proposed budget was changed during the APC meetings and Budget Workshops. He said they had to work with the mistakes of the 2024 and 2025 Budgets. He explained why the committee recommended what they did.*

Bernie Kramer, 2156 E. State Hwy. 153, Peplin, WI 54455 – *Kramer asked for an update on the Riverside ambulance contract.*

Village staff answered questions from Village Board members and audience members.

3. CLOSE BUDGET HEARING

President Joling closed the Budget Hearing at 7 p.m.

4. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Joling called the November 10, 2025 Village Board Meeting to order at 7 p.m.

E. Roll Call

PRESENT: President Dan Joling, Trustee Ken Charneski, Trustee Aaron Myszka, Trustee Craig Mortensen, Trustee Sandi Sorensen, Trustee Jessica Stowell

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bernie Kramer, 2156 E. State Hwy. 153, Peplin, WI 54455 – Kramer said the Village has had three Village presidents in one year. He said this is James Davel's inaugural meeting, and he has "high hopes that he can steer the rudder."

6. CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

F. Resolution No. 2025-011 General Fund Budget Tax Levy

Motion by Myszka/Sorensen to approve Resolution 2025-010. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:1. Voting nay-Charneski.

Village staff answered questions for Village Board members regarding the general fund and tax levy, past budget practices, along with the capital projects fund.

G. Resolution 2025-012 Other Fund Budgets for 2026

Motion by Mortensen/Stowell to adopt Resolution No. 2025-012. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:1. Voting nay-Charneski.

H. October 27, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mortensen/Sorensen to approve the October 27, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

7. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

I. Appointment of Chris Kluz to the Administrative Policy Committee

Motion by Sorensen/Stowell to approve Resolution 2025-010. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0. Discussed whether there were more applicants. President Joling presented his reasoning for the recommendation.

J. Kennel Permit (Drew Rupp) (PC)

Motion by Charneski/Myszka to approve the kennel permit. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0. Community Development Director Wegner presented the background information regarding the requested kennel permit from Drew Rupp. He answered a question regarding any neighbor concerns.

K. Helmuth Roadway Access Permits Appeal

Motion by Sorensen/Stowell to deny this appeal and direct staff to work with the customer to come back in a month with ideas, resolutions and solutions, so that we can come up with a viable solution. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Community Development Director Wegner presented the background information on this agenda item. He said the permit applicant did not meet the requirements. He said the three requested driveways would also not follow the 1000 ft. rule. He said the process of appeal includes taking the appeal to the Village Board. Discussion included possible solutions, current driveways on Old Hwy. 51, safety concerns and possible ordinance changes.

L. Final Water Pay Request for Water Treatment Facility (UC)

Motion by Mortensen/Charneski to approve the final pay request of \$7652.00 to Ellis Stone for the Water Treatment Facility. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Public Works Director Ulman presented the background information on this agenda item. He said all the concerns with the Water Treatment Facility have been addressed.

M. Well #1 Rehab (UC)

Motion to award the contract to Municipal Well and Pump. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Public Works Director Ulman presented the background information on this agenda item. He said the rehabilitation for Well #1 is overdue.

N. 2026 Community Events (CLIPP)

Motion by Charneski/Mortensen to approve the schedule as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- *Report from Village Administrator James Davel regarding his goals moving forward. (Charneski)*
- *February 12, 2026 Ehler's Meeting attendance (Sorensen)*
- *Closed session item (Dan Joling)*
- *Update on bike trail at Towering Pines Park (Stowell)*

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Charneski/Mortensen to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.