



REPORT TO VILLAGE BOARD

ITEM NAME:	Appointment of Village Board Trustee
MEETING DATE:	June 8, 2026
PRESENTING COMMITTEE:	
COMMITTEE CONTACT:	President Dan Joling
STAFF CONTACT:	Administrator James Davel
PREPARED BY:	Jennifer Poyer

ISSUE: Trustee Sandi Sorensen submitted a resignation letter on Monday, May 4, 2026. Sorensen's resignation created a vacant trustee seat on the seven-member board which consists of a president and six trustees.

Sorensen was elected to the Village Board on April 1, 2025 during the Spring Election.

OBJECTIVES: Appoint a trustee to fill the vacant seat until April 2027.

ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Per Village policy GEN-006, those interested in filling the open seat are asked to complete and submit an application. Four weeks following the announcement, the Village Board will receive all the submitted applications, review them during an open session of a Village Board meeting and then vote to appoint one of the applicants to complete Sorensen's term. Applicants must meet the same requirements to be appointed to a position as required to be elected to the position.

The following candidates applied for the vacant seat: (Listed in alphabetical order.)

- Matthew Hildebrandt
- Christopher Johnson
- Garrett Lysne
- Mary Solheim
- Misti Swanson
- Christopher A. Tilton
- Alexander Vedvik

PROPOSAL:

ADVANTAGES:

DISADVANTAGES:

ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Vote to appoint one of the seven applicants to serve as a Village trustee until April 2027.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS:

FUNDING SOURCE(s) – Must include Account Number/Description/Budgeted Amt CFY/% Used CFY/\$ Remaining CFY

Account Number:
Description:
Budgeted Amount:
Spent to Date:
Percentage Used:
Remaining:

ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly): Policy GEN-006, Candidate applications

POLICY ID: GEN-006		TITLE: Replacement for Village Trustee/Village President position vacancies	
☐ ORIGINAL ☒ REVISION EFFECTIVE DATE: Originally Adopted: 01/13/2015		APPROVED BY VILLAGE BOARD:  Village Clerk	
		DATE: 5/23/17	
APPLIES TO: ☒ FLSA EXEMPT ☒ REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES		☒ FLSA NON-EXEMPT ☒ Non-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES	
<i>This policy applies to all Village of Kronenwetter employees in the categories checked in this section. Provisions within individual personal contracts or a collective bargaining agreement may supersede certain parts of this policy.</i>			

Purpose – In order for an orderly transition of power, which is consistent over time, when a Village Trustee or the Village President leaves office prior to their term being concluded this policy is hereby adopted.

Procedure –The procedure for replacement of a Village Trustee or Village President when one leaves office prior to their term being concluded shall be as follows:

1. When the Village Clerk receives notification in writing from a current Village Trustee or Village President that they are vacating their position, the Village Clerk shall notify each of the remaining Village Trustees and the Village President of the opening.
2. Village Staff will then publish a media release announcing an opening on the Village Board or in the position of the Village President and request interested parties that are qualified to be elected to a Village Trustee or Village President position complete an application indicating their interest in applying for the open seat and submit that completed to the Village staff. A copy of the application to be used is attached to this policy, and labeled as "Notice of Interest in Filling an Unexpired Village Trustee/Village President Term".
3. Four weeks after the media release has been posted, at the next Village Board meeting, the Village Board will receive all of the submitted applications, review them during open session and then vote to approve to appoint one of the applicants to complete the term of the Village Trustee who has resigned. Applicants must meet the same requirements to be appointed to a position as required to be elected to the position.
4. Approval of the appointment to the Village Board shall require a simple majority vote of those Village Trustees and Village President who are in attendance at the meeting where the issue is considered. For example when there are six trustees remaining, a vote of three of the Trustees will be required to confirm an applicant for the position of Trustee, if only five trustees attend that meeting.
5. When a currently seated Village Trustee is applying to fill the remainder of the term of a Vacant Village President seat, that Trustee will excuse him or herself from the discussions of the Village Board for filling of the vacancy.
6. All Appointments shall be for the remainder of the term of the positions that is vacated no matter when the vacancy occurs.
7. The Village shall not hold a special election for replacement of Trustees unless there is a case where more than one Trustee position, or a combination of one Trustee and the Village President becomes vacant at the same time.
8. Vacancies will be filled within sixty (60) days of the Village Clerk being notified of the vacancy.
9. In the case when a vacancy occurs in a position that will be listed on the ballot less than 30 days from the election the position will be allowed to remain open for the remainder of the term.
10. When the position of the Village President becomes vacant less than 30 days prior to when there is to be an election to fill the position of the of the Village President, the Village Board during a regular meeting will take action to name the Trustee with the most seniority on the Village Board as the Village President Pro-Term and that Trustee will complete the remainder of the vacant Village President's term with all duties accorded to the Village President.
11. When the position of a Village Trustee becomes vacant less than 30 days prior to when there is to be an election to fill the Trustee position in question, the Village will leave that position vacant until that position could be filled via the election results.
12. Anyone appointed to fill a vacant position shall be seated at the regular Village Board meeting immediately following the meeting where they are appointed, and not at the meeting when they are appointed, thus allowing the appointee to familiarize herself or himself with the topics being presented to the Village Board.

Village of Kronenwetter
Attn: Jennifer Poyer
1582 Kronenwetter Drive
Kronenwetter, WI 54455

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this addition to my application for the Village Board vacancy posted on the Village of Kronenwetter website. I feel that I would be able to contribute valuable insight and experience beginning on day one from experience on the Marathon County Board of Supervisors and the Village of Kronenwetter Planning Commission.

Why are you interested in serving on the Village Board?

Having previously served on the Marathon County Board of Supervisors (Apr 2012 - Apr 2016) and the Village of Kronenwetter Planning Commission (2009 - 2014), I firmly believe in giving back to the community in which you reside, as a business owner in the greater Wausau area I believe building a strong community serves as the foundation for attracting the people needed to build a business, a village, and a county.

How are your experiences or qualifications related to the responsibilities of a Village Board President / Trustee?

My leadership skills have developed extensively during my time as the vice-chair for the Kronenwetter Planning Commission as well as during my time serving on the county board and being selected to chair a standing committee (Technology) and vice-chair another (Public Safety) while serving on the Executive Committee and leading several task forces during my terms. My time management skills have allowed me to tackle numerous initiatives and deliver superior results.

Describe professional background and other community involvement (current or in the past):

I am one of the owners of StrataDefense, a managed service provider, located in the Wausau-area serving financial institutions and small businesses across the Midwest. My time building a successful business has taught me the value in collaborating with those you are working with to develop strong solutions. In addition, I have served, both as the president and member, on the DC Everest Idea School Governing Council. During my time on the council, I successfully led the negotiations for the Charter Contract renewal (2022) and most recently was asked to return to the Governing

Council to strategically lead the conversion of the charter school to a program within the greater district.

I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process and look forward to discussing my experience and passion for public service in a deeper conversation at your convenience. I am including my contact information below, as well as a link to my LinkedIn profile for your convenience.

Warm regards,

Matthew Hildebrandt

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

June 4, 2026

Village of Kronenwetter Board of Trustees
1582 Kronenwetter Drive
Kronenwetter, WI 54455

Dear President Joling and Members of the Board of Trustees,

First my sincerest apologies for not being able to be present for this meeting to address you in person and express my interest in filling the current vacancy on the Village of Kronenwetter Board of Trustees. My name is Matthew Hildebrandt, and I am a longtime resident of Kronenwetter. I believe my professional background, civic history, and deep commitment to this community make me uniquely qualified to serve the Village and its residents in this capacity.

Kronenwetter is more than where I live — it is the community in which I have invested my time, energy, and civic engagement for years. I am keenly aware of the Village's vision to remain a safe, growing, family-oriented community that balances economic opportunity with a high quality of life. That vision aligns directly with my own values, and it is what motivates me to step forward and serve.

My civic record in Kronenwetter, and Marathon County, speaks to my readiness for this role. Having previously served as a Citizen Member and Vice Chair of the Village of Kronenwetter Planning Commission, where I gained direct experience with land use, community development, as well as the procedural workings of local government. I also served as a District 15 Supervisor on the Marathon County Board, where I was involved in county-level policy-making and resource allocation — experience that translates directly to the responsibilities of a Village Trustee. During my tenure on the County Board of Supervisors, I was appointed to serve in several leadership roles within the committee structure.

Professionally, I bring more than two decades of experience in business, technology, and organizational leadership. I currently serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of StrataDefense, a company I joined in 2016 and grew into through roles as Solution Engineer and Chief Operations Officer before assuming the top leadership position. Prior to StrataDefense, I served as IT Director at Peoples State Bank, where I oversaw all aspects of information technology strategy and operations. I also held the role of Assistant Vice President of Information Technology at Integrity First Bank, where I managed technology, planning and budgeting, while helping to guide this start-up institution through a rather difficult period during the 2009 financial crisis and regulatory challenges of being a small bank in a very tough economic time. Earlier in my career, I founded and operated a small business to helping small and medium-sized businesses establish and grow their online presence.

My educational background reinforces my qualifications. I hold a Bachelor of Business Administration from Upper Iowa University, with a major in Business Administration, and an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems from Northcentral Technical College — a local institution I am proud to have ties to. I have also pursued ongoing professional development, including certifications in leadership and management. During the Spring Semester of 2020, I was grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as an adjunct faculty member at Midstate Technical College where I taught a Business Analysis Course and had the pleasure of

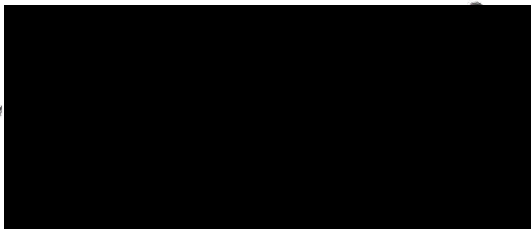
sharing my experiences in business and technology as well as engage in passionate discussions with the students on several topics throughout the semester.

The Village Board's work — enacting ordinances, adopting resolutions, authorizing contracts, and setting policy — requires trustees who can think strategically, evaluate complex information, and make sound decisions on behalf of residents. My experience running a company, directing technology and finance functions in regulated industries, and serving in elected and appointed offices has prepared me well for exactly this kind of work. I understand budgets, organizational governance, and the importance of transparency and accountability to the public.

Kronenwetter has been, and continues to be, one of the fastest-growing communities in Central Wisconsin, and that growth brings both exciting opportunities and real challenges. I am eager to bring my leadership experience, my institutional knowledge of this community, and my genuine passion for Kronenwetter's future to the Board of Trustees. I would be honored to earn the Board's confidence and serve my neighbors in this role.

Thank you for your consideration. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions and look forward to the possibility of serving alongside you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Hildebrandt

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Christopher Johnson



Kronenwetter, WI 54455

May 21, 2026

Dear Village Board Members,

I am submitting my interest in serving on the Village Board because I care about the future of the Village of Kronenwetter and the direction of our community. My family and I have lived in the Village for approximately 10 years, and I want to help ensure the Village remains a positive place for residents, families, and future investment.

My background includes serving as the Village's Public Works Director from 2017 through 2020, as well as briefly serving as a Village Trustee in 2021. These experiences provided me with firsthand knowledge of Village operations, infrastructure needs, budgeting, and long-term planning.

I currently serve as the Streets Superintendent for the City of Stevens Point, where I oversee daily public works operations including fleet maintenance, garbage and recycling collection, street sweeping, and road maintenance. In addition to managing operations and budgets, I coordinate projects and assist with ordinance development and public communication efforts.

I am also currently the Chair of the Public Relations Committee for the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Through that role, I actively engage with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and network with public works and municipal agencies throughout the state.

If appointed, my priorities would be protecting the investments of Village landowners, investing in infrastructure, and encouraging responsible growth within the community. I believe my municipal experience, understanding of local government operations, and commitment to the community would allow me to positively contribute as a member of the Village Board.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Johnson', written over the printed name.

Christopher Johnson

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Name (as you prefer to be addressed) Christopher Johnson

Address

Phone #

E-Mail

Village Committee, if any, that you are serving on Previous: CLIPP

Why are you interested in serving on the Village Board?

I have lived in the Village for about 10 years and am raising my family here. I care deeply about the community and want to help guide the Village in a positive direction. I also want to help protect the investments and quality of life of residents throughout the Village.

How are your experiences or qualifications related to the responsibilities of a Village Board President/Trustee?

I served as the Village of Kronenwetter Public Works Director from 2017 to 2020 and briefly served as a Village Trustee in 2021. Through those roles, I gained experience with Village operations, budgeting, infrastructure, and long-term planning. I currently serve as Streets Superintendent for the City of Stevens Point and have approximately 15 years of municipal ex.

Describe professional background and other community involvement (current or in the past):

I currently oversee street operations for the City of Stevens Point, including garbage and recycling collection, fleet maintenance, street sweeping, and road maintenance. My responsibilities include budgeting, project coordination, and ordinance development. I am also active in the Wisconsin APWA Chapter and serve as Chair of the Public Relations Committee.

Signature

Date

5-21-2026

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Name (as you prefer to be addressed) Garrett Lysne

Address

Phone #

E-Mail

Village Committee, if any, that you are serving on CLIPP, RDA

Why are you interested in serving on the Village Board?

I am interested in serving the village to help improve the community and infrastructure as we continue to grow.

How are your experiences or qualifications related to the responsibilities of a Village Board President/Trustee?

I am currently on two committees and have grown a great understanding of concerns and interests of the community. I believe with my experience, I could provide the village board valuable input to make better decisions for the community.

Describe professional background and other community involvement (current or in the past):

I am a Civil Project Manager with my PE license and my career has mostly focused on project leader role in construction oversight for roadway and bridge projects. I assist with roadway/bridge designs as needed and provide constructibility reviews of plan sets prior to bidding. I am also a certified bridge inspector.

Signature

Date 6/2/2026

Garrett Lysne

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6/2/2026

Village of Kronenwetter
Village Board of Trustees
1582 Kronenwetter Drive
Kronenwetter, WI 54452

President Joling and Members of the Village Board,

I know most of you know me by now and I apologize I am not able to be present tonight but wanted to provide some additional information to board members who may not know me as well yet.

I am writing to express my interest in filling the vacant trustee seat on the Kronenwetter Village Board. As a resident of Kronenwetter, I am deeply invested in our community's continued growth, fiscal responsibility, and infrastructural health. I want to bring my background as a licensed Professional Civil Engineer (PE) to the Board to help guide our village toward a sustainable and efficient future.

Serving on the Village Board requires navigating complex decisions regarding public works, land development, zoning, and utility management. With my engineering experience, I can offer the Board a highly technical, yet practical perspective on many of the pressing issues facing Kronenwetter. Whether it is reviewing stormwater management plans, evaluating road maintenance and reconstruction projects, or planning for long-term municipal capital improvements, my professional training equips me to ask the right questions and ensure taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently.

Beyond my technical skills, my career has taught me how to collaborate with local agencies, manage project budgets, and balance various stakeholder interests. I am committed to listening to our residents, fostering transparent communication, and ensuring that our municipal codes and development policies serve the best interests of the entire community.

I am eager to contribute my time, energy, and professional expertise to the village we all call home. Thank you for your time and consideration of my application.

Thanks,

Garrett Lysne

[REDACTED]

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Name (as you prefer to be addressed) Mary Solheim

Address

E-Mail

Village Committee, if any, that you are serving on APC

Why are you interested in serving on the Village Board?

I am interested in serving on the Village Board as a trustee because I care deeply about the future of our community and believe in stepping up when I can make a positive difference. Kronenwetter is growing and changing, and I want to help ensure that growth is thoughtful, responsible, and aligned with the values of the people who live here.

How are your experiences or qualifications related to the responsibilities of a Village Board President/Trustee?

My experience as a human services director, deputy director, and legal counsel in both the public and private sector has prepared me well for this role. I have managed multi million dollar budgets, overseen staff, interpreted policy and law, and worked directly with community members — all skills that translate directly to board work.

Describe professional background and other community involvement (current or in the past):

Throughout my career and personal life, I've been consistently involved in community-focused work. I've collaborated with local organizations, supported programs that serve families and vulnerable populations, and worked with stakeholders across different sectors to improve services and outcomes. My attached resume provides additional details.

Signature

Date 6/2/2026

Mary E. Solheim

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Director, Department of Human Services, October 2023-Present, Waupaca County, WI

- Provides direct oversight for all Human Services programs;
- Develops financial plans, including budget preparation, maintenance of fiscal control, and submission of required reports to the State;
- Obtains participation of the Human Services Board in policy-making, communicating interpretation, and seeks the Board's advice/direction on all appropriate matters;
- Evaluates programs operated by the Human Services Department, utilizing board, client, and staff input to determine the effectiveness of the programs;
- Investigates workplace and consumer complaints by applying facts to program requirements and writes decisions based on findings;
- Develops Department policies and procedures to ensure compliance with state, federal, and local laws;
- Leads trainings for staff and community partners;
- Fulfills fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers by assuring that financial oversight keeps department finances in check and that third-party financial support is aggressively pursued;
- Prepares and submits annual report, and other reports necessary to keep Human Services Board and Board of Supervisors appropriately informed of affairs of the Human Services Department

Deputy Director, Human Services Department, February 2019-October 2023, Wood County, WI

Assistant Corporation Counsel, October 2016-February 2019, Marathon County, WI

Attorney, July 2013-October 2016, Mallery & Zimmerman, S.C., Wausau, WI

STATE BAR ASSOCIATION ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Wisconsin, 2012, Membership Status: Active
Minnesota State Bar Association, Former Member

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Leadership & Organizational Development, December 2024

Lakeland University, Main Campus: Plymouth, WI

Emphasis in Human Resources

Juris Doctor, December 2011, ABA Certified Program

Hamline University School of Law (n/k/a Mitchell Hamline School of Law), Saint Paul, MN

Honors: CALI Award for Academic Excellence-Child Advocacy Clinic; Dean's List Recognition

Post Baccalaureate Paralegal Certificate, May 2006, *Hamline University, Saint Paul, MN*

B.S.-Business Administration, Emphasis-Management, Minor-Human Development, December 2003, *University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Green Bay, WI*

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Name (as you prefer to be addressed) Misti Swanson

Address

Phone #

E-Mail

Village Committee, if any, that you are serving on N/A

Why are you interested in serving on the Village Board?

Please see attached document.

How are your experiences or qualifications related to the responsibilities of a Village Board President/Trustee?

Describe professional background and other community involvement (current or in the past):

Signature

Date

6-3-2020

Why are you interested in serving on the Village Board?

I am interested in serving on the Village Board because I care deeply about the well-being of my community and believe local government has a direct impact on the quality of life of residents. Throughout my career, I have worked alongside individuals and families facing a wide range of challenges, which has given me a strong appreciation for the importance of thoughtful decision-making, responsible stewardship of resources, and community collaboration. I am motivated by a desire to contribute my skills and experience to help the Village continue to grow, address community needs, and remain a welcoming place for current and future residents.

How are your experiences or qualifications related to the responsibilities of a Village Board President/Trustee?

As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and clinical supervisor with more than a decade of professional experience, I have developed strong skills in leadership, communication, problem-solving, and ethical decision-making. My work requires balancing diverse perspectives, analyzing complex situations, managing resources, and making informed decisions that serve the best interests of individuals and organizations. I have experience leading teams, facilitating productive discussions, and building consensus among stakeholders with differing viewpoints. These experiences have prepared me to approach Village Board responsibilities with professionalism, transparency, and a commitment to serving the community as a whole.

Describe professional background and other community involvement (current or in the past):

I earned my Master of Social Work (MSW) from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and have been working in the social work field since 2008. I have extensive experience providing mental health services, clinical supervision, and leadership in a variety of settings, including outpatient behavioral health, medical education, crisis services, corrections, and community-based programs. I currently provide therapy and supervise developing professionals, helping to strengthen the behavioral health workforce in our region. Throughout my career, I have worked with individuals across the lifespan, including veterans, families, and those affected by trauma, depression, anxiety, and substance use disorders. My professional experiences have reinforced the value of service, community engagement, and collaboration, and I have consistently sought opportunities to contribute to the well-being and resilience of the communities I serve.

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Name (as you prefer to be addressed) Christopher A Tilton

Address [REDACTED]

Phone # [REDACTED]

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Village Committee, if any, that you are serving on None

Why are you interested in serving on the Village Board?

I have lived in Kronenwetter for 11 yrs. Being in the military and living in so many places in America, this is hands down the best ever. I want to make a difference and grow Kronenwetter for the future.

How are your experiences or qualifications related to the responsibilities of a Village Board President/Trustee?

- Being in the military - we have structure + growth -
- I have been in management for the past 10 yrs.
from transportation (20 yrs exp) to manufacturing.

Describe professional background and other community involvement (current or in the past):

- I am currently responsible for 52 employees at
current job.
- I Referee Football + umpire Baseball for all
surrounding communities. Keeping my cool is key.

Signature [REDACTED]

Date 3-5-26

I feel I would be an asset to
the growth of Kronenwetter.

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Name (as you prefer to be addressed) Alexander Vedvik

Address

Village Committee, if any, that you are serving on Utility Committee, Vice-Chair and PFC, President

Why are you interested in serving on the Village Board?

I was elected as a Trustee for the April 2023 to April 2025 term and served my full term but I decided to not run for re-election. I am committed to making responsible decisions for all Kronenwetter residents and believe my professional background and successes as a Trustee and as a member of the Utility Committee make me valuable to our community as a Trustee.

How are your experiences or qualifications related to the responsibilities of a Village Board President/Trustee?

I served a full term as a Trustee on the Village Board and have served as a member of the Utility Committee. I lead the initiative on the VB and the UC to improve our water/sewer utility quality and infrastructure while creating a 10 yr plan to keep water/sewer rates reasonable in the long-term (at or below inflation.) I want to continue this for other Village operations.

Describe professional background and other community involvement (current or in the past):

I have degrees in electrical engineering and economics from UW-Madison and I've worked for the State of WI and WPS. I'm currently the President/CEO of a credit union. My professional background in finance + engineering is an asset in terms of bringing stability and enhancing prudent long-term decision making, which keeps Kronenwetter a desirable place to live.

Signature

Date 06/02/2026