



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Village President David Baker called the May 29, 2025 Village Board meeting 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: *Village President David Baker, Trustee Ken Charneski, Trustee Aaron Myszka, Trustee Sandi Sorensen, Trustee Dan Joling, Trustee Jessica Stowell*

ABSENT: *Trustee Craig Mortensen*

STAFF: *Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien, Interim Finance Director John Jacobs, Community Development Director Peter Wegner, Public Works Director Greg Ulman and Clerk Jennifer Poyer*

GUESTS: *Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Highway Commissioner James Griesbach*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Jaeger, 1900 Seville Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Comment read by village clerk and attached to minutes.*

Dan Kindelberger, 1905 Deerwood Trail, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Comment read by village clerk and attached to minutes.*

Michael Libby, 2371 Mystic Meadow Drive, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Comment read by village clerk and attached to minutes.*

Bernie Kramer, 2150 Highway 153, Peplin, WI 54455 – *Kramer objected to the proposed county highway facility moving to Kronenwetter. He said it is a waste of money for the county to put the facility in Kronenwetter. He said Kronenwetter has been told it is "insignificant" with this proposal.*

Ariel Scheftgen, 2384 Old Highway 52, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Scheftgen gave an update on her home and property which lies close to the proposed county highway facility. She said she has had many conversations with Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard but has yet to reach an agreement regarding her property.*

James Wysocki, 1463 Maple Ridge Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Wysocki commended the Village Board on the speed reduction on Maple Ridge Road. As a resident living on this road, he feels the reduction was needed due to the topography (hills and curves) and population growth.*

3. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

C. Public Works Director Report

Public Works Director Greg Ulman presented his report. He said he attended a recent Department of Transportation meeting where he learned of upcoming road grants available. He said he would work with John Jacobs and Brad Jacobson to apply for these grants. He also commented on the progress of the Kronenwetter Drive construction project.

D. Community Development Director Report

Community Development Director Peter Wegner presented his report. He commented on the concerns regarding his reports brought up by Paul Jaeger (see attached public comment).

E. Interim Finance Director Report

Interim Finance Director John Jacobs presented his report. He reviewed the key details in his report. He went over the template and said it allows one to see the spending trends, etc. He said he will have a budget timeline for the Administrative Policy Committee.

F. Village President Report - Additional Assigned Duties

Village President David Baker presented his report. He reviewed the Preliminary Work Plan portion with the Village Board and asked for suggestions. The Village Board members were supportive of the plan.

4. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

G. Update on Proposed County Highway Facility by Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard

Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard spoke on the proposed county highway facility. He said he would send multiple links and information to Village President David Baker to be shared with the Village Board. He said he wanted to hear comments from the public and board members. He said moving forward he wants to keep the elected body and staff members informed of the project. He addressed the five requests made by Village President David Baker.

Marathon County Highway Commission James Griesbach spoke to concerns related to traffic and water. He mentioned the positive impact the facility would provide to Kronenwetter residents including a place to shelter, resources and better winter services. He said the facility would be utilized for 90 years, it would be here long term.

5. CONSENT AGENDA- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion by Joling/Stowell to approve 5H, 5I, 5J, 5L of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote. 5:1. Voting yea- Baker, Charneski, Sorensen, Joling, Stowell; Voting nay – Myszka (seeking clarity that 5K would be discussed)

H. DNR Forest Fire Protection Grant (APC)

I. 2025 Farmers Market Musician Contracts (APC)

J. Kountry Squire WI MHC, LLC. Mobile Home Park License Renewal

K. April 2025 Vouchers and ACH Transactions (PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION)

Motion by Myszka/Sorensen to approve the April 2025 Vouchers and ACH Transactions. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Discussed the placement of vouchers and ACH transactions on the agenda. In the future it will not be under the consent agenda. Questioned Dirks payment. Discussed the disclosure of employee wage information. Requested January, February and March vouchers and ACH transactions to be presented to the Village Board.

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6. OLD BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

M. Refer Review of Employee Handbook to the Administrative Policy Committee

Motion by Sorensen/Joling to send the Employee Handbook to the Administrative Policy Committee to review for updates. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Discussed the need for minor updates to the handbook and past revisions.

7. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

N. Proposed Zoning Changes 520-22 Institutional and Recreational Land Use Types (PC)

Motion by Charneski/Joling to approve the proposed zoning changes to 520-22 Institutional and Recreational Land Use Types -Ordinance 25-07. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Community Development Director Peter Wegner detailed the ordinance change regarding any highway facility and its location to residential property. Discussed the ordinance's protection for residents. The change was presented before the Plan Commission two times.

O. Road Maintenance Bid - Chip and Sealcoat (APC)

Motion by Charneski/Myszka to approve the \$384,174 Fahrner's road maintenance bid for chip and sealcoat. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Public Works Director Greg Ulman presented the bid to the Village Board members.

P. RFP – Attorney Services

Motion by Charneski/Joling to approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) – Attorney Services and its being sent out to attorneys. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Discussed the changes made to the RFP by the Administrative Policy Committee to make it more concise. The RFP will be sent out by Village President David Baker.

Q. RFP – Auditing Services

Motion by Charneski/Joling to refer the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for auditing services to the Administrative Policy Committee. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Discussed the current auditors. Interim Finance Director John Jacobs was asked to give his feedback on the matter. He said the RFP should go out after the current audit process is complete. He said there is a large range of price differences among auditors depending on their size. He said we currently pay the mid-range for a mid-sized audit group.

R. Refer Chicken Ownership in the Village to Community Life, Infrastructure and Public Property Committee

Motion by Sorensen/Stowell to refer chicken ownership in the village to the Community Life, Infrastructure and Public Property Committee. Motion carried by voice vote. 5:1. Voting yea- Baker, Charneski, Sorensen, Joling, Stowell; Voting nay – Myszka

Discussed the 2021 survey results and past actions; expenditure of public safety resources; chickens on smaller lots; and past and current complaints regarding chickens.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- *Forty-five mile per hour speed limit on Maple Ridge and Martin Roads*

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Joling/Myszka to adjourn the May 29, 2025 Village Board Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

[External] Evasive activities of Pete Wegner

From L P Jaeger <19lpjaeger@gmail.com>

Date Wed 5/28/2025 8:48 PM

To Village Board <VillageBoard@kronenwetter.org>; villageclerk@kronenwetter.org
<villageclerk@kronenwetter.org>; Peter Wegner <pwegner@kronenwetter.org>

Jennifer, please read this to the board in public comments for the May 29, 2025 public comment portion of the meeting.

"CDPC Pete Wegner continues to be less than open and honest with his monthly reports.

1. Once again PW does not specifically identify who is requesting a variance on a nonspecific property on Pleasant and what the variance is.

2. Sewer report on the same property does not include details. Who is paying for it? Did the board authorize the report and at what cost?

3. Who are the developers who are looking onto development in TID 1? What are they seeking to develop? How much has this inquiry cost the village and who authorized it?

Trustees, PW lives on a farm in Gleason. He has no, as they say, 'skin in the game.'

Us village water customers will soon see a huge increase in rates once the PSC reviews the \$3 million debt that Alex Vedvik ramrodded through in the previous administration. No details, again."

Mere taxpayer

Paul Jaeger

Long time Krony resident

[External] Public input about Kronenwetter chickens

From Dan K. <dancindan1985@yahoo.com>

Date Thu 5/29/2025 1:14 PM

To Jennifer Poyer <jpoyer@kronenwetter.org>

Cc David M. Baker <dbaker@kronenwetter.org>; Ken Charneski <kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>; Aaron Myszka <amyszka@kronenwetter.org>; Craig Mortensen <cmortensen@kronenwetter.org>; Sandi Sorensen <ssorensen@kronenwetter.org>; Dan Joling <djoling@kronenwetter.org>; Jessica Stowell <jstowell@kronenwetter.org>

I would like this read into record at tonight's May 29th 2025 board meeting.

Dan Kindelberger
1905 Deerwood trail

Good evening everyone,

Our world is significantly different than it was when this was last brought up to the board. People are becoming more self sufficient and don't want to rely on the system that was designed to control everyday necessities. Most may still think we need to ask our government for permission to do anything on our property but for the ones that still like rules in place to make them feel warm and fuzzy inside. I write this email in favor of chickens in Kronenwetter. Some will argue that "if you want chickens, move to the country." Why should that matter? I can make the same argument, if you dont like chickens move to Madison or Milwaukee." Even they are allowed to have chickens. I myself grew up where we had 32 chickens and they aren't these disgusting animals that everyone is lead to believe. The people that are against chickens are just scared of different or misinformed. 5-7 hens enclosed in a run on 1 acre, you will barely know they are there. This benefits the community as a whole. We need to take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Keep a small group of "Karens" happy or have a self sustaining village for our kids to grow up in. Let's pave the way for a better future.

Thank you for your time.

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[External] Public Comment to the Village Board – Supporting Backyard Chickens

From Michael Libby <mmansonbills@gmail.com>

Date Thu 5/29/2025 3:54 PM

To Jennifer Poyer <jpoyer@kronenwetter.org>

Hello,

As much as I would like to attend tonight's meeting, I am unable to due to working for a small local employer with limited staff. I only recently found out that this would be on tonight's agenda so I was unable to secure the evening off.

Below is my public comment if you would kindly read this on my behalf.

Thank you very much

Michael Libby

Public Comment to the Village Board – Supporting Backyard Chickens

Submitted by Michael M Libby, 2371 Mystic Meadow Dr. Kronenwetter, WI

Good evening, Village Board members,

My name is Michael Libby, and I reside at 2371 Mystic Meadow Dr. here in Kronenwetter. Although I am unable to attend tonight's meeting in person, I would like to respectfully submit the following statement for the record in support of allowing backyard chickens in residential areas.

I am asking the Board to reconsider adopting a backyard chicken ordinance that would permit residents to responsibly keep a small number of hens. Several of our neighboring communities—including Weston, Rib Mountain, and the Town of Wausau—have successfully implemented similar ordinances with clear, reasonable guidelines.

These typically include limits on the number of hens, a prohibition on roosters, and requirements for clean, well-maintained coops. Their experience shows that backyard chickens can be managed without disrupting the neighborhood.

Why is this important? First, it supports food security and sustainability. Backyard hens provide fresh eggs, help with pest control, and contribute compostable waste—benefits that are especially valuable at a time when food prices continue to rise.

Second, it's a matter of fairness. Currently, only residents with five or more acres are permitted to keep chickens. This excludes the majority of residents who live in standard residential areas. With appropriate rules in place, there's no reason more residents shouldn't have the same opportunity.

Third, there is growing interest locally. Many families want to live more sustainably, understand where their food comes from, and teach their children responsibility. Backyard chickens offer a low-impact, educational, and environmentally friendly way to do that.

In short, this is an opportunity for Kronenwetter to join our neighbors in promoting responsible and sustainable living while addressing the concerns of all residents.

Thank you for your time and continued service to our community.

Sincerely,
Michael Libby
2371 Mystic Meadow Dr.
Kronenwetter, WI