



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Dan Joling called the January 12, 2026 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: *President Dan Joling, Trustee Ken Charneski, Trustee Aaron Myszka, Trustee Craig Mortensen, Trustee Sandi Sorensen, Trustee Jessica Stowell, Trustee Mary Jensen*

STAFF: *Administrator James Davel, Police Chief Terry McHugh, Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien, Public Works Director Greg Ulman, Clerk Jennifer Poyer*

2. MOTION TO MOVE AGENDA ITEMS

No agenda items were moved.

3. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

President Joling commended the Department of Public Works for the work they have done during with the recent snow and ice weather events. He said the mining appeal meeting would be scheduled for January 27, 2026 at 4 p.m. He said there have been recent discussions regarding development in the Village.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

President Joling announced there would be a closed session during the meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bernie Kramer – 2150 State Highway 153 E., Peplin, WI, 54455 – *Kramer acknowledged the efforts of President Joling to bring about the ambulance contract with Riverside Fire District. He said working with Riverside is a “big plus for Kronenwetter.”*

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

C. Police Chief Report

Police Chief McHugh presented his report. He said he is working on the annual report. He answered a question regarding a link for a website describing an FBI course.

D. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief O'Brien presented her report to the Village Board.

E. Administrator Report

Administrator Davel commented on his meeting with businesses interested in working with the Village and the 2024 Audit. He answered questions from the board regarding board member attendance at staff meetings; a meeting with the Marathon County Highway Department; cybersecurity grant; and the 2024 Audit.

7. CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

F. December 22, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the revised meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

Revision of Mary Jensen's name spelling and voice vote that should be a roll call vote when motioning to convene into closed session.

8. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

G. Train Blockage Issue Along Business Highway 51 in Kronenwetter

Motion by Charneski/Mortensen to refer this back to CLIPP for further discussion. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:1. Voting nay – Trustee Myszka

Trustee Charneski gave the background on this agenda item. He outlined the topic's discussion and action in APC, the CLIPP Committee and the Village Board, including the previous proposals received after an RFP was released. Fire Chief O'Brien answered questions regarding KFD vehicle access on the trail. Administrator Davel answered questions regarding the railroad and next steps to take. Davel said action requires commitment.

H. Ambulance Service Agreement with Riverside Fire District

Motion by Charneski/Sorensen to bring the contract back to the next board meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.

Fire Chief O'Brien introduced an insurance coverage issue regarding KFD first responders driving the Riverside Ambulances. She also spoke to mistakes in the addendum, including a date. The board discussed possible insurance solutions, revisions and next steps with Riverside. Staff was tasked with working on the insurance issue and revising the addendum as discussed.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Sorensen/Mortensen for consideration of motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (10)(c) for consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – to wit discussion of public employee situation. Motion carried by roll call vote 7:0.

PRESENT IN CLOSED SESSION: President Dan Joling, Trustee Ken Charneski, Trustee Aaron Myszka, Trustee Craig Mortensen, Trustee Sandi Sorensen, Trustee Jessica Stowell, Trustee Mary Jensen, Administrator James Davel

Closed session convened at 7:03 p.m.

10. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mortensen/Myszka for consideration of motion to reconvene into open session. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.

Open session convened at 7:56 p.m.

11. ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

No action taken.

12. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- *Marathon County Highway Department building*
- *Village Administrator to move forward to hire planning tech*
- *RFP for assessor for reassessment*
- *Set Pledge of Allegiance on all committees*

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Myszka/Mortensen to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.