



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Trustee Ken Charneski called the October 13, 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: Trustee Ken Charneski, Trustee Aaron Myszka, Trustee Craig Mortensen, Trustee Sandi Sorensen, Trustee Dan Joling, Trustee Jessica Stowell

STAFF: Police Chief Terry McHugh, Fire Chief Thersa O'Brien, Community Development Director Peter Wegner, Public Works Director Greg Ulman, Finance Director John Jacobs, Clerk Jennifer Poyer

2. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRPERSON - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion by Sorensen/Joling for Ken to remain as temporary chairperson until we have a permanent president in place. Motion carried by voice vote. 4:2. Voting yea: Sorensen, Charneski, Joling, Mortensen; Voting nay: Stowell, Myszka

Discussed past procedure when a president is absent vs. procedure for a vacant president position; agenda approval; and presidential role.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Gospodarek, 2352 Newcastle Drive, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – Public comment attached to the minutes.

Ken Maciaz, 3883 Martin Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – Maciaz gave advice regarding choosing the next president for the Village.

Bernie Kramer, 2150 E. State Hwy 153, Peplin, WI 54455 – Kramer acknowledged the work and time former President David Baker put into the Village. He also commented on the recent APC meeting where the ambulance service was discussed.

Kim Tapper, 2293 Courtland Drive, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – Tapper thanked the Kronenwetter Police Department officers for helping his wife with an emergency regarding bee stings.

Ariel Scheftgen, 2140 Victor Lane, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – Scheftgen updated the Village Board on the properties involved in Marathon County's plan to build a highway shop in Kronenwetter. Scheftgen reported that she purchased a new house.

4. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

C. Police Chief Report

Police Chief Terry McHugh presented his report. He gave a summary of the gas leaks that occurred in the Municipal Center resulting in an evacuation on Monday, October 6, 2025. He answered questions regarding the leaks, the source of leaks and cause of the leaks.

D. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien presented her report. O'Brien reported on the success on the Kronenwetter Fire Department Open House. Trustee Joling presented information regarding the improved working relationship between Kronenwetter and Riverside Fire Departments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

E. September 22, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes

F. September 30, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Joling/Myszka to approve the consent agenda as proposed. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

6. OLD BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

G. Fluoride Questionnaire Results from the Utility Customer Survey

Public Works Director Greg Ulman presented the results from the fluoride survey. No action taken.

H. Water Fluoridation

Motion by Myszka/Stowell to continue to add fluoride to our Village water. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:1. Voting nay: Charneski

Trustee Charneski presented information regarding injecting fluoride into water.

Discussed representing the Village residents in voting; comparison of nicotine in the air vs. fluoride in the water; benefits and disadvantages of fluoride; allowing a choice of fluoride to residents; cost of adding fluoride; and survey results.

7. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

I. Village President Vacancy

Motion by Sorensen/Stowell to nominate Dan Joling as our new Village president. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:0 and 1 abstention. Voting yea: Charneski, Myszka, Mortensen, Sorensen, Stowell; Abstaining: Joling

Nomination by Mortensen/Joling to nominate Aaron Myszka to the Village president spot. Nomination failed by roll call vote. 2:3 and 1 abstention. Voting yea: Joling, Mortensen; Voting nay: Charneski, Sorensen, Stowell. Abstaining: Myszka

J. Appointment of Senior Department Head Police Chief Terry McHugh to Interim Administrator Position

Motion by Joling/Sorensen to appoint Chief as interim administrator. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0. Discussed the tasks required by an interim administrator until a full-time administrator starts.

K. 2026 Dog License Fee Increase (APC)

Motion by Myszka/Sorensen to increase the dog license fees as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Finance Director John Jacobs presented the fee changes necessary to cover costs.

L. TeamCare Participation Agreement 2026 (APC)

Motion by Sorensen/Joling to renew the TeamCare Participation Agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Finance Director John Jacobs presented and explained the TeamCare agreement. He said the Village could look at other options next year. It was discussed whether the employee contribution could increase.

M. Quadient Lease for Village Mail Machine (APC)

Motion by Stowell/Sorensen to approve the five-year contract lease with Quadient for the Village mail machine to not exceed \$17,993.40. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Discussed the usage of the mail machine, cost and contract length.

N. 2026 Marathon County Recycling Agreement (APC)

Motion by Charneski/Myszka to approve the 2026 Marathon County Recycling Agreement.

Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

O. Code of Conduct

Motion by Stowell/Myszka to table and revisit it at the next board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Discussed the inclusion of staff; what was recommended and passed by APC; and the history of the Village Board passing Code of Conducts.

P. Complaint Procedure Review

Motion by Sorensen/Joling to send it back to APC with the distinct direction of look at the recordkeeping procedure. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Discussed the current complaint procedure and routing process.

Q. Proposed Policy for Funding Playground Equipment

Motion by Sorensen/Stowell to send this item to develop a funding plan to CLIPP. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Trustee Charneski presented details regarding this item. Charneski hopes to create a fund with the money from board and committee members who refuse payment.

R. Employee Complaint

Motion by Charneski/Mortensen to refer particular employee complaint to APC to resolve. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

8. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

S. September 9, 2025 Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

The board acknowledged the minutes.

9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Sorensen - Court Money clarification

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Jennifer Poyer

From: Joe Gospodarek <jjgospodarek@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 1:33 PM
To: Jennifer Poyer
Subject: [External] Public Statement for 10/13

Good Afternoon Jennifer,

I am reaching out to give a public comment for the village board meeting on 10/13. I will be unable to attend the meeting but wanted my voice to be heard. I was also hoping to pass on well wishes for former president Baker. Thank you!!

My comment:

To the Kronenwetter village board,

I am against the removal of fluoride from our water system and the poorly presented conclusion report from Trustee Charneski.

The number of residents, our neighbors, who responded totalled 922. The number of our neighbors who responded strongly in favor of keeping fluoride or excluding it numbered 840. That means that of the total percentage of people who had a strong opinion on this issue, 60% were in favor of keeping fluoride

That is not a slim majority as presented by Trustee Charneski. Even using the total number of responses 55% are in favor of keeping fluoride compared to only 34% in favor of removing it.

That means you would be voting on an issue where over half of your neighbors want to keep fluoride, and Trustee Charneski's conclusion was to follow the will of only a third? I think the only conclusion that can be had from the report is that keeping fluoride is the popular and wanted course of action by your neighbors and the village, and any vote to go against the village's will is a cowardly attempt of a power grab and to ignore the people.

I also find any vote on this to be in bad faith until at least a temporary village president is selected as the village won't have a full representation on the matter. As an aside I am wishing all the best to former president Baker and good health to him as well.

My final note is for Trustee Charneski, your politicking of this issue has shown your true colors to the people you claim to represent, which is the whole village since Kronenwetter does not have distinct districts, and those colors paint you more in the light of a Washington politician than a neighbor who cares about his neighborhood. I would recommend that you run for Representative Tiffany's seat since he is going to be running for governor. In Washington your politicking would be appreciated and maybe admired.

This is Kronenwetter, Trustee Charneski, not Kenwetter. Listen to the will of the people.

Joe Gospodarek 2352 Newcastle Drive Kronenwetter

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