



MEMORANDUM

To: Village of Kronenwetter Board
From: James A. Davel
RE: Administrator's Report 2/23/2026 – 3/6/2026

LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK OF 23-27 February 2026

Staff meeting –

Power Plant Meeting/Train Blockage – On February 26, 2026 we met with Kevin and Leah from WPS regarding the train blockages in Kronenwetter, the meeting notes are as follows:

- WPS informed us of a blockage on Jan 21, 2026 where the train stopped at the gate and the CN crew timed out after working a 12-hour shift and federal guidelines preventing them from going any further. The only way they could move the train is if there was an emergency in the area where the streets were blocked.
 - To prevent this from happening again WPS had a meeting with CN to gather details about the incident. CN stated it was a lack of judgment where they knew the destination would be close to the time out period but proceeded anyway.
 - CN said they would work internally with the crews to stop well short of a municipality when a crew is close to timing out to prevent roads from being blocked.
- WPS has measures in place to prevent blockages from happening.
 - When WPS gets a call from CN in Junction City, WPS opens the gate and makes sure the switches are aligned for the train to ensure a stop-less entry into the plant.
 - The train will go slow into the plant and if the train is over a mile long, roads can be blocked for up to 10 minutes while the train enters the plant. There isn't anything from the Villages standpoint that we can do to help the situation as WPS has a security protocol about gate operations.

- The Village should let WPS know of any train blockages asap so they can investigate with CN
 - A train blockage is where a train has completely stopped and not when it may be moving slowly.
- There are sometimes unforeseen incidents beyond CN's or WPS's control (engine failure) that can happen. They will communicate with us when this may happen in the future.

Pursuant to Sandi Sorensen's request, I've included some fine amounts for animal complaints under Chapter 200. The fine amounts remain steady and only change if there's VB action or a new law takes effect that increases/decreases the amount. As a reminder to our citizens, Jennifer does a nice job of running news articles in the newsletters about pet owners' responsibilities. Police Chief will explain why they are hesitant to post the fines online.

Allowing Dogs/Cats to Run at Large - 2nd Violation	200-8 B.	\$124.00
Allowing Dogs/Cats to Run at Large - 3rd & Subsequent	200-8 B.	\$187.00
Animal Fancier License Violation	200-7	\$124.00
Dogs/Cats Habitual Barking or Howling - 1st Violation	200-8 C.	\$92.50
Dogs/Cats Habitual Barking or Howling - 2nd Violation	200-8 C.	\$124.00
Dogs/Cats Habitual Barking or Howling - 3rd & Subsequent	200-8 C.	\$187.00
Duty of Owner of Biting Animal Violation	200-11	\$124.00
Failure or Improper Care of Domestic Animals	200-10	\$124.00
Keeping of Cats & Dogs Restriction Violation	200-8	\$124.00
Keeping of Wild Animals	200-15	\$187.00
Kennel License Violation	200-6	\$124.00
Mistreatment of Animals	200-9	\$124.00
Permitted Number of Dog or Cats Violation	200-5	\$124.00
Protected Animal Violation	200-16	\$187.00
Removal of Animal Excreta Violation	200-13	\$124.00
Unlicensed Dogs	200-4	\$124.00

Audit – John and I had a meeting with the auditors, and they now have everything to complete the FY 24 audit.

Planning Tech – 2 applicants and the application window close today, we will schedule interviews next week.

4 intern interviews next week

LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK OF 3-6 March 2026

Staff Meeting

The Village of Weston has a Handbook for Elected and Appointed Village Officials. A link to their Handbook: <https://westonwi.gov/246/Board-of-Trustees>. Our Ethics Policy is a part of our Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook, also available on their website, https://westonwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12640/Employee-Personnel-Policies-and-Procedures-Handbook-v16-20250721_withlinks.

I'm taking off on Thursday and Friday.

Jim