



RESCHEDULED VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 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 April 14, 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 Craig Mortensen, Trustee Sandi Sorensen, Trustee Jessica Stowell, Trustee Dan Lesniak*

ABSENT: *Trustee Aaron Myszka (excused)*

STAFF: *Administrator James Davel, Police Chief Terry McHugh, Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien, Community Development/Planning and Zoning Director Peter Wegner, Finance Director John Jacobs, Clerk Jennifer Poyer*

2. MOTION TO DEVIATE

No items were moved.

3. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

President Joling apologized for the rescheduled meeting. He said he expected more brutal weather.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Micki Scheeunemann – 1714 Forsyth Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Public comment read by clerk and attached to minutes.*

Rebecca and Jordan Hensel – 2414 Tower Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Public comment read by clerk and attached to minutes.*

Barbara West – 2177 Setter Drive, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *West spoke regarding the Gate of Heaven Cemetery and against zoning change request. She said the rezone would negatively impact the cemetery property.*

Mel Konkol – 1747 Kowalski Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Konkol asked questions regarding five homes recently sold east of the WPS. He asked questions about the cost of the properties, plans for the property and possible property taxes. Staff and board members answered questions. Konkol commented on the lack of property taxes that would be collected if Marathon County uses the land for a highway facility.*

Bernie Kramer – 2150 East State Highway 153, Peplin, WI 54455 – *Kramer commented on the purpose of the audit. He commented on money spent for the recent investigation. He commented on the county's lack of communication from county representatives regarding their recently purchased land in Kronenwetter.*

Chris Blenker – 6202 Camp Phillips Road, Weston, WI 54476 - *Blenker is caretaker of the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. She commented on her job at the cemetery of help people purchase lots at the cemetery. She said people appreciate the quiet, clean, peaceful and nice atmosphere of the cemetery. She said many groups and people utilize the space. She said she is not against*

development but wants to keep up with the current surroundings. She said she hopes there can be a workable solution for all involved.

John Meidl – No address given. Meidl said he represents St. Therese and would like to comment on the possible zoning change to M2. He said this could create a problem for St. Therese and the Village of Kronenwetter. He said a business could move in with problems. He would like it to remain BP zoning.

Sheryl Kazda – No address given. – Kazda said she is not in favor of changing the zoning to M2. She said it allows too heavy of equipment and new lighting that would make a lot of difference in the cemetery area.

Dave Joswick – No address given. – Joswick said he is concerned about the environmental impact of the sand mine.

Father Janusz Kowalski – No address given. – Kowalski said the decision regarding the sand mine will make a huge effect on the people and cemetery in the area. He said he is not against business moving in, but against M2 zoning.

Sid Sczygelski – 230734 Freedom Lane, Wausau, WI - Sczygelski owns two plots at the Gate of Heaven. He said changing the zoning to M2 is going to affect the value of the cemetery. He said he is not against the sand mine, he is against the M2 zoning. He said the cemetery will be here for hundreds of years.

Matt Yde – 6102 Morning View Lane, Weston, WI 54476 – Yde said he represents St. Therese Parish. He said zoning law should not be allowed to make dramatic changes. He said neighbors should be included in the zoning change. He said a super majority vote is required because these changes should not be taken lightly.

5. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

C. Police Chief's Report

Police Chief Terry McHugh presented his report. He commented on the closure of Kowalski Road due to high water levels on the road. He said the police department and public works department are monitoring Village roads.

D. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien presented her report. She commented on the training the fire department has been doing in the houses recently bought by Marathon County. She added they would be having a controlled burn of one of the houses on April 25, 2026.

E. Administrator Report

Administrator James Davel presented his report. He commented on the recent election and meetings. He answered a question regarding a recent exit interview.

F. January 2026 Credit Card Statement Activity

Finance Director John Jacobs presented this report. He summarized the process for developing this report. He said this report was requested by Trustee Charneski. He answered a question from a board member regarding credit card fees.

G. February 2026 Check Register, ACH Register, and Credit Card Statement Activity

Finance Director Jacobs presented his reports for February. He said going forward, this will be the format for the reports. He answered a question regarding charges for water tests.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion by Lesniak/Stowell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented minus Item H.

Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

H. Operator (Bartender) License - Cory P. Boykins (Item removed from the Consent Agenda.)

Motion by Stowell/Sorensen to deny the operator license for failure to disclose. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Discussed the information brought forth in the background check but not found on the application and reasons to deny a license.

I. Mobile Home Park License - Kountry Squire Mobile Home Park

J. March 9, 2026 Village Board Meeting Minutes

K. March 12, 2026 Special Village Board Meeting Minutes

L. March 30, 2026 Special Village Board Meeting Minutes

7. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

M. Zoning Change Request (Eau Claire River, LLC) (PC)

Motion by Charneski/Lesniak to approve the zoning change. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Trustee Charneski presented this agenda item. He gave the background on this zoning change. He said there is already a sandpit in the location, and this zoning change is the only hope for future development. Community Development Director answered questions. The board discussed M1 and M2 zoning; land history; location; concerns of residents brought forth during public comment; flood zone; possible building up of the property with this new use; TID 1; and possible future development in this location.

N. Distribution Facility Development Agreement, 1619 Highway XX, Kronenwetter, WI (PC)

Motion by Sorensen/Mortensen to accept Resolution 2026-005. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Trustee Lesniak presented this item to the board. Resolution 2026-005 is the development agreement for a distribution facility. He said it meets what is required in the Village ordinance. Community Development Director Wegner answered questions regarding the changes made in the resolution.

O. Buska Park Playground Fundraising RFP (CLIPP)

Motion by Lesniak/Mortensen to authorize Village staff to continue working on this project with Lee Recreation. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Trustee Charneski presented information regarding fundraising for park improvements.

P. Johnson Controls Fire Protection Contract (APC)

Motion by Charneski/Lesniak to approve the contract with Johnson Controls. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Q. 2026 Music at the Market Musician Contracts (APC)

Motion by Sorensen/Stowell to accept the five musician contracts. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

R. Allen Kraft/Kraft's Kuddly Kritters Petting Zoo Contract for Services

Motion by Stowell/Sorensen to approve the Kraft's Kuddly Kritters Petting Zoo Contract for Services. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

The 2024 Audit was mentioned. Finance Director Jacobs gave an update to the board. President Joling presented Trustee Charneski a certificate of appreciation and gift card for his years served on the Village Board.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Jennifer Poyer

From: Micki Scheunemann <mickihafner8@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 5:10 PM
To: Dan Joling; Ken Charneski; Aaron Myszka; Craig Mortensen; Sandi Sorensen; Jessica Stowell; Dan Lesniak; Jennifer Poyer
Subject: [External] Distribution Facility Development Agreement, 1619 Highway XX, Kronenwetter, WI (PC)

Dear Village Board,

I wanted to write to possibly get some of my questions and concerns addressed/answered/brought to light before the Fedex Distribution Center begins construction. I have been a resident at 1714 Forsyth Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 since 2018.

Infrastructure:

Can and will the sewer, water, and drainage infrastructure the village now has in place be enough to handle this massive footprint this building is going to be? If not, what plans are in the works to make sure the neighborhood next to it isn't going to be possibly an innocent bystander for disaster? I feel the village needs to do more study on this for the residents nearby.

Further, when they raise a portion of the land by Tower Road and place a retention pond near, is that going to make for the neighborhood to become labeled in a floodplain? If so, what steps are going to be taken and provided to the neighborhood? Is there going to be reimbursement for having to pay for flood insurance? Will the village and/or Fedex provide us with reimbursements for the money we will need to shell for potential flooding? Again, I believe more studies need to be conducted to provide the neighborhood reassurance that our homes and land will not become ruined due to this massive building being constructed next door.

Noise:

I feel like this needs to be addressed further. From construction (hours, loudness, etc) to the actual operation since it is 24/7. I believe that Fedex's noise study does not go far enough, as it is a study they paid for, not an independent one. Fedex paid for it, they can say whatever Fedex wants them to say. The village should pay for a study to be conducted on one of Fedex's distribution centers that are already up and running. Again, Fedex can tell you anything you want to hear if they pay for the study.

I also want to know what is in place during the evenings/overnights for noise. Are the trucks going to be idling for long periods of time?

Will the trucks need to be turned off when being loaded/unloaded? I understand there is going to be a wall to prevent noise, however that is not enough. There needs to be a definite answer to this before construction begins. It is not plausible for a company to come in and be able to conduct business at all hours of the night and put the neighborhood next door on alert with their noise 24/7.

Emissions:

As a neighborhood, we already get hammered with the coal plant across the interstate, is the extra diesel emissions going to provide further damage to our air quality? The surrounding neighborhood needs to know what kind of health implications this is going to bring to us. Is the village going to be liable for health implications down the road if proven? Is Fedex going to be held accountable/liable for this as well?

Since Fedex is choosing to build next door to a neighborhood, an independent study should be conducted and provided to the village.

Wall/natural buffer:

It is my understanding that there is going to be a wall and natural buffer. I would like to know if the wall can be the maximum allowed height on Tower Road. I would also like this to be constructed prior to construction of the building so that the neighborhood does not need to see it. Since the neighborhood next to this industrial facility is used to seeing mature trees, I would hope Fedex provides similar height and maturity to the trees they replant. This is to further make our neighborhood not feel like an industrial zone.

Extra police on Tower Road:

Will there be extra patrols on Tower Road to make sure Fedex trucks will not be traveling on Tower Road. I welcome this. This is to also prevent child vs. Fedex truck accidents near the crosswalk intersection and Tower and Pine Road. I also welcome extra patrol near this area due to the extra criminal activity that could potentially happen with more people coming into our community. Is the number of officers we have now sufficient to do this?

Further, as someone who is employed in the legal field, I know that Trustee Myszka needs to recuse himself from voting on this matter. As someone who lives near this proposed building and seeing his campaign signs out on that property, he cannot impartial vote on this. He was provided a service to his campaign by the land owner to allow for his signs to be placed on the property. He is not able to represent the village residents impartially. Even if the vote goes through, he needs to recuse himself due to having a conflict of interest in this matter.

Lastly, the village is now well aware of concerns and possible issues that could arise from having a massive building constructed near a neighborhood. As a neighborhood, we would welcome a community forum being formed to further address more concerns other neighbors might have regarding this building. This is our last chance to get it right before construction begins. Maybe plans can be further modified to make sure our neighborhood isn't at risk of being ruined for this building.

I am well aware that this building will be constructed, I just want to make sure our neighborhood isn't ruined due to it. And further independent studies and reports should be obtained to confirm this is the correct location for a building this size.

Thank you for your time,
Micki Scheunemann

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Jennifer Poyer

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Subject: [External] Village Board Meeting: 04/13/2026 | Distribution Center - Site Plan Considerations for Buffering and Screening
Importance: High

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04/13/2026

Village of Kronenwetter
Plan Commission and Village Board
1582 Kronenwetter Drive
Kronenwetter, WI 54455

Dear Village Board Members,

We are unable to attend tonight's meeting and respectfully request that these comments be read into the public record.

We are writing regarding the site plan review for the distribution center planned between Tower Road and Trailwood Lane. We understand that several of these items were discussed during the Plan Commission meeting on April 8, 2026, and we appreciate the consideration already given to them as part of the review process.

We understand, based on recent discussions, that the existing vegetation along Tower Road cannot be preserved due to grading and stormwater requirements. While we understand that these constraints limit the ability to retain the current tree line, we would respectfully ask the Board to consider several enhancements to the proposed buffering and landscaping plan to better mitigate long-term impacts to the adjacent residential area.

First, we encourage the Board to consider whether the density of vegetation along the proposed sound wall can be increased, both in initial plantings and in long-term growth planning. A more robust planting strategy could help ensure that the buffer becomes more effective over time and better replicates the screening currently provided by the existing natural vegetation.

Second, we would ask that consideration be given to planting species that achieve meaningful height and maturity more quickly, in addition to longer-term canopy trees. This approach could help establish a more natural and effective visual buffer within a shorter timeframe, which is particularly important given the immediate adjacency to residential homes.

Additionally, we would greatly appreciate consideration of installing the largest feasible tree stock at the time of planting, where practical, along Tower Road. Larger-caliper deciduous trees and taller evergreen plantings can significantly improve early-stage screening and reduce the extended period during which the site would otherwise be fully exposed.

Finally, we encourage the Board to consider construction sequencing, specifically whether the sound wall and associated perimeter landscaping can be installed early in the project timeline. Earlier installation would serve as an important mitigation measure to reduce the visual and auditory impacts of construction activities on nearby residents throughout the duration of the project.

We respectfully request that these considerations be incorporated into the site plan approval to the extent feasible. Given the direct adjacency to residential properties, these measures are important to help ensure a more appropriate transition between industrial and residential uses.

These adjustments would go a long way toward reducing long-term impacts, maintaining compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood, and helping to protect nearby residential property values.

We would also like to thank the developer for their continued consideration of these proposed enhancements. We recognize that these items may carry budget and scheduling considerations, and we appreciate any efforts made to balance those factors with the character and livability of the surrounding community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Rebecca & Jordan Hensel

From: Becky Hensel <b_mittlesteadt@live.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 4:20 PM

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Subject: Re: Plan Commission Meeting: 04/08/2026 | Distribution Center - Vegetation Buffer Preservation Request

Dear Mr. Wegner and Planning Commission Members,

Thank you for the clarification and additional information regarding the intended preservation of the area identified in red on my previous exhibit. I appreciate the response.

To provide additional context for the discussion, I am sharing a few street view images of the existing vegetation along Tower Road. These images reflect the current conditions of the mature tree line that serves as a natural buffer between the roadway and the parcel.

While I understand that the current proposal calls for the planting of new trees along Tower Road, I wanted to highlight the **density, height, and continuity of the existing tree line**, as it plays a significant role in screening, visual character, and separation from surrounding uses.

As site planning discussions continue, I would encourage continued consideration of how much of this existing vegetation can be preserved (particularly along Tower Road) as it provides a level of buffering that would be difficult to replicate with new plantings in the near term.

Thank you again for your time and for considering this additional context.

Sincerely,

Becky Hensel
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