VILLAGE BOARD OF CLEVELAND

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/AGENDA APPROVAL. Village President Jarrod Jackett called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in the Manitowoc County Room, Lakeshore College, 1290 North Ave, Cleveland, Wisconsin. The Village Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Present: Jarrod Jackett, Village President
John Ader
Rob Burkhard
Jon Hoffman
Nate Toeller
Tom Warosh

Board Absent: Jake Holzwart (arrived 6:30pm)

Staff Present: Eric Fisher, Chief of Police
Stacy Grunwald, Director of Village Services

Motion Burkhard/Toeller to approve the agenda as posted; carried without negative vote.

II. COMMUNICATIONS/CITIZEN INPUT, including proposals for ambulance services. The ambulance services proposals from Orange Cross Ambulance and the City of Manitowoc were referred to the Finance and Budget Committee.

Becky Paasch, 1232 Franklin Dr. Received information on a voided check and the cost of the recent telehandler purchase. Told the Board she paid for copies of bank statements and payment information and couldn't match checks to the invoices, and she wasn't happy about any of it. She told the Board to open their eyes and not be sandbagged; they could be heading for trouble. She added many people earned limited income.

Larry Schetter, 1522 W Washington Ave. Noted in a previous meeting the budget was to be complete in October; the Board noted it was on track to hold the budget hearing at the November Board meeting, and starting early didn't mean finishing early. He expected the process to be much easier given the tools provided and change to CLA as accountant; the Board responded there was no change in the technology but in the financial reporting and processes. He expected the budget should be done in the time allotted.

Christine Gabsch, 1130 W Jefferson Ave. Requested the Village Board minutes on the website be brought current. She questioned why the assessor hadn't walked through the properties if the Village had completed a revaluation; the Board explained it was a market update since a full revaluation would be much more expensive and people were no longer required to allow the assessor into their homes. She stated there should be a revaluation to identify property improvements completed without permits. Review of the assessor's contract was under discussion in the Finance and Budget Committee.

III. CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE EXTENSION: Matt and Sheryl Schwochert. Matt and Sheryl Schwochert had an agreed deadline of December 31, 2026, to start construction on the land purchased from the Village. They've been actively seeking contractors since purchase but costs resulted in plan changes and multiple rounds of quote requests. They asked for more time to continue working on the plans. Director Grunwald confirmed the Schwocherts contacted her multiple times with updates and suggested the Village Board extend their construction deadline to the same date as the Village's deadline for Right of First Refusal. Motion Toeller/Burkhard to approve an extension to September 17, 2027, to start construction; carried without negative vote.

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL. Motion Ader/Hoffman to approve the September 15, 2026, minutes as written; carried without negative vote. Motion Burkhard/Toeller to approve the September 22, 2026, minutes as presented (two motions were updated with the makers and seconds by Director Grunwald during discussion); carried without negative vote. Motion Ader/Toeller to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2026, meeting as written; carried without negative vote.

V. FINANCIALS

A. VOUCHER REPORT. The Finance and Budget Committee recommended approval. Motion Ader/Toeller to approve the September 2026 voucher report; carried without negative vote.

B. 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Synagro Agreement. Motion Toeller/Burkhard to approve Budget Amendment 2026.04 to add a draw from the Sewer Utility Other Improvements Committed Fund of $52,200 and increase the Sludge Haulers expense line $52,200 for payment of the Synagro agreement for biosolids disposal; carried without negative vote.

VI. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

A. BOARD OF REVIEW, 09/28/26. Chair Warosh reviewed the two hearings and outcomes.

[Trustee Holzwart arrived – 6:30pm]

B. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 10/12/26. Chief Fisher reported the emergency siren at the Cleveland Fire Department was repaired and provided an overview of the tabletop training exercise to test the Village's updated Emergency Operations Plan.

C. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, 10/20/26. Chair Burkhard reported the Committee reviewed the monthly receipt report.

D. CHIEF OF POLICE. Chief Fisher reviewed his monthly report and answered questions from the Board.

E. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. President Jackett presented the report from Director of Public Works Chris Jost.

F. DIRECTOR OF VILLAGE SERVICES. Director Grunwald reviewed recent zoning work, meetings, training, financial and budget activities, and election preparation.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENT REPORTS

A. MON SEP 28..... BOARD OF REVIEW, 5:30PM
B. TUE OCT 27..... HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, 6PM. Cancelled.
C. TUE NOV 3.GENERAL ELECTION
D. THU NOV 5 PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, 6PM
E. WED NOV 4 ..... PLAN COMMISSION, 6PM
F. TUE NOV 10..... FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, 6PM
G. TUE NOV 17..... VILLAGE BOARD, 6PM
H. BOARD AND STAFF SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS. None.
I. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR EVENTS. Tuesday, October 27, Committee of the Whole, 6pm, for budget preparation.

VIII. YEAR 2027 BUDGET PREPARATION. The Village Board and Director Grunwald walked through a draft General Fund budget. Capital project funding sources and expenses will be added to the budget when the projects come to fruition; this includes the Hika Park boat launch, and arsenic and PFAS treatment systems. The Village Board discussed code enforcement expenses but made no changes for attorney or compliance services. Chief Fisher reviewed his strategy for transitioning into his 2028 retirement and related hiring goals and compensation funding. The Board reviewed line items related to decisions for 2027 it made at prior meetings. After discussion, Wayfinding Signs were funded at $2000 for 2027. Trustee Burkhard and Director Grunwald will follow up with BCS regarding a cybersecurity grant and CivicPlus to learn if there was a secure turnkey option to update the Village website.

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IX. **CLOSED SESSION.** Motion Warosh/Holzwart to convene in closed session pursuant to (1) Sec. 19.85 (1) (g), Wis. Stats., to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy regarding litigation in which the Village Board is or is likely to become involved—PFAS contributions to municipal sludge; and (2) Sec. 19.85 (1) (c), Wis. Stats., to consider compensation and performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call—all ayes. Motion carried. Director Grunwald remained for the closed session.

[The public left the meeting—7:59pm]

President Jackett updated the Village Board on legal activities related to PFAS contributions in the Village's sludge. Director Grunwald received guidance on employee compensation changes.

X. **OPEN SESSION.** Motion Holzwart/Toeller to reconvene in open session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (2), Wis. Stats. Roll call—all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting convened in open session at 8:42pm.

XI. **ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED.** No action was taken.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion Warosh/Toeller to adjourn; carried without negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Grunwald
Director of Village Services

Approved 11/17/2026

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