

## **VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES Tuesday, December 09, 2025– 6:00pm**

**PRESENT:** Meeting called to order at the Auditorium by Village President Jim Smith at 6:00pm. The following answered the roll call: President Jim Smith, Trustees Nate Sapik, Jim Jonasen, Michael Gudis and Jason Springer. Also present were: Village Administrator/Clerk Daisha Nolan, Village Treasurer Heather Rutten, Village Fire Chief Jake Fuller and Village Attorney Kyle Torvinen. Village Trustees Cindy Johnson and Jeff Johnson were absent.

**POSTING:** The agenda was posted on December 5, 2025 at 2:00pm at the Auditorium, Post Office, and the Village Website. It was posted at Midland Marketplace on December 8, 2025 at 9:30am.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** No changes were made.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Barb Resheske:** Barb requested that the Village Board reinstate the use of an online meeting attendance platform. The committee to handle this has not met since the initial request. It will be discussed at the next finance meeting.

**Jim Copeland:** Jim shared that he created a “No Dollar General in Lake Nebagamon” facebook group with no intention of steamrolling or blackmailing but to represent a large group of people who do not want the business to be constructed. Jim shared that he will continue, along with those who are opposed, to establish a petition against the process, and gather financial support to help make a case against.

**Olga Fransway:** Olga shared that she opposes the Dollar General business being brought to town. Her input focused on the OSHA Violation and Citations that have accrued with Dollar Generals and that there has not been any action taken on their part to change the actions that lead to the OSHA Violations. Olga shared that her career is centered on being a Senior Compliance Specialist with Essentia Health and would be willing to assist with compliance requirements if the business was established.

**Phillip Haas:** Phillip shared that he is opposed to the Dollar General business in town. He feels the Dollar General is not a good image for the area as they are often “filled with garbage”. Phillip did share that he agrees that there is a need for more affordable prices in the area.

**Approval of Clerk’s minutes:** A motion was made by Sapik to approve the minutes as presented from November 11, 2025, both open and closed sessions, and the Budget Hearing minutes from December 3, 2025, seconded by Gudis. MCU

**Treasurer's Report:** Rutten presented the monthly and annual treasurer reports with no abnormalities as well as the current bank account balances and interests incurred. A request was made to cash any outstanding payroll checks.

**Approval of Invoices:** Invoices for December were reviewed. A motion was made by Sapik to approve the payment of invoices, seconded by Gudis. MCU

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report for the Public Works Committee. Road ratings have been completed and submitted to WISLR.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No report for the Public Safety Committee.

- **Monthly Police Report:** Village Marshal Jacobson reported on calls from the county and local incidents for the month of November.
- **Monthly LNVFD Report:** Fire Chief Jake Fuller provided a report of calls for November.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** No report for the finance committee.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** No Report for Planning and Development Committee.

- **Comprehensive Recreational Plan Review:** The Recreation Plan is due for review. A Planning and Development meeting will be arranged for the month of January to review.

**ZONING COMMISSION MEETING:** The zoning commission met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025. The Commission was asked to allow a change to the submitted Dollar General land use application, which was reviewed and tabled. There was an even amount of residents in favor and against the Dollar General that shared public input.

- **Private Drive Naming Resolution:** A recommendation was made from the zoning commission that was discussed at their recent meeting when Douglas County Planning, Zoning and Land Information offices notified the Village that 3 properties on a private drive requires that the drive be named. Nolan read the resolution 2025-04 drafted to rename the private drive serving parcels: LN-146-00016-00, LN-146-00016-03, LN-146-00017-00. A motion was made by Jonasen to name the designated drive Wild Oak Drive, seconded by Sapik. MCU

**SEWER COMMISSION MEETING:** Nolan reported on the Sewer meeting that was held on October 22, 2025. No significant discussions to share.

- **Ordinance Amendment: §4(9)c - Payment of Bills:** A motion was made by Jonasen to adopt the amendment to section 4(9)c of the Sewer Ordinance, as presented, seconded by Springer. MCU This change will remove the state debt collection method and insert the proper penalty percentages and process to align with the state statutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE** No Correspondence to share.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Appointments: 2026-2028 Election Officials:** A motion was made by Jonasen to approve the appointments of the listed election inspectors, seconded by Gudis. MCU

Gwen Theien
Patty Peterson
Paul Huber
Cheryl Vine
Barb Anderson
Heather Rutten
Daisha Nolan
Jim Jonasen
John Woodbury
Jay Gallagher
Rosalie Gallagher

- **Honorary Road Name Application - Bob Anderson:** A motion was made by Jonasen to approve the application presented for Bob Anderson, seconded by Sapik. MCU

**INFORMATION FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

- The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Daisha Nolan**, Village Clerk  
 Village of Lake Nebagamon