

**Minutes of July 15, 2025, Public Hearing & Regular Village Board Meeting
Held at First Presbyterian Church, 312 Church Street, Clinton, WI 53525**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – President Peterson called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00p.m. Present were Trustees Barbour, Beals, Dammen, Risseeuw and Torkilson. Trustees Aarud was absent. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Franseen, Chief Schultz, DPW Johnson, and Administrator Risse.
2. **Public Hearing – Vacate the Entirety of a Public Walkway:** No person was there to speak.
3. **Motion to Close Public Hearing:** Trustee Dammen moved to close the public hearing, Trustee Torkilson seconded. Motion carried 6-0
4. **Ehlers Presentation:** Peter Curtin did a presentation on 2025 Water Utility Rate Study. To reach the ROR benchmark of the PSC (6.7%), we need to increase our water rates approximately 30%. The increase won't be until 2026. Our last conventional rate increase was in 2017.
5. **Conventional Water Rate Application:** Trustee Dammen moved to have Ehlers file out paperwork with the PSC, Trustee Beals seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** Trustee Torkilson made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting – June 17, 2025, Trustee seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
7. **Public Appearances:** Tony Bopanai introduced himself. He is interested in purchasing the building at 225 Allen Street from the Village. He plans to put offices in it.
8. **Reports:**
 - a. **Chief** – His annual report is finished and is posted on the Village's website. He will be working at the police tent at the Rock County Fair next week. His project is to destroy old evidence.
 - b. **Public Works Director** – EPA has run out of funds to help with "get the lead out" project. We'll continue to gather information about the water pipes in the Village.
 - c. **Clerk/Treasurer** – She completed her required election training. Now there is a 2-hour training that they are recommending for all clerks. Quarterly payroll reports were filed. It was necessary to withdraw funds from our LGIP account to pay bills and payroll. In looking back over the past few years, we haven't had to do this until October. This shows how tight Village funds are right now.
 - d. **Library Director** – Sue Koch introduced herself as president of the library board. The library held a snake program and had 79 attendees. This is the 5th week of their summer reading program. The strategic plan class has been completed. The library will receive \$115,000 from a 2022 bequest.
 - e. **Village Engineer** – Jason has 2 things further on the agenda.
 - f. **Senior Center** – Jim reported they did a trip to Cracker Barrel and the ski show. They want to spruce up the outside of their building. Their bus has serious problems. They have 3 new members; total membership is 75.
 - g. **Chamber of Commerce** – Cougar Lanes is hosting their annual meeting on August 18th.
 - h. **Administrator** – Traffic Jams will put on the Wrench Life Car Show on July 27. The next Country Market will be August 3rd. Dan has been working on Lexipol policies.
9. **New Business**
 - a. **Operator's License for Susan Lantz:** Trustee Risseeuw moved to approve an Operator's License for Susan Lantz (St. Stephen's Family Center), Trustee Torkilson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
 - b. **Resolution 2025-07: A Resolution to Vacate the Entirety of a Public Walkway (Wagner Drive):** Trustee Risseeuw moved to approve the Vacation of A Public Walkway (Wagner Drive), Trustee Beals seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
 - c. **Plat 3 of Clinton Crossings Plan:** Trustee Torkilson moved to approve Plat 3 of Clinton Crossings Plan, Trustee Beals seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
10. **Approval of Monthly Financial Report – June 2025.** Trustee Dammen moved to approve the June 2025 Financial Report, Trustee Torkilson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

11. Approval of Checks and Invoices - Trustee Dammen moved to approve General Fund checks totaling \$67,366.12 and Water/Sewer checks totaling \$42,563.33, Trustee Torkilson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

12. Closed Session: The Village Board shall convene into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Specifically the sale of 225 Allen Street. President Peterson moved to go into closed session, Trustee Risseuw seconded. Roll Call indicated 6-0 to go into closed session at 7:57 pm.

Note: The board did not return to open session.

13. Adjournment – Trustee Barbour moved to adjourn, Trustee Beals seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Franseen, Clerk/Treasurer