

Minutes of August 19, 2025, Regular Village Board Meeting
Held at First Presbyterian Church, 312 Church Street, Clinton, WI 53525

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Finance Chair Dammen called the Regular Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Aarud, Beals and Torkilson. President Peterson Trustee Risseuw were absent. Trustee Barbour arrived at 7:02 p.m. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Franseen, Chief Schultz and Administrator Risse.
 2. **Approval of Minutes:** Trustee Torkilson made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting –July 15, 2025, Trustee Beals seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
 3. **Public Appearances:**

Sue Koch has a chart “Who’s in Charge of the Library”. The Friends paid for the children’s rug.

Ken Tente, Coni Stoll and Jake Thill all spoke about the latest car show. They wondered why the streets were closed on Friday when the car show wasn’t until Sunday. Sunday morning at 6:15 a.m. cars were revving their engines and honking their horns. They asked why Cross Street (a residential street) was closed and wondered why Front Street couldn’t be closed instead. Jake said the business owner backed cars onto his lawn. They would like to see a notice go on doors of the residents in this area a few days prior to a car show.
 4. **Reports:**
 - a. **Chief** – Officer Konopski and Chief were at the Law Enforcement tent at Rock County Fair. Chief continues to work on purging old evidence. Officer Walz will be doing SRO training.
 - b. **Clerk/Treasurer** – January 1, 2025, population is 2,290 (69 increase from 2020 and 28 increase from 2024). Tax settlement this week will be 348,006.98. Equalized Value increased 7,016,100 which is 3% increase. Manufacturing full value is \$11,086,600 (5% increase). Net new construction is only 1.28%.
 - c. **Library Director (absent)** Koch said SRP averaged 25 attendees each week. They had 4 performers with 100 attendees. The Friends painted the Mill Street lobby. They will put signage in the children’s area.
 - d. **Village Engineer** – Jason will be meeting with Roger to update our CIP and look for funding.
 - e. **Clinton Fire District** – 401 calls YTD; last year 348. Have 42 members. July calls were 58 (village’s 39). They held an Academy Weekend and taught 10-15 new fire fighters. The door that was damaged in an accident will be fixed in two weeks. Applied for a grant from Compeer Financial; it would be \$4,000. An MPO class will be held at the station starting on September 4.
 - f. **Senior Center** – Jim reported they are freshening up their outside. September 9th will be Culvers Night.
 - g. **Chamber of Commerce** – They had their social August 18th with 9 in attendance. Fall-O-Ween will be October 26th and Winter Wonderland will be December 5th.

- h. **Administrator** – There will be a Farmers Market/Wellness Fair at 400 Ogden Avenue on September 19th. The last Country Market will be September 28th. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) investigator has dismissed the allegations made by a former library employee filed back on 12/21/2023. The former employee now has 90 days to file federal lawsuit. Newest school board member Tana Shallenberger introduced herself and said she will attend our meetings to form a bond between village and school community. Brooke Franseen has done a great job with the School District’s Community Activities Program, partnering with the Village, the Chamber, and the library.

5. New Business

- a. **Operator License for Crystal Davidson (Boxcars).** Trustee Torkilson moved to deny an Operator License for Crystal Davidson, Trustee Beals seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. **Operator License for Elizabeth O’Niell-Imundo (Clinton Foods).** Trustee Torkilson moved to approve the Operator License for Elizabeth O’Niell-Imundo, Trustee Aarud seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. **Bids for Phase III Clinton Crossing Lift Station.** Trustee Beals moved to award the contract to Townsend Construction for \$373,164.03, Trustee Aarud seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- d. **Tow Policy.** Trustee Beals moved to have Chief create a Tow Policy, Trustee Torkilson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Approval of Monthly Financial Report – July 2025. Trustee Aarud moved to approve the July 2025 Financial Report, Trustee Torkilson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Approval of Checks and Invoices - Trustee Dammen moved to approve General Fund checks totaling \$226,643.90; Water/Sewer checks totaling \$158,964.76, Trustee Torkilson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Adjournment – Trustee Barbour moved to adjourn, Trustee Beals seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Franseen, Clerk/Treasurer