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VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday – April 8, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

Webster Community Center
7421 Main Street West, Webster, WI

CALL TO ORDER - President Ed Dedman called the meeting to order 6:20 PM, apologizing for running late due to the Joint Review Board and Planning Commission meetings that preceded this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL - President, Ed Dedman; Trustees, Tom Armstrong; Kelsey Gustafson; Jeff Roberts; Bill Summer; Tim Maloney; and Sue Weis. Others present: Public Works Director, Pete Denn; Police Chief, Stephenie Wedin; Greg Marsten - Burnett County Sentinel; Chad Wek – Webster Area Chamber of Commerce; Teresa Anderson - MSA; Library Director, Sherill Summer and Village Resident, Russ Burford. Absent: Clerk/Treasurer, Debra Doriott-Kuhnly

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL - Motion made by Trustee, Summer to approve the agenda as presented; Trustee, Roberts seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC INPUT/VISITOR RECOGNITION BY PRESIDENT, ED DEDMAN - President Dedman noted that Teresa Anderson from MSA was present and would be addressed during committee reports. Sherill Summer from the library was also present to speak about the library project under public property. No other public input was offered.

OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Burnett County Supervisor - Charlie Weis. Not in attendance.

Chamber of Commerce – Chamber Member. Chad Wek, reported on upcoming summer events. The Chamber is planning an arts and crafts extravaganza Memorial Day weekend at the soccer field by the high school. They are also in the planning process for Gandy Dancer Days, Augtoberfest, and a new event called Sturgeon Fest along with a car show. Chad asked if there was anything the chamber could do to help facilitate things in the Village and welcomed suggestions. The projected date for Sturgeon Fest is September 5th, with the goal of holding it the first Saturday of September every year for consistency in signage and promotion.

Webster Rural Fire Association – Trustee, Tim Maloney: Trustee, Maloney reported nothing new other than their next meeting scheduled for the 22nd at 7:00 PM across the street at the fire hall. He mentioned that the aerial truck project continues.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES - Motion made by Trustee, Summer to approve the March 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Maloney. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & RECEIPTS - The board reviewed vouchers and receipts for the period of March 07, 2026, through April 05, 2026. Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$124, 801.98 and receipts in the amount of \$64,800.27; seconded by Trustee, Roberts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

JUDICIARY/REGULATORY COMMITTEE – SUE WEIS, CHAIRPERSON: Police Chief Wedin presented the police department schedule last month and there are no changes. Police Chief Wedin reported a total of 47 incidents for the month.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – JEFF ROBERTS, CHAIRPERSON: President Dedman reported that he researched Wisconsin statutes, which stipulate that the village clerk issues the oath of office. Since Clerk Doriott-Kuhnly was absent due to illness, the newly elected members have until the third Tuesday of the month (April 21st) to be sworn in.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE – BILL SUMMER, CHAIRPERSON: Teresa Anderson from MSA explained that they had previously discussed the need for geotechnical work during the scoping for engineering services for the Highway 35 water project. MSA facilitated soliciting proposals from three geotechnical consultants, with one choosing not to respond. They recommended having the geotechnical consultant work directly for the village to avoid markup costs. Two proposals were received, and MSA recommended PSI based on their competitive pricing and quality proposal. Made by Trustee, Roberts to approve the PSI proposal; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. Trustee, Maloney asked about timing and coordination, and Anderson confirmed they would coordinate dates and that both proposing companies included traffic control in their bids. The geotechnical work will be conducted in the next couple of months to provide information for the plans and specifications. The (STH 35 Watermain) project is scheduled for construction in summer 2027, with the highway project delayed until summer 2028 to allow the village project to be completed first. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – TOM ARMSTRONG, CHAIRPERSON: Chairman, Armstrong explained that the village typically provides an annual donation to the Burnett County Historical Society, as the village stores documents there. With Clerk Doriott-Kuhnly absent, the exact amount from previous years was uncertain. Motion made by Trustee, Armstrong to make a donation to the Burnett County Historical Society equal to the amount donated last year; seconded by Trustee, Summer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE – TIMOTHY MALONEY, CHAIRPERSON: Librarian, Sherill Summer explained that many people have been asking whether the village is completely on board with the solar panels project. She requested something more tangible showing village support, as there are spring grants they would like to apply for. She asked for confirmation that the board supports the project and mentioned that any zoning questions had been resolved - it just needs approval by the zoning administrator. Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to allow the library board to proceed with their solar project with village approval upon review of the process; seconded by Trustee, Roberts seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion centered on creating a railroad-themed park at the former skate park location.

Trustee, Maloney expressed reservations about spending \$20,000 on the project given other village needs like street potholes, though President Dedman clarified the actual costs would likely be much lower than the previously mentioned \$20,000. Maloney read from the previous meeting minutes “The estimated costs discussed included approximately \$7,000 for the caboose transport and placement, \$5,000 from Anderson crane services, \$1,800 for steel plates, and potentially \$10,000 for a facade from Northwoods Lumber, totaling around \$17,000.”

President, Dedman reported that he had submitted a grant request to T-Mobile for up to \$48,000 and that CPKC Railroad had already sent a picture of the caboose they would donate.

Bill Summer raised concerns about the crane capacity needed for the 40-50,000 pound caboose, explaining that a 25-ton crane would be required and that local crane services might not have sufficient reach and capacity for safe placement. He suggested using Venture or Head of the Lakes crane services instead. President, Dedman said Anderson told him that he has helped place at least three cabooses. Summer questioned Anderson picking up the caboose.

The board discussed maintenance responsibilities, public access limitations, and safety considerations. Dedman mentioned that it was previously discussed there was approximately \$5,000 in playgrounds equipment funds that could be used toward the project. Trustee, Roberts expressed concerns about using playground equipment funds for this purpose. Motion made by Trustee, Summer to advance the railroad park project but no commitment to the use of village money; seconded by Trustee, Armstrong. **Motion carried unanimously.**

STREET COMMITTEE – KELSEY GUSTAFSON, CHAIRPERSON: Chairperson, Gustafson reported nothing new but acknowledged hearing about potholes throughout the village. Public Works Director, Denn stated that plans were made to fill potholes on Friday, weather permitting. The worst potholes were noted to be on the highway, and the county had been patching roads that morning.

DEVELOPMENT AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE – ED DEDMAN, CHAIRPERSON: President Dedman requested board consideration to grant authority to himself, one other trustee, and attorney Nick Vivian to negotiate a draft development agreement rather than trying to negotiate as a large group. The draft would be brought to an upcoming joint planning commission and development and annexation meeting, then ultimately to the board for approval.

Trustee, Roberts expressed concerns about proceeding without knowing infrastructure costs, questioning whether they were putting the cart before the horse. He noted that infrastructure costs could significantly impact the terms of any development agreement, whether the village gives away lots or charges for them. Roberts referenced the Smith Pines development, which cost approximately \$168,000 for sewer, water, and street infrastructure, and noted those costs have likely increased. He stated he is good with a smaller group starting the negotiations.

Teresa Anderson offered to help with cost estimates once the street and utility layout was finalized. President Dedman mentioned that Mark Krause, just tonight, had provided him a drawing showing two rows of five duplexes for senior housing with a street down the middle for the first parcel.

Trustee, Maloney questioned whether they could create a smaller TID district focused specifically on the immediate development area rather than the larger proposed district. Teresa Anderson explained the complexities of TID regulations, including the requirement that only 35% of a mixed-use TID can be newly platted residential, necessitating inclusion of other properties. She also noted the costs and limitations of creating multiple smaller districts versus one larger district.

Trustee, Armstrong emphasized the importance of cash flow analysis and noted that MSA had identified selling lots at \$20,000 each rather than giving them away, which would significantly impact the financial projections. The discussion concluded without action, as the board felt they needed more specific cost information before authorizing negotiations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Open Book: May 8, 2026 @ 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- Reorganizational Meeting: May 13, 2026 @ 5:45 P.M.
- Regular Board Meeting: May 13, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Board of Review: May 19, 2026 @ 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

President, Dedman mentioned planning a joint planning commission and development and annexation meeting for the last week of April, and that the wastewater facility plan public hearing would likely be scheduled for 5:00 PM on May 13th before the regular board meeting.

The board discussed who would take the required training to serve as the certified member for the Board of Review, with Trustee Weis volunteering for the responsibility.

ADJOURN - Motion by Trustee Summer, seconded by Trustee Roberts, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Doriott-Kuhnly
Clerk-Treasurer
April 8 2026

***These minutes are subject to approval at next month's Regular Meeting.

President, Ed Dedman

Trustee, Tom Armstrong

Trustee, Kelsey Gustafson

Trustee, Tim Maloney

Trustee, Jeff Roberts

Trustee, Bill Summer

Trustee, Sue Weis

Attest: _____
Clerk-Treasurer