

Village of Soldiers Grove – Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026

Regular Board Meeting: 6:30 PM

Board Members Present:

Shayne Chapman, Vicki Campbell, Sarah Kemp, Marla Walsh, and Harrison Heilman.

Fire Department Report – Chief Jeannette McCormick

- Have had 2 calls so far this year, both accidents. One was the fatality accident-mutual aid with Boscobel Fire, and the other was vehicle vs. Amish Buggy.
- Firefighter Cert 2 class begins tonight(January 14), class is being held at the Soldiers Grove Fire Station every Wednesday night until mid-April. 6 members signed up for the class.
- Year end appreciation party is Saturday, January 17th for the fire members and Village Board. Cocktails at 6 and dinner at 7.
- Clayton Township have missed a few years of paying the Fire Department the 2% Fire Dues, and they are also late on sending in the Fire Contract for 2026 which was due in December.
- Had the monthly meeting for Dairy Days on Monday, January 5. Have most of the event planned out, still up in the air about a softball tournament. Flyers and sponsorship letters will be getting made and handed out/posted soon.

CDC Report

- No late payments or bills

Public Works Report

- Wanting to get rid of our old maroon half ton truck, it is just sitting in the storage and in the way. Sell it and put the money into the equipment fund.
- The lawn tractor used for sidewalk snow removal had to be sent up to Tractor Central as it stopped working, it ended up being the ignition switch.
- Fabricated a curb edge for the snow blower
- Been cleaning the shop and equipment

- Christmas décor in the park has been taken down, next year should think about doing stuff other than blow ups as they do not like the cold, we had someone cut a cord to one of them this year. The snowflake pole lights will be taken down when McCormick Electric gets the time to do so, also before next season, will be replacing all the string lights in the frames with LEDs.
- Need to enforce sidewalk shoveling/plowing for the Old Oak Inn and the house next to the Lutheran Church as neither have taken care of their sidewalks since letters were sent out.
- Had to take the skid steer back up to Portland Implements to get the 14-pin wiring harness installed on it (this came with the skid steer but never was put on).
- Been having issues at Lift Stations 1 & 2, was getting a lot of extra influent flow readings, ended up spending a couple days backtracking trying to trace the issue. Figured out it was a pump issue and the breaker was tripped. Disassembled the pump and reset the breaker and have been monitoring since. Lift station 2 we need to replace the check valves.

New Business

- **Discuss and Authorize Village to open a new LOC(line of credit) at People's State Bank for 2.5 million dollars at the rate of 3.45% for 2026, 1 year note:** This is for Phase 2 of the Sewer plant project. This line of credit will cover the costs for the project until the DNR funding is closed. The DNR funding that was awarded to the Village will not be available until mid-summer due to closing, once the funding is available any monies used out of the line of credit will be paid back from the DNR funds. Delta 3 plans to start the bidding for the project in February and Village will award a bid in March, then construction is set to begin.

Motion by Heilman, second by Walsh to Authorize Village to open a new LOC (line of credit) at People's State Bank for \$2.5 million at the rate of 3.45% for 2026, interest to be collected at maturity. All present aye, motion carried. Roll Call Vote.

- **Discuss potential food truck parking in Village parking lot:** Kathy, with Desperados told the board that they have a potential buyer for the bar/restaurant, but the buyers had asked if the Village would allow them to park their food truck on Village property while it is not in use. Campbell stated she does not see an issue with it. It was asked if they would be just parking it or selling out of it by member of the public, it was discussed that the food truck being parked by the business would make more sense than having to park it somewhere else and have to drive it here to load it up when they take the truck out for business. Public Workers said that it would be better if they parked it up in the upper blacktopped lot in the corner, only issue would be if there was bad weather and a limb fell. Have the potential buyers, once/if they do buy the business, sign a waiver for any damages.

Approval of Previous Minutes

December 10, 2025 minutes

Motion: Campbell, Second: Walsh. All present aye, motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Bills

- General: \$16,489.75, Fire: \$2,033.89, Sewer: \$6,240.65, Water: \$1,371.91, and Library: \$7,770.35.

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Motion: Campbell, Second: Walsh. All present aye, motion carried.

Picnic License for Lions Club-June Dairy Days June 19-20, 2026

The Lion’s Club asked for this to be placed on the agenda now and approved so it is done and ready for when they need to start ordering the beer.

Motion by Campbell, second by Heilman to approve the picnic license for the Lion’s Club for June 19-20, 2026. All present aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kemp, Second: Walsh to adjourn at 6:51 PM. All present aye, motion carried.