

**ALLOUEZ VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.
ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL, 1900 LIBAL STREET**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Rafter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Atwood, Genrich, Harris, Hohner, Leiterman, Marsch, Rafter

Also Present: Jim March, Julie Beauchamp, Sean Gehin

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

Genrich/Harris moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. National Public Works Week, May 17th-23rd
- b. Allouezfest at Green Isle Park on June 14th from 10:00am-3:00pm
- c. Pooches and Pints Summer Kickoff at Green Isle Park on June 11th from 4pm-8pm
- d. Father Claude Allouez Council- Knights of Columbus Cribbage Tournament at St. Matthew Parish on October 29th from 5:00pm-9:00pm (recurring event)
- e. Notice of Public Hearing on June 2nd, Request for a Conditional Use Permit

J. March- Gentleman and his son from the Pawnee Indian Nation of Oklahoma stopped into Village Hall yesterday to fulfill a promise made 8 years ago. They dropped off copper bracelets made out of old scrap pipe that the village donated to them 8 years ago. On the reservation they teach students how to melt down scrap metal, do metal work, and welding. Thought it was a neat story that they fulfilled the promise and we indirectly are helping some students learn valuable skills.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Arthur Despins, 1278 Garland Street

- Has anyone contacted the YMCA about Langlade School closing or development in that area? Rafter stated the village has been in talks with the YMCA about their future and what they plan to do. They are trying to figure out what they are going to do, whether they are going to work on the current YMCA. Currently going through fundraising, large capital planning (a strategic plan) that is supposed to be finished by the end of the year.
- Everyone wants to see community products grow, feels as though the village should focus on current infrastructure and maintaining it rather than newer, bigger projects that could possibly raise tax dollars.
- Currently 8 flock cameras in Allouez, two are located in zoning of a school. Using data, cameras like these are easily hackable. Predators could be watching our kids on there.

SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RATE INCREASE

J. Beauchamp:

- Proposed 2026 sanitary sewer utility rate increase was discussed at the April 27th Finance/Personnel Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The committee recommended that the Village Board approve the increase, effective for June 2026 usage billed in July 2026.
- The proposed increase was also reported to the Public Works Committee at the May 5th meeting.

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- With little growth in the user base, utility rates need to increase to keep pace with increasing operation and maintenance (O&M) expenses and to allow for a cash reserve available for unforeseen and/or emergency costs.
- To maintain adequate cash flows, a rate increase is being proposed resulting in the following fixed and variable charges:

<u>Proposed:</u>	<u>Allouez</u>	<u>NEW Water</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed charge/month (based on ¾" meter)	\$4.40	\$10.00	\$14.40
Variable (volume) charge/1,000 gals	\$3.15	\$5.93	\$9.08
<u>Current:</u>			
Fixed charge/month (based on ¾" meter)	\$4.50	\$9.00	\$13.50
Variable (volume) charge/1,000 gals	\$2.81	\$5.65	\$8.46

Fixed Charge – monthly based on the following meter sizes:

¾" \$14.40	3" \$215.95
1" \$36.00	4" \$431.90
1 ½" \$72.00	6" \$863.80
2" \$115.20	

Discussion:

- More prudent to have small annual increases as opposed to larger increases
- Trying to keep up with the expenses, have a balance if an emergency were to take place

Genrich/Marsch moved to approve the proposed sanitary sewer utility rate increase effective for June 2026 usage billed in July 2026. Motion carried.

STORM WATER UTILITY RATE INCREASE

J. Beauchamp:

- Storm water utility charges are based on ERUs (Equivalent Residential Units). The current ERU rate is \$10.50/ month which last increased in 2024.
- At the time of the ERU rate increase, the storm water utility was operating with negative cash. While an increase greater than \$10.50 per ERU was needed to bring about a positive cash flow, the decision was made to transfer \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds into the utility to help offset the negative cash, and to increase the ERU rate to \$10.50 and increase the ERU rate again in a couple of years.
- An increase in the ERU rate from \$10.50 to \$11.50 is being proposed which results in an increase of \$1.00 per month for parcels with a single-family home.

Marsch/Hohner moved to approve the storm water utility rate increase as proposed (from \$10.50 to \$11.50). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-12, FINAL RESOLUTION TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2025 STORM LATERALS

S. Gehin:

- Final storm lateral special assessments for the following street segments came in lower than estimated in the Engineering Report and previously provided to residents.
 - o St. Francis Dr. – Langlade Rd. to S. Webster Ave.
 - o Greene Ave. -Libal St. to East River Dr.

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- Regina St. – Simonet St. to Greene Ave.
- Village Board approval of the Final Resolution to Levy Special Assessments establishes final cost to be assessed.
- Public Works Committee reviewed the storm lateral special assessments and recommended approval of the resolution at their meeting on May 5th.

Harris/Leiterman moved to approve Resolution 2026-12, Final Resolution to Levy Special Assessments for the 2025 Storm laterals. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-13, SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE & SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING SOLUTION

Leiterman/Marsch moved to approve Resolution, 2026-13, Supporting a Comprehensive & Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution. Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM ALEX CALONA FOR A NOISE VARIANCE PERMIT FOR A WEDDING LOCATED AT 526 BEAUPRE STREET ON MAY 30TH FROM 3:30PM-10:00PM

Marsch/Leiterman moved to suspend the rules. Motion carried.

Chris Hunkel, 602 Beaupre Street

- Not in favor of the noise variance request due to ongoing noise issues over the past year
- If approved, who can be contacted if there are issues?

Pamela Ott, 530 Beaupre Street

- Not in favor of the noise variance request due to ongoing noise issues over the past year
- Noise level has been unbearable, never had issues in the past, lived at her home for 22 years

Michael Ott, 530 Beaupre Street

- Logistics are not good, where will everyone park?

Harris/Leiterman moved to pick up the rules. Motion carried.

Harris/Genrich moved to approve the noise variance permit for 526 Beaupre Street.

Discussion:

- A lot of information just received the Board was not aware of
- Unsure if complaints have been received previously
- Limit to number of guests in home at one time? Restroom availability?
- Street could not support 50 cars (approximately 130 guests invited)
- Need to be made aware of ongoing noise issues in neighborhood
- Timing of application

Harris/Genrich moved to modify the motion to approve the noise variance permit for 526 Beaupre Street under the following conditions:

- **Direct staff to work with DEO Vogel to make sure we provide extra attention to that address if we are going to have enough vehicles to handle 130 people**
- **Parking handled appropriately**
- **No public safety issue with regard to that many cars in that area**
- **Make sure music is turned off at 9:30pm, and a follow up after 9:30pm to be sure the music is turned off outside of the DJ/band**

Motion carried. (Hohner voted nay)

REQUEST FOR CLASS A FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE & LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FOOD BROS 2, INC.
(Webster Avenue Market – Agent: David Novak) AT 1220 S. WEBSTER AVENUE

Genrich/Hohner moved to approve the request for Class A Fermented Malt Beverage & Liquor License for Food Bros 2, Inc. (Webster Avenue Market) at 1220 S. Webster Avenue.
Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Marsch/Leiterman moved to:

- a. Approve Village Board minutes dated 4/21/26, 5/5/26
- b. Accept and Place on File minutes from:
 - i. Public Works Committee 4/7/26
- c. Approve accounts payable dated 5/8/26
- d. Approve Picnic License for the Father Claude Allouez Council- Knights of Columbus Membership Brat Fry at Resurrection Parish on June 9th from 5:00pm-9:00pm

Motion carried.

ANNUAL RECYCLING REPORT

S. Gehin:

- The Village is required to maintain an effective Recycling Program. The program consists of the collection and hauling of recyclables from residential properties (4-units or less)

Recycling Report includes:

- Program Collection
- Recycling Cost
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Outreach and Education

Some of the notable activities completed in 2025 include:

- Collected 960 tons of recyclables & 10,538 cubic yards of yard waste in 2025
- Maintained and enforced village ordinance
- Collaborated with Brown County Solid Waste to inform and educate residents on the need to recycle

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Atwood:

- E-bikes & scooters on streets ordinance

Trustee Harris:

- Pros/cons of quarterly water billing

ADJOURNMENT

Atwood/Leiterman moved to adjourn at 7:21pm. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Carrie Zittlow, Clerk/Treasurer