

**ALLOUEZ VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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, Trevor Fuller, Sean Gehin, DEO Vogel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Rafter.

MODIFY/ADOPT AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. 2027 Budget Schedule

b. Now Hiring - School Crossing Guards

PUBLIC COMMENT

State Representative Benjamin Franklin, Assembly District 88

Provided an update on progress of the closure of GBCI:

- 2025-2027 state budget appropriated \$15 million for DOC capital-project planning and initial realignment work
- State Building Commission unanimously released the \$15 million on 10/28/25.
- DOA and DOC are using planning funds to develop preliminary plans and a design report across the realignment sites.
- GBCI's publicly reported operating budget was approximately \$40 million in the most recent cited fiscal year (about \$3.3 million per month)
- To offset the loss of GBCI (which currently holds 749 design-capacity beds), the bipartisan framework involves revamping multiple facilities across the state, resulting in a net gain of 530 prison beds statewide.
- While GBCI's closure eliminates 350 positions, the statewide restructuring creates 385 new positions (a net gain of 35 jobs). The bill also includes transition assistance and relocation support for current guards.
- Although the initial state budget aimed for a closure date of December 31, 2029, the specific 2029 deadline was removed by partial veto. The active working draft instead ties closure to 48 months after enactment/enumeration.

Michael Ott, 530 Beaupre Street

- Raised concerns about frequent street parking in his neighborhood- near driveway, mailbox, and fire hydrant.
- Concerns included blocked access, noise, limited roadway clearance, and whether emergency vehicles could safely pass.

WATER DEPARTMENT PICK-UP TRUCK PURCHASE

S. Gehin:

- Due to engine troubles, the Water Department is in need of the replacement of the 2009 valve turning and message board pickup truck

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- As a result of, next year's replacement of an operator's 2016 F-150 pickup truck is being proposed for purchase this summer.
- The retired truck will be repurposed as the valve turning/message board truck with the hope of serving in this secondary use for the next 5-yrs.
- Staff received government pricing from Ewald Automotive Group in the amount of \$48,135.50 for the purchase of a 2027 Ford F150 Pickup Truck equipped with a light bar and tool boxes.
- The purchase will be paid from the Water Utility fund balance.
- Public Works Committee recommended approval of the truck purchase at their meeting on September 1st.

Genrich/March moved to approve the purchase of the 2027 Ford F-150 Pickup truck and accessories from Ewald Automotive Group in the amount of \$48,135.50. Motion carried.

2027 STREET RECONSTRUCTION – PROPOSED ROADWAY WIDTHS, RESOLUTION 2026-20

S. Gehin:

- The topographic survey for the 2027 reconstruction project has been completed and design of the roadway projects has started.
- After reviewing the existing roadway widths, staff recommend the proposed roadway design match the existing roadway widths.
- By Code, the minimum pavement width for a local residential street is 32-feet (33-feet measured from back of curb). The roadway widths are less than that required by the Code.
- The proposed roadway widths are described below:
 - Lazarre Ave. (Riverside Dr. to DuCharme Ln.) – 30-Ft
 - W. Whitney St. (DuCharme Ln. to Webster Ave.) – 24-Ft
 - E. Whitney St. (Webster Ave. to Beaumont St.) – 30-Ft
 - Woodrow Way (E. Mission Rd. to E. Allouez Ave.) – 30-Ft
 - Jourdain Ln. (E. Mission Rd. to E. Allouez Ave.) – 29-Ft
 - Karl St. (Libal St. to East River Dr.) - 30-Ft
 - S. Van Buren St. (Derby Ln. Catherine St.) -30-Ft
- Due to the existing conditions, predominately residential land use with low speed and traffic volumes, the proposed roadway widths are found to be acceptable and adequate for the street projects.
- By resolution, the Village Code does allow for an exception to the minimum roadway width requirement.
- Public Works Committee recommended approval to the proposed roadway widths as provided in Resolution 2026-20 at their meeting on September 1st.

Leiterman/Hohner moved to approve Resolution 2026-20, proposed roadway widths for the 2027 Street Reconstruction Project. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Marsch/Leiterman moved to:

- Approve Village Board minutes dated 8/4/26, 8/18/26
- Accept and Place on File minutes from:
 - Public Works Committee dated 7/14/26
 - Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee dated 7/28/26
 - Plan Commission dated 5/19/26
- Approve accounts payable dated 8/20/26, 8/28/26

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- d. Approve Noise Variance Requests for:
 - i. Janelle Fisher at Green Isle Park from 2:00pm-2:30pm on October 4, 2026
 - ii. Alexie Teeter at Green Isle Park from 3:00pm-5:00pm on September 27, 2026
- e. Approve Special Events Permit for NAMI Brown County on October 3, 2026

Motion carried.

2026 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

- Gehin provided an update on the 2026 construction projects

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Trustee Genrich- street parking issues, following up on resident concerns raised during public comment. (Harris indicated this topic may first be reviewed by the Public Works Committee.)

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Marsch/Leiterman moved to convene into closed session pursuant to: Wis. Stat. 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. Roll call vote: Atwood – aye, Harris- aye, Hohner – aye, Leiterman – aye, Genrich – aye, Marsch – aye, Rafter – aye. Motion carried. (400 Broadview Drive)

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Leiterman/Harris moved to reconvene into open session. Motion carried. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Hohner/Harris moved to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Carrie Zittlow, Clerk/Treasurer