

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD</b>
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Monday, January 5, 2026 7:00 PM</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Germantown Village Hall Board Room N112 W17001 Mequon Road</b>

## MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 19.83 and 19.84, Wis. Stats, in such form that will apprise the general public and news media of subject matter that is intended for consideration and action.*

Village President Soderberg called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Trustee Robert Warren, Trustee Meg Cutts, Trustee David Baum, Trustee Jan Miller, Trustee Kristen Borst, Trustee Jolene Pieper, Trustee Rick Miller, Trustee Terri Kaminski, Village President Bob Soderberg

**Also Present:** Village Administrator Steve Kreklow, Village Clerk Donna Ott, Village Attorney Brian Sajdak, Fire Chief John Delain, Battalion Chief Ryker Holms

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

IV. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Village President Soderberg wished everyone a Happy New Year, congratulated Trustees Rick Miller and Borst for their time served on the Board and stated they would be missed, and spoke regarding candidacy and election deadlines, attending the Chief Elected Officials quarterly meeting in West Bend and the discussion of a countywide Fire and EMS strategy, Economic Development Commission initiatives, and items on tonight's Village Board agenda.

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST / COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Trustee Kaminski announced the upcoming Public Works & Highways Committee meeting on January 7, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

Trustee Rick Miller announced the upcoming General Government & Finance Committee meeting on January 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

Trustee Cutts announced the upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting on February 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Trustee Jan Miller announced the upcoming Economic Development Commission meeting on January 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

**VI. CITIZEN INPUT:** *(Please be advised per 19.84(2) that information and comment will be received from the public. It is the policy of this municipality that public input be limited to a four (4) minute period per person with a time extension granted at the discretion of the Chairperson. Be advised that there may be limited discussion of the information received but no action will be taken under public comments.) Comments that may be injurious to village personnel or other individuals will not be allowed.*

Doug Loman (W180N9881 Riversbend Cir W) spoke regarding reading citizen comments into the public record at meetings and qualified immunity.

Melanie Smythe (N140W17938 Cedar Ln) spoke regarding the Village budget and taxes.

Village Administrator Kreklow read the following emailed comments into the record:

- Sarah Larson submitted comments regarding reading citizen comments into the record at meetings.
- Tamara Schneider submitted comments regarding reading citizen comments into the public record at meetings.
- Bill and Carol Schneider submitted comments regarding reading citizen comments into the public record at meetings.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion:** Approve as presented

**Motioned By:** Rick Miller

**Seconded By:** Jolene Pieper

**Yes:** Robert Warren, Meg Cutts, David Baum, Jan Miller, Kristen Borst, Jolene Pieper, Rick Miller, Terri Kaminski, Bob Soderberg

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0)**

- A. Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2025 (ACTION)
- B. An Ordinance to Amend Section 9.01 of the Germantown Municipal Code Related to Offenses Against State Laws Subject to Forfeiture (ACTION)

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A contract with Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH) for design and construction inspection services related to the Fire Station #2 remodel and expansion.  
(ACTION)

**Motion:** Approve as presented  
**Motioned By:** Jolene Pieper  
**Seconded By:** Meg Cutts

**Yes:** Robert Warren, Meg Cutts, David Baum, Jan Miller, Kristen Borst, Jolene Pieper, Rick Miller, Terri Kaminski, Bob Soderberg  
**No:** None  
**Abstain:** None

**Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote (Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0)**

- B. A Resolution Disallowing the Claim of Melissa Recore (ACTION)

**Motion:** Disallow the claim  
**Motioned By:** David Baum  
**Seconded By:** Robert Warren

Trustee Pieper was not present for this vote.

**Yes:** Robert Warren, Meg Cutts, David Baum, Jan Miller, Kristen Borst, Rick Miller, Terri Kaminski, Bob Soderberg  
**No:** None  
**Abstain:** None

**Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0)**

- C. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the Muncipal Code Related to Rules and Regulations for the Governing Body (ACTION)

**Motion:** Divide the Question to Separate the Discussion Regarding Email Comments  
**Motioned By:** Jolene Pieper  
**Seconded By:** Rick Miller

**Yes:** Robert Warren, Meg Cutts, David Baum, Jan Miller, Kristen Borst, Jolene Pieper, Rick Miller, Terri Kaminski, Bob Soderberg  
**No:** None  
**Abstain:** None

**Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0)**

**Motion:** Include Emailed Citizen Comments in Meeting Minutes Instead of Reading Them Aloud

**Motioned By:** Jolene Pieper

**Seconded By:** David Baum

**Yes:** Robert Warren, David Baum, Jolene Pieper, Rick Miller, Terri Kaminski

**No:** Meg Cutts, Jan Miller, Kristen Borst, Bob Soderberg

**Abstain:** None

**Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 5, No 4, Abstained 0)**

**Motion:** Divide the Question to Separate the Discussion Regarding Virtual Meeting Attendance

**Motioned By:** Jan Miller

**Seconded By:** David Baum

**Yes:** Meg Cutts, David Baum, Jan Miller, Kristen Borst, Bob Soderberg

**No:** Robert Warren, Jolene Pieper, Rick Miller, Terri Kaminski

**Abstain:** None

**Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 5, No 4, Abstained 0)**

**Motion:** Approve Virtual Attendance Verbiage as Presented

**Motioned By:** Jan Miller

**Seconded By:** David Baum

**Yes:** Robert Warren, Meg Cutts, David Baum, Jan Miller, Rick Miller, Terri Kaminski, Bob Soderberg

**No:** Kristen Borst, Jolene Pieper

**Abstain:** None

**Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 7, No 2, Abstained 0)**

**Motion:** Approve Remaining Verbiage As Presented

**Motioned By:** Jan Miller

**Seconded By:** David Baum

**Yes:** Robert Warren, Meg Cutts, David Baum, Jan Miller, Kristen Borst, Jolene Pieper, Rick Miller, Terri Kaminski, Bob Soderberg

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0)**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Village President Soderberg adjourned the Village Board meeting at 8:56 PM.