

Village of Neshkoro Monthly Board Meeting
 Monday, August 11, 2025 | 6:30PM

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| Called to Order: | 6:30pm | Pledge of Allegiance: | Recited |
| Board Attendance: | S. Reetz | J. Good | L. Gohlke S. Falvey T. Krueger |
| Staff Attendance: | A. Krueger | M. Fowler | B. Cutrell R. Vander Grinten |
| Guest Attendance: | Brittany and James Soda, Soda Construction | | |

| Agenda Approval | | | Minutes Approval | | | Financials Approval | | |
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| Motion | Second | Y/N | Motion | Second | Y/N | Motion | Second | Y/N |
| TK | SF | 5-0 | LG | SF | 5-0 | TK | LG | 5-0 |

Note: prior to the meeting, the board toured the Sewer Plant, the Library and the Shop.

Sewer Plant: Plant operations were explained. Director Vander Grinten has been complimented by contractors on the cleanliness of the plant. Discussion about new permitting requirements of the DNR are ongoing. Director Vander Grinten suggested that we start working with Davey Engineering on a plan. A new pump is needed for the holding tank, a cement slab will need to be installed for the LP tank, and Clerk Krueger will need to check with GFL about a permanent dumpster.

Library: Librarian Fowler stated that there are now over 2500 books on the shelves. Some of the old books will be removed and either donated or sold with the profits going back into the library fund. 100 new library cards were recently ordered and there are new families coming to the library and checking out books. Patrons are using the free WI-FI at the library. Librarian Fowler has been helping some learn to use computers. Crafting and game activities will continue to be provided as there is great turnout at these events. Trustee Falvey stated that it would be a good idea to get subscriptions to the local papers for viewing at the library.

Shop: Trustees complimented Director Vander Grinten on the cleanliness and organization of the shop. The back garage was also toured.

President Shawn Reetz started the meeting.
 Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons wanting an audience with the Board: Brittany and James Soda of Soda Construction

Soda Construction is requesting an amendment to the June and July meeting minutes. Documentation was presented for the board to review. Board stated that they were not in the position to decide on the amendment until further review. Issue will be addressed at the next board meeting on Monday, September 8.

President Reetz asked Brittany Soda to change the administrator of the Village of Neshkoro Facebook page from herself to Clerk Krueger. A code will need to be sent from Facebook to Clerk Krueger for her to become the administrator. As the current administrator, Brittany will need to initiate the code and stated she has the instructions for this process at home. Clerk

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Krueger asked for an ETA to receive the code and Brittany stated that she would work on this when she gets home from the meeting tonight.

Committee Reports:

Library Committee: Presented by Library Board President Sarah Falvey

Library meeting was held on July 16. No bills needed approval, and the bank statement and bylaws were distributed. The committee will be working with the area schools to feature an artist of the month at the library. Trustee Falvey noted that utilities and payroll are not being taken out of the library account, and this will need to be addressed when planning the 2026 budget.

Law Enforcement Committee: Deferred to Police Chief Cutrell's employee report.

Roads Committee: Presented by Committee Head Tom Krueger

Trustee Krueger stated that the recent road work has been completed. Trustee Falvey stated that the gravel on E Pearl needs to be looked at. Trustee Krueger stated that Director Vander Grinten can smooth that area out. President Reetz stated that the final bill from Northeast Asphalt has been received. Trustee Krueger suggested that we look at getting bids for road shoulder repair on South Street for planning in the next budget.

Parks Committee: Committee Head Larry Gohlke

Trustee Gohlke stated that he recently attended a family reunion at Stan-O-Gene and the upgrades to the shelter are nice. Trustee Gohlke has asked that Soda Construction build an island, possibly on wheels, to use in the kitchen. He will pay for the island and donate it to the park.

Enhancement Committee:

The signs are up in Veteran's Park and they look great. Discussions are being held to build a small covering that will be built to place over the signs to protect them from the elements along with some solar lighting. Clerk Krueger was told that they will need another coat of sealer at some point. The First Train mural is being updated. Clerk Krueger will be requesting additional help with the painting when a day can be planned weather permitting. The large sign above the first train mural needs to be taken down and possibly a new sign needs to be painted. Clerk Krueger stated that Wautoma Rental has large scissor lifts with stabilizers that may work for this project. The cost of the scissor lift is \$275 daily and \$775 weekly. The lift can also be used to install Hometown Hero banners and to paint the higher areas on the mural. Director Vander Grinten will go to Wautoma rental to see the equipment and find what will work best. Librarian Fowler stated that her husband has installed signs for years and he can help take these signs down. Sue Allen called Clerk Krueger to discuss an additional \$1000 her committee has available for the update of the Reetz Meats mural. Clerk Krueger stated she will look at the building and suggest next steps.

Neshkoro Area Fire Protection District (NAFPD): Presented by Tom Krueger

Chief Krueger reported that 2 trucks are receiving DOT inspections, and pump testing. A new entry level Firefighter class is being held at the station starting September 11. With donations

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from Brakebush and Drexel, the department was able to purchase an automatic CPR machine. The machine is used for chest compressions which will greatly help the first responders. The final figures for the Independence Day celebration show the department cleared \$7,700 in profit. Next year's event will be held on Saturday, July 4. This date was picked by the members due to the availability of the band, Cherry Pie. Chief Krueger is still working on the fireworks, as the company they have used for several years is booked on July 4. More to follow.

Sewer Committee: Deferred to Director Vander Grinten's employee report.

Property Concerns:

Complaints: The slaughterhouse is in bad shape with many holes in the building. A letter was sent in May to address this issue, but no repairs have been made. Chief Cuttrell stated that the owner last told him on August 7 that his goal was to have this repaired within 90 days. Board agreed that if it has not improved in 90 days, a citation will be issued. The Community Center has garbage bins that have not been put away, weeds on the property and lawn issues. A citation was sent to the building owner and was received back return to sender. President Reetz will address with the Community Center Manager.

Compliments: The Dead River Saloon has been a great addition to the community. Trustee Gohlke suggested a letter be sent to compliment their success. The Lee Sauer and Kay Koats properties always look nice, and they should receive letters as well.

Community Improvements: Presented by President Shawn Reetz
The Baus property looks much better. The fine will be dismissed.

Employee Reports:

Police Chief Brendan Cuttrell: Monthly report provided

The Independence Day celebration at the Firehouse was busy but went well. Chief Cuttrell stated there was a disturbance in the early hours on July 5 that is still being investigated. A stolen motorcycle was confiscated after a traffic stop. Through networking, Chief Cuttrell was able to get a used Tazer 7 donated by the Fall River and Rio police departments. Clerk Krueger will send both departments thank you cards for their generosity. Officer Winter-Procknow attended the Cops at Culvers event in Wautoma. This event provides gift cards to officers to hand out to individuals in need and is a good way to help the community. A new stalker radar was purchased and will be delivered in September. This radar has both front and rear readings. The log for the roadside radar provided by the county was reviewed. The updated ordinances resulted in two \$691 citations for operating without a license. Chief Cuttrell would like to discuss remodeling the hall at budget time, providing an office for the Chief of Police and a records retention room. Clerk Krueger is working on possible grants for the expansion with Lexipol.

Library Director Mary Fowler:

Librarian Fowler will be starting required classes in September and another in the spring. There is no longer funding provided for this through the county so the village will pay for the classes.

Public Works & Sewer Director Bob Vander Grinten:

The large tree at the point will need to be taken down before it damages the pavilion. The concrete for the bench will be poured soon. Director Vander Grinten has not been able to

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contact Willow Creek Landscaping. Trustees Falvey and Krueger provided phone numbers. The ditches on Pearl Street will be hard to mow because they are much deeper since the road construction. Sealcoating for E Berlin St will need to be considered at budget time. As mentioned on the tour of the sewer plant, a new pump for the blue tank is needed and a concrete slab needs to be poured for the LP tank.

Clerk/Treasurer Anna Krueger:

Clerk Krueger will continue to look for someone to audit the books. The general account for 2025 has been balanced, but there is much more work needed to get all the past transactions in each account reconciled. Several checks written out of the sewer account were not entered in quick books. Clerk Krueger had her first meeting with Lexipol and discussed grants for a new tractor and hall remodeling. Ryan Burns with Baer Insurance met with Clerk Krueger and suggested that he attend a future board meeting to discuss their plans and products. Clerk Krueger will see if a meeting in October or November is possible.

Old Business: A Resolution approving borrowing up to \$167,000.00 from Bank First, N.A. for a five-year term and levying irrevocable tax to repay this obligation and authorize Village President and Village Clerk/Treasurer to sign any and all necessary loan documents made by Trustee Gohlke seconded by Trustee Krueger approved 5-0.

Motion made by Trustee Krueger and approved by Trustee Good to approve W. Wall Street closure for Murph's Street Dance on 9/6/25 with amended times. New times are 11:00am to 12:00am. Approved 5-0

New Business: A motion to approve operator licenses for Ralls, Basse, Kimball, Voss, Florez, Jecevicus, Haka, Smith and Abitz made by Trustee Good seconded by Trustee Gohlke. Approved 5-0

Motion to approve building permit for Mitch Crivello made by Trustee Gohlke approved by Trustee Good. Approved 5-0

Discussion of Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan – not approved until we receive more information.

Motion to update ordinance adding the City of Adams to the Joint Municipal Court made by Trustee Good seconded by Trustee Falvey. Approved 5-0

Trustee Falvey mentioned the upcoming League of Wisconsin Municipalities Fall Conference September 17-19. She thought it would be beneficial to attend. She will check on the registration fees and presentations offered.

Public Comment: A request made by C. Puccia to review web hosting costs for the Village of Neshkoro Website. V. Puccia may have another service that is more cost effective. Clerk Krueger will obtain that information for consideration.

Closed Session: Roll call vote to go into closed session to discuss policy: **SR - yes, TK - yes, JG - yes, SF - yes, LG - yes**

Roll call vote to exit closed session to discuss policy: **SR - yes, TK - yes, JG - yes, SF - yes, LG - yes**

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Motion made by Trustee Gohlke to send letters to employees regarding pension and life insurance payments. Seconded by Trustee Falvey. Approved 5-0

Next Meeting date: Monday, September 8, 2025 – 6:30 pm

| | Time | Motion | Second | Y/N | Notes: |
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| Adjournment: | 9:20 pm | LG | JG | 5-0 | |

Respectfully Submitted:

Anna Krueger (Clerk/Treasurer)

Anna Krueger

08/12/2025

Name (print)

Signature

Date