

Village of Neshkoro Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2025 | 6:30PM

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:		
	AA Sabel Law/Andy Baus, Willow Creek Farm	
	Dana Sears on behalf of Murph's Bar and Theresa Sculley	

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

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

Persons wanting an audience with the Board: AA Sabel Law/Andy Baus, William Bonne, Dana Sears on behalf of Murph's Bar and Theresa Sculley, and Willow Creek Farm

AA Sabel Law/Andy Baus- Andy Baus received a citation dated 5/27/25 for a violation of ordinance 396-21 Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses. His lawyer produced photos of lawn which was mowed the day Andy received the citation in the mail. Andy stated that the areas where he has planted wildflowers and shrubs have some long grass, but the overall lawn was mowed. President Reetz stated that there have been several violations on Mr. Baus' property. Trustee Falvey stated these ordinances are in place to keep the Village looking nice. President Reetz asked Mr. Baus how long it will take him to clean up his properties. A motion to give Mr. Baus until July 21, 2025 to clean up his properties for dismissal of the citation by Trustee Gohlke, seconded by Trustee Falvey approved 5/0. **William Bonne** – William's operator license was denied by Chief Cottrell because his application was not filled out correctly. The back page did not list an OWI on his record. Mr. Bonne stated that the previous clerk filled out the form for him and just asked him to sign and pay \$15 for a provisional license. He was not aware of the back side of the form. At the last board meeting, Mr. Bonne's license was approved, and clerk Krueger later found that none of the applications were given to Chief Cottrell for review. Chief Cottrell has since reviewed all applications for operator licenses. Chief Cottrell agreed to allow Mr. Bonne to correct his previously submitted application to comply with the statute and approved his license. **Dana Sears on behalf of Murph's Bar and Theresa Sculley** – Ms. Sears requested an update on the permit for Murph's Bar to close a section of W. Wall Street for a street dance on September 6, 2025. Ms. Sears stated the previous clerk had told her that it was taken care of. Because the application cannot be found, clerk Krueger will prepare another application and will call Ms. Sears to come in and complete. Theresa Sculley's operator license was denied due to 2 OWI convictions within 5 years. Ms. Sculley's license was also approved at the last board meeting and later it was found that the application was not reviewed by Chief Cottrell. Because Ms. Sculley is in violation of the Wisconsin Statutes due to her convictions, her license has been revoked. Ms. Sculley can re-apply when she has met the requirements of the said statutes. **Willow Creek Farm** – A proposal was presented to add mulch to the gardens in the Veteran's Memorial Park. Two different types of wood chips from Yoder's sawmill were

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provided. The amount needed to mulch the park gardens, and side area near the Neshkoro garage is 26 yards at a cost of \$260.00. The chips will need to be picked up at the sawmill by the village. Motion to pick up the chips for Willow Creek to spread in the Veteran's Memorial Park made by Trustee Gohlke, seconded by Trustee Krueger approved 5/0.

Committee Reports:

Library Committee: Presented by Library Board President Sarah Falvey

The library bank account has been changed over to a business account. There is \$3,000 in the account. Approval to pay Winnefox invoices for recent purchase of children's books. Friends of the Library purchased \$507.00 best seller books.

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

Roads Committee: Presented by Committee Head Tom Krueger

Trustee Krueger stated that work on E. Pearl, Morris and Park Streets is in process. The streets have been black topped, and shoulders are being worked on. President Reetz signed the contract modification for additional work on E Park St. and Clerk Krueger emailed to Northeast Asphalt.

Parks Committee: Committee Head Larry Gohlke

Progress at the Stan-O-Gene pavilion is at a standstill. President Reetz has tried several times to contact Soda Construction for an update with no response. Several organizations in the community donated funds for the improvements, and they are questioning the lack of progress at the park. Trustees agreed that a certified letter must be sent requesting that there needs to be "significant progress" made on the project by July 18,2025, and a copy of all invoices for purchased materials will need to be supplied to the village. Chief Cottrell suggested that all correspondence moving forward should be in writing regarding said project. The Parks Committee will hold an emergency meeting on July 21, 2025 at 5:30 at Stan-O-Gene and requested Soda Construction be in attendance. Clerk Krueger will draft a letter for President Reetz to approve.

Compliments: Trustee Krueger stated that Hartwig Excavating has been in business for 50 years and requested a congratulatory letter be sent by the village to recognize their success. Elizabeth McGhee recently purchased the property at 300 W Park Street and has done a nice job cleaning up the gardens. A letter will be sent complimenting her on the yard appearance.

Complaints: Randy Foss stated that the trailer next to his property at 101 N Montello Street has trash in the yard and needs to be cleaned up. Chief Cottrell stated he is aware of the issue and is working on it.

Enhancement Committee:

Chris Berg with the VFW has requested the new signs for the Veteran's Memorial Park be installed in an area that is more visible to the public. The board agreed that the sign location can be moved. Director of Public works Vander Grinten will take down the current signs and

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will help with the installation of the new signs when completed. The summer Choir concert will be on July 13 at 3pm with pie and ice cream to follow.

Neshkoro Area Fire Protection District (NAFPD): Presented by Tom Krueger
Next Fire District Meeting July 17, 2025. Chief Krueger stated the Fourth of July celebration was a success. He stated that the company that shoots the fireworks is not comfortable shooting in the same area they have been using in the past and would like to find a new location for next year. Chief Krueger stated they will be looking at other possibilities in the village. Trustee Gohlke offered to show Chief Krueger some property that may work. The fire department are going to be considering switching the band for next year to save money. More to follow.

Sewer Committee: Deferred to Director Vander Grinten's employee report.
Director Vander Grinten stated everything going well with the sewer.

Park Renovation Committee: Presented by Village President Shawn Reetz
See update under Parks Committee.

Community Improvements: Presented by President Shawn Reetz
None at this time

Employee Reports:

Police Chief Brendan Cuttrell: Monthly report provided

Citations for Lawn and Dog registration violations are in progress. Chief Cuttrell put up signs for the Fourth of July celebration. Officer Procknow completed a course on Crypto Currency. Lawn maintenance has been good except the vacant property on Park Street. President Reetz stated that he is having trouble locating a realtor for this property to contact for clean-up. Chief Cottrell received the new badges he ordered, and he passed around his badge to the board.

Library Director Mary Fowler: see Library Committee Report

The frame for the artwork will need to be installed with the new painting. Her friend that created the frame passed away and she will need to find some help installing this. The library raised \$625.45 at the recent Brat Fry. Mary will be hosting the upcoming Directors meeting.

Public Works & Sewer Director Bob Vander Grinten:

Director Vander Grinten said everything is going well with the sewer.
Roads – sidewalk on the big bridge is buckled. The DOT is working with a bridge crew and a highway crew for repairs. The concrete will be removed, and new concrete will be poured as a temporary fix, with a more permanent fix when the highway repair is done. After the Fourth of July celebration the point needed extensive clean up. Director Vander Grinten provided cost of materials to repair the wood deck at the River's Edge Park. After discussion, it was suggested that Trustee Good look at the deck before any repair work is started. The pressure washer owned by the village is no longer working. A motion was made to purchase a new pressure washer for \$400 maximum by Trustee Krueger and seconded by Trustee Gohlke. 5/0 approved. The 3-point lift arm on the tractor used for ditch mowing has broken for a third time and the arm on the bucket has a broken pin. The tractor also has electrical problems and doesn't start dependably. Director Vander Grinten suggested that it may be time for a new tractor, because the current tractor is not capable of handling the tasks in the village. Clerk Krueger stated that she has her first conference call with the grant writing service, Lexipol, on July 16, and she will talk with them about available grants for village equipment.

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Clerk/Treasurer Anna Krueger:

Sewer bills were sent out on July 1st. With the approval of President Reetz, the due date was changed to the end of the month to allow for any issues with the mail. Clerk Krueger submitted documentation for the State and Local Recovery Funds to the Department of Revenue on 6/24/25 before the portal at the Department of Treasury closed on June 25, 2025. No other documentation was listed for the village since 2021. Because the village did not submit this documentation by the due date of April 30, 2025, the village was in jeopardy of having to pay back the funds we received in 2021. The Employee Trust Fund past due payments for March, April and May are now up to date. Spectrum internet has been installed, and we are waiting on the phone installation for the command central unit per our signed contract with Spectrum. Clerk Krueger will be contacting the accountant to conduct an audit as soon as possible. The checking accounts and the quick books accounts will need to be balanced for this audit.

Old Business: Trustee Falvey found meeting minutes that mentioned Baycom and Quick Technologies supplied quotes for security cameras. Clerk Krueger will try to find these quotes. Trustee Falvey asked Director Vader Grinten to look at the garland for the Christmas decorations for any that need replacement.

New Business: Motion to approve Chicken License for Tina Michel made by Trustee Gohlke seconded by Trustee Good 5/0 approved. Motion made to approve operator licenses for Nicole Basse and Melissa Kimball made by Trustee Good and seconded by Trustee Falvey 5/0 approved. President Reetz stated that a recent employee meeting went well. The village will update employee policies and develop a sexual harassment policy as well.

Public Comment: None to report

Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 5:30pm at the Sewer Plant.

Adjournment:	Time	Motion	Second	Y/N	Notes:
	9:05pm	LG	JG	5-0	

Respectfully Submitted:

Anna Krueger (Clerk/Treasurer)

Anna Krueger

7/8/2025

Name (print)

Signature

Date