

The Kewaskum Village Board, Washington County, Wisconsin met in regular session at the Municipal Building, 204 First Street.

Board Members Present: Martin, Weninger, Wright, Hovland, Muckerheide and Knoebel

Excused Absent: Schlitt

Staff Members Present: Gitter, Butz, Bishop, Aupperle, Carter, Warnkey, Frey, Propson and Theisen

Martin called the meeting of the Village Board to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by roll call and a reading of the Affidavit of Posting for the meeting. A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance were observed.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Hovland to approve the January 5, 2026 meeting minutes, electronic vote, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS – None

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Gitter reported on hiring of cleaner.

Assistant Administrator/Clerk – Butz reported on Chamber dinner

Treasurer – Carter provided the Cash on Hand and Investment, December 2025 and reported that 57% of property taxes were collected in December.

Fire Chief – Warnkey provided the December 2025 report and 2025 Yearly report.

Police Chief – December 2025 report was provided.

Director of Public Works – Aupperle reported on snow/salt operations, Christmas tree collection, two water main breaks and new pick-up truck and UTV.

Library Director – Frey reported on Library Foundation fundraising and noted that our library was the only one in the county to experience increased circulation in 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee – Hovland reported that the Administrative Committee met earlier this evening and recommend approval of the following:

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Knoebel to approve December Accounts Payable, electronic vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Weninger to approve December Payroll, electronic vote, motion carried unanimously.

Protection & Public Safety – No report

Public Works and Public Services – Wright reported that the Public Works & Public Services Committee met earlier this evening and recommend approval of the following:

Propson presented an update on Kewaskum Wastewater TMDL; no action taken.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Weninger, to approve TMDL Compliance Alternatives Contract, electronic vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Weninger to approve Knights Ave Lift Station Bid Award with alternative bid items to Sabel Mechanical LLC, electronic vote, motion carried unanimously.

Gitter presented on DPW Facilities Capital Improvement Plan; no action taken.

Plan Commission – No report

Park & Recreation – No report

Library Board - No report

Mid-Moraine – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Wright, seconded by Muckerheide to approve Resolution 2026-02 County EMS Feasibility, electronic vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Wright to approve US EPS Brownfields Memo of Agreement (MOA), electronic vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Knoebel to approve Library Board appointment of Archie Graham, electronic vote, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Motion by Martin, seconded by Wright to convene into Closed Session at 7:32 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats., specifically to be discussed is TID #3 Developer Agreement, TID #6 and Attorney Contract, motion carried by roll call vote: Martin – aye, Weninger – aye, Muckerheide – aye, Wright -aye, Hovland – aye and Knoebel – aye (6-0).

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Hovland to reconvene into Open Session at 7:43 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85(2) Wis. Stats., voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to terminate contract with Dempsey Law Office and contract with Prust Legal, LLC for legal services, voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tammy Butz
Assistant Administrator/Clerk

Approved: February 2, 2026