

WESTFIELD VILLAGE BOARD
WESTFIELD, WISCONSIN MARQUETTE COUNTY
January 14th, 2026

Pursuant to notice duly given in the manner established by the Westfield Village Board and in compliance with Sub-chapter V of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a lawfully held regular meeting of the Westfield Village Board, Westfield, Wisconsin was called to order by **President Nancy Nelson** at **6:00 p.m.** on **January 14th, 2026** the time and place established by the Village Board or in accordance with law.

Stand for Pledge of Allegiance

The Clerk called the roll, and the following members answered roll call:

President...Nancy Nelson
Trustee Tammy Stowers-Tonn
Trustee William Laughlin
Trustee Mark Borud
Trustee Kathy Phillis
Trustee Scott Johnston
Trustee Veronica VanDerhyden

A quorum of the Village Board was declared present. Also present, Clerk Linda Quinn, Police Chief John Bitsky, PW Director Joel Spoehr, Fire Chief Jason Stauffacher, Librarian Stephanie Addison, and Matt Yentz, Strand Engineering.

Johnston, second by Borud, made a motion to approve the agenda. MC
Phillis, second by Vanderhyden, made a motion to approve the board minutes of December 10th, 2025. MC

CITIZEN INTRODUCTIONS, INQUIRIES, AND CONCERNS:

1. Matt Yentz of Strand Engineering provided a brief update on the Lift Station No. 1 / Screen Placement Project at the sewer utility plant. He reported that approximately 30% of the design has been completed and that he will attend the March 2026 board meeting to provide a further update.

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Finance, Development, Health & Welfare)

1. Finance / Clerk-Treasurer – ***Vanderhyden, second by Stowers-Tonn, made a motion to approve the finance report and monthly vouchers submitted for payment. MC***
2. Tax Bills / Tax Collection underway.
3. February Primary Election is not required. (2026 Elections to be held on April 7th, August 11th, and November 3rd)
4. Account Balances:

Nat. Exch. Payroll	\$64,090.74
Nat. Exch. General Fund	\$472,739.64
Nat. Exch. Sewer Fund	\$ 3,967.57
	\$476,707.21
<u>Nat. Exch. Library MM</u>	<u>\$ 37,146.04</u>
Nat. Exch. Fire Dept:	
Checking Acc	\$ 47,806.77
Savings Acc	\$ 6,198.78
Spec Need	\$ 1,261.68
Fire CD's	\$ 69,065.66

State of WI. (Local Government Investment Pool - Reserve Accounts)

****Reserve Acc's consist of annual budgeted funds designated for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, and street-sewer-park projects.***

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| 1. *Park | \$17,544.01 |
| 2. Comm. Bldg. | \$10,639.84 |
| 3. General Fund | \$401,003.51 |
| 4. *Fire Dept. | \$252,126.13 |
| 6. Library | \$118,294.41 |
| 7. *Sewer Equip. | \$17,010.67 |
| 8. *Sewer Savings | \$431,929.12 |
| 9. *St. Machinery | \$34,409.83 |
| 10. *Street | \$28,568.74 |
| 11. *Police | \$40,630.67 |
| 12. *Cemetery / Park | \$6,533.20 |
| 13. *Splash Pad Reserve | \$3,176.92 |
| 14. Ethel Everhard Divid/Trust | \$233,778.77 |
| 15. Ethel Everhard Furnishing | \$27,614.82 |
| 17. Fire Due's 2% | \$32,689.79 |
| <u>Total Monthly Disbursements:</u> | <u>\$725,850.10</u> |

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Public Safety, Public Works, Sanitation, Park & Recreation)

1. Public Safety (Fire Chief):
 - a. 2025 Annual report submitted by Chief Stauffacher
 - b. Town of Springfield: Slight increase in total calls (+3), with new categories like Utility Pole and Gas Leak showing up in 2025, but Wildland Fires and Missing Person calls decreased.
 - c. Mutual Aid: Decrease in mutual aid calls by 5, with fewer wildland and structure fires, one MVA call added.
 - d. Town of Westfield: Decrease in total calls by 5, with a notable drop in EMS Assist and MVA calls, an increase in Wildland Fires and new incident types like Ice Rescue and Missing Person.
 - e. Village of Westfield: Calls remained mostly stable with a slight decrease of 1. Fire Alarm calls dropped significantly, while Gas calls increased.

(Fire Department Continued):

- f. I-39: Decrease in total calls by five, due to fewer MVA and EMS Assist calls; structure fire occurred in 2025 as well.
 - g. PW Department sealed some areas around furnace vent pipes to help cut down on heating costs.
 - h. 2025 Summary: Eighty-Two (82) – with total calls decreasing by thirteen (13) or (13.7%) in 2025 compared to 2024. Most notable decreases were in Mutual Aid, I-39, and Town of Westfield. Town of Springfield saw a slight increase in calls. Some new incidents appeared in 2025 (Utility Pole, Ice Rescue). **Full report posted on village website (under minutes)*
 - i. Chief Stauffacher expressed concern regarding the Industrial Park High Capacity Well used for fire protection and the availability for contractor use for 2026 I-39 construction.
2. Police Chief:
 - a. Monthly report / work schedule submitted by Chief Bitsky.
 - b. Officer Mayer participated in Shop with a Cop.
 - c. Working on Junk Clean Up – Park & 2nd Street properties.
 - d. Report from Marquette County – Underage (serve) citations for Thirsty Beaver and BP Station.
 - e. Grant for Drug Drop Box (the village currently has one) but will upgrade for uniformity with the county.
 - f. Upcoming police training in February.
 - g. Miles patrolled 886, Uniform Citations 21, Warnings 51, Ambulance Calls 4, Accidents - 0, Calls for Service 40, Arrests 1.
 3. Municipal Court: None
 4. Public Works:
 - a. Monthly report submitted by Director Spoehr.
 - b. New controller ordered for Dodge Salter \$1,400.00, 2-4 weeks out.
 - c. Updated lighting in PW Shop.
 - d. Burned brush pile.
 - e. Hauled concrete screening from 2nd St. for brush pile.
 - f. Working on new signs for Brush Drop Site (separate brush from grass).
 - g. Building Inspections for all public buildings to be completed.
 - h. Quote to install in-line water filter at community building, \$530.00.
 - i. Sewer line between Market and Center Street televised. The line needs attention but not as bad as 2nd St.
 - j. Changed all emergency backup batteries at the fire station, along with one emergency light.
 - k. Trimming trees off roadway.
 5. Sanitation:
 - a. 2025 Annual Sanitation Report submitted by WWTF Operator Daye: **Full report posted on village website (under minutes)*
 6. Parks: President Nelson and PW Director Spoehr met with Lori Killian (pickleball court progress update) – currently have a shortfall on funding in the amount of \$19,000.00, PW working to deter vandalism at the site, and Ms. Killian is looking for volunteers for fund raising.

LIBRARY: Monthly report and (event calendar) submitted by Library Director Stephanie Addison. Thank you to PW for keeping the library entrance clear of ice and snow! ** Minutes on file at the Library and Library Website.*

PRESIDENT:

1. Potential interest (housing development) in the Baranski property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. License / Permits: ***Laughlin, second by Borud, made a motion to approve an Operator License for Joseph Sanchez, BP Westfield. MC***
2. ***Borud, second by Phillis, made a motion to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. MC***

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN }
County of Marquette } §
Village of Westfield }

I, Linda Quinn, Clerk/Treasurer in and for the Village of Westfield, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the Westfield Village Board at their regular meeting held on **January 14th 2026** and held by me as such officer.

Linda Quinn
Clerk/Treasurer