

**VILLAGE OF HARTLAND
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 * 6:30 PM
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVE.**

President Pfannerstill called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: President Pfannerstill, Trustees de Boer, Truttschel, Pfeiffer, Wallschlager, Conner (via Zoom and in person at 7:22 pm), Hallquist

Others Present: Village Manager Bailey, Deputy Police Chief DeBarge, Fire Chief Jambretz, Assistant Fire Chief Kajil Sharp, DPW Director Jenson, Sam Blonien Recreation Manager, Clerk Policello

Public Comment: None

1. Legislative update by State Representative Barbara Dittrich

State Representative Barbara Dittrich provided a legislative update to the Village Board. She highlighted several key accomplishments from the current legislative session including the passing of a biennial budget on time despite divided government. Rep. Dittrich emphasized her work with former Representative Cindy Duchow and Senator Bradley to prioritize a study of I-94 by the Department of Transportation, noting the disproportionate number of crashes and deaths from the Waukesha County line to the Jefferson County line.

Rep. Dittrich discussed the state's budget surplus and ongoing debates about how to return it to taxpayers, stating her preference for using the lottery tax credit method rather than other approaches that might benefit non-Wisconsin residents. She also mentioned several legislative initiatives including no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, and a potential state-level Trump account to help younger generations save for housing.

Additional topics covered included cell phone restrictions in schools to improve academic achievement and mental health, expansion of recovery high schools statewide to address substance use issues, and new technology for police to test for drugs through saliva tests. She also mentioned that a bill addressing wakeboard issues on lakes was recently referred to committee, and that she had met with Arrowhead and feeder schools regarding potential school consolidation legislation.

The Representative noted she has been working with municipal clerks, including Hartland's clerk Sandee Policello, to get feedback on election bills. She closed by taking questions from Board members.

2. Consideration of approval of Minutes for January 26, 2026

Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee Hallquist, to approve the minutes for January 26, 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Items related to vouchers

a. Consideration of vouchers for payment in the amount of \$8,559,025.56

Trustee Wallschlager clarified for the public that of the total vouchers amount, \$7,990,459 was being paid to schools, representing tax money that came in and was going out to where it belongs.

Motion by Trustee Wallschlager, seconded by Trustee Truttschel, to approve the vouchers for payment in the amount of \$8,559,025.56. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Actions related to Licenses and Permits

a. Discussion and consideration of Special Event Applications

i. Hartland Farmer's Market, Sundays June 1 – October 31, 2026

The Board noted they had previously discussed the Farmer's Market at the last meeting but it had not been on the agenda for formal approval.

Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee deBoer, to approve the Hartland Farmer's Market for Sundays, June 1 through October 31, 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ii. Bark River Bash, Kiwanis of Greater Hartland – May 2, 2026

Jim Muenzenberger presented the request for the 6th annual Bark River Bash. He explained the event would include a canoe/kayak race from Centennial Park to Nixon Park, a Duck Derby, inflatables, music in the band shelter, and potentially a beer garden operated by Beer Snobs. The Fine Arts Center and Shelter 4 were being requested, and the event would include vendors and a craft fair.

There was discussion about solicitor's permits and food vendor requirements. The Board and staff clarified that the food vendors would still need to come through the clerk's office to show their restaurant license and proof of insurance, but other vendors participating in the special event would not need individual solicitor's permits. Mr. Muenzenberger confirmed that Kiwanis charges vendors \$25 per booth and proceeds from the event would be donated to the library.

Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee Truttschel, to approve the Bark River Bash on May 2, 2026 with the park rental fees waived. **Motion carried unanimously.**

iii. Baby Goat Yoga, Wisconsin Athletic Club – May 31, 2026

Katie from the Wisconsin Athletic Club presented the request to hold baby goat yoga at Nixon Park for the third time. She explained the event would be approximately three hours total, including setup and takedown of a small fence to contain the baby goats, with the actual event lasting about 45 minutes to an hour.

The Board confirmed that the fence stakes were small and would not require Diggers Hotline to be contacted.

Motion by Trustee Truttschel, seconded by Trustee Hallquist, to approve the Baby Goat Yoga event on May 31, 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.**

iv. Street Dance, Hartland Chamber of Commerce – August 22, 2026

Elise Miller from the Hartland Chamber of Commerce presented the Street Dance request for August 22, 2026. She explained it would be similar to last year with the addition of vendors on the west side of the street and in the vacant parking lot by the old gas station.

Discussion focused on whether local businesses serving as food vendors would need permits. It was stated that they would not need mobile food permits, as they are Hartland restaurants that hold restaurant licenses and insurance and they are setting up tables and will not have food trucks or trailers. Ms. Miller confirmed she had received written approval from US Bank to place porta-potties on their property.

Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee Truttschel, to approve the Street Dance by the Hartland Chamber of Commerce for August 22, 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.**

v. Summer Market Series, Hartland Chamber of Commerce – Sundays June 14, July 12, September 13, 2026

Elise Miller presented a new event called the Summer Market Series to be held at Nixon Park. She requested to change the September date from the 13th to the 20th to avoid conflicting with Fall Fest.

The event would run from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM with setup beginning at 9:30 AM. The Park Board had approved the use of 20 spaces in the lower parking lot for vendors. Ms. Miller explained that Chamber members would have priority in selecting spaces, and vendors could pay for individual events or get a discount for participating in all four events (including the Street Dance).

Discussion focused on logistics, with DPW Director Tom Jenson explaining that vendors would need to use part of the grass area while keeping the roadway clear for emergency vehicle access. Ms. Miller confirmed the Beer Snobs beer garden would be operating during the events.

Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee deBoer, to approve the Summer Market Series for the Hartland Chamber of Commerce on Sundays, June 14, July 12, and September 20, 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Consideration of Second Reading, with possible waiving of Third Reading, of Bill for an Ordinance No. 01/20/2026 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 30 of the Village of Hartland Municipal Code Pertaining to Court"

Deputy Chief Brian De Barge explained that between the first and second readings, the City of Oconomowoc noticed a misspelled word, which led to some small semantic changes by their attorneys. Chief Misko requested that the Board not waive the third reading to allow time for any additional minor changes that might be needed in the next couple of weeks.

This completed the second reading.

6. Discussion and consideration to award the Village's Cross Connection Control Plan to Hydro Corp. Inc.

DPW Director Tom Jenson explained that the Village's cross connection control plan covers commercial accounts, with inspection frequency based on the risk rating of each building. The current contract with Hydro Corp Inc. is up for renewal. The new cost would be \$172 per inspection, up from \$161 in the previous contract, for a total of \$28,274.41 for 2026-2027. Mr. Jenson noted that the Village has used Hydro Corp for many years without problems and that there are approximately 82 properties per year that require inspection, with potential reinspections if issues are found.

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Hallquist, to approve the Village Cross Connection Control Plan to Hydro Corp Inc. in the amount of \$28,274.41 for 2026-2027. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Review of conceptual plans for Haight Drive

Village Manager Ryan Bailey presented conceptual plans to transform Haight Drive into an outdoor dining and public space area. The plan would close part of Haight Avenue, creating

a pedestrian-friendly area with outdoor dining for adjacent restaurants (The Inn and Beer Snobs) plus a public section with fire pits.

Mr. Bailey explained that while the Village had not yet secured formal agreements with the two property owners, the concept would allow each business to expand their outdoor dining while creating a public gathering space. The project would be funded from the Village budget at \$250,000, with \$50,000 potentially coming from Wisconsin Economic Development vibrant spaces grant.

Trustee Wallschlager expressed concerns about the Village paying for improvements that would primarily benefit private businesses. Mr. Bailey explained that the property owners would be responsible for maintaining the areas, including the public space, and that the Village would reserve the right to use the public areas for events like the annual Christmas tree lighting.

Several trustees expressed support for the concept as a way to revitalize downtown and create a safer pedestrian environment. President Pfannerstill requested to see additional design options before final approval but supported moving forward with the grant application and planning process.

Motion by Trustee Hallquist, seconded by Trustee Conner, to approve Resolution 02-06-2026 authorizing the submission of a 2026 Vibrant Spaces Grant application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for the Village of Hartland, and to move the conceptual plans for Haight Drive to the Planning Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Discussion and consideration regarding the 2026 Hometown Parade route and time

Village Manager Ryan Bailey presented a proposal to change the Hometown Parade route and time, returning to a more traditional route that would end at Nixon Park. He explained that St. Charles Church had agreed to cancel their 11:00 AM Mass to accommodate an 11:30 AM start time. The proposed route would begin at Sendik's and proceed down Merton Avenue to Capitol Drive to Cottonwood to Park Avenue and into Nixon Park.

The change was intended to create more excitement around the parade by having it end at Nixon Park, where the carnival and other Sunday activities would be taking place. Several Board members expressed support for returning to the traditional route, noting it would build to a climactic end and would include more downtown businesses along the route.

Trustee Hallquist expressed concerns about logistical challenges, particularly getting floats out of the area in a timely manner. There was discussion about how to manage traffic flow and ensure carnival access would not be impeded. Several trustees noted that this was how the parade operated for many years before recent changes, and with proper planning, the logistics could be managed successfully.

Motion by President Pfannerstill, seconded by Trustee Pfeiffer, to change the 2026 Hometown Parade route to leave from Sendik's, go down Merton, to Capitol, go left on Cottonwood, left on Park, and then into Nixon Park, with a start time of 11:30 AM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Announcements

Recreation Director Sam Blonien announced that work was underway on the summer recreation guide and summer camp information had been posted, with registration opening on March 11. She also mentioned that they were still working on securing Hometown sponsorships.

DPW Director Tom Jenson reported his department was working on the MS4 permit annual report and preparing proposals for well rehabilitation. He thanked the Ice Age Trail Alliance and Waukesha County Land Conservancy for their work in the Hartland Marsh preserve, where over 100 volunteers had removed buckthorn and restored the oak woodlot. He also mentioned the upcoming Kudos awards dinner.

Fire Chief David Jambretz reported on attending the EMS conference in Green Bay and working on various funding sources. He noted that since Bob Graser started.

Deputy Chief Brian De Barge announced that applications for the 2026 Lake Country Citizens Academy were being accepted until March 15. He also reported that Officer Taylor Weiss would be resigning on February 18 to join the Germantown Police Department after two years with Hartland, and that recruitment for her replacement was underway.

Trustee Wallschlager reminded everyone about the upcoming sleep-out event at the Legion Hall to benefit homeless veterans. Trustee Truttschel added that there would be bands on Friday and Saturday nights as part of the fundraiser.

President Pfannerstill announced that a primary election would be held on February 17, affecting Swallow School, and that he was working with the Village Manager to organize a gathering of all village board members, committee members, and staff to foster camaraderie and discuss goals for the upcoming year.

10. Closed Session

Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee Conner, to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(g). **Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.** 8:20 pm.

11. Reconvene into open session

Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee Hallquist, to reconvene into open session. **Motion carried unanimously.** 9:48 pm.

No action was taken on matters discussed in closed session.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee Conner, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandee Policello
Village Clerk