

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – June 16, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Building on June 16, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Jim Erdmann. Roll Call: Jim Erdmann, Gary Rodencal, Tim Hagar and Matt Hagar. Absent was Mark Juslen and Ellen Caswell. Motion by Gary, seconded by Matt to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Shawnie Schuldt, 175 Steger St stated her disappointment and concerns regarding the property in violation of residential ordinances. She is concerned with the recent actions by the Village President. There was supposed to be a joint meeting after last month's Board Meeting. Shawnie Stated the Village President privately met with Nick Thomas. She wants to know why one individual is being catered to over the concerns of an entire neighborhood. Shawnie questioned the purpose of employing a zoning and building inspector when the Board and Police Chief are unwilling to fine properties that are in violation. She stated this individual in question has blatantly ignored a cease-and-desist order. The lack of fines conveys a clear message that the village board will not enforce its own regulations, which continue more non-compliance. If the Board is unwilling to fine for ordinances in the Village, why do we have Ordinances? Why are residents pulled over for speeding and expected to pay the fine, but other ordinances ignored? If Nick were to be fined for Ordinance Violations, it would demonstrate that the Village is serious about its rules and laws. Disappointed with this Boards apparent lack of seriousness in addressing this matter. I have been in front of this Board four times and asking that you fulfill your responsibilities. When is this going to be an Agenda Item? I have a cease-and-desist order right here, all the ordinances that he is in Violation. Making a deal with a man who bought a property that is not commercial, is not our fault. Allowing the man to switch properties, he owns properties all over Redgranite and Pearl Lake, for him to buy property out there is nothing he is just being defiant. And the Board is not allowing the neighborhood peace of mind. Jim Erdmann stated we can listen to her, but we cannot answer. Shawnie Schuldt stated that the Village is not enforcing it, I have wood chucks living under my shed and on other people's property. I am frustrated have been coming since December to make this man follow the law. John Lust the building Inspector said he needed to be fined, and the property cleaned up. Not working out a deal where he can buy another property. The paper states what needs to be done, and nobody is doing anything. Chief Tarr needs to give him fines. Also, Nick has not tried to remove any of the garbage. I blame the Village Board for not doing anything. Jim Erdmann stated thank you to Shawnie and called LaRae Simonis up to speak. LaRae Simonis at 140 East Bannerman Avenue state that she owns Dauntless Brew asked if the Village might sell the lot East of her building. Jim Erdmann stated thank you and called Steven Chamula. Steven Chamula stated that what Shawnie Schuldt stated is one hundred percent agreement with her, that they have been dealing with the situation since February he was given three months to cease-and-desist. He had to May 1st, and we are almost at the end of June, has he gotten a fine? We were supposed to have a meeting, and I said I would make time to attend it and nothing happened. Then I heard he is looking for Industrial property to move the items to. But it has passed his deadline, and no one has lit a fire under him to follow through and do something. He has people working on a building in town he has the manpower so why isn't he cleaning it up? It's the Village not doing anything, I am not happy. Jim Erdmann stated that he appreciated it and thank you and called Aaron Taggart to talk. Aaron Taggart stated that there is a group of children destroying property. Shawn across the street from me they are kicking on his house, they kicked in his front door window. They are on my property. I put cameras up to be able to watch my property, I have found them on my property. It is a large group of kids, seven to ten kids maybe more, it's becoming a very big problem. It starts around 10:00 pm and goes till 2:00 am. The window broken at Shawns house was about 6:00 am. I do not want them on my property. They are destroying things and feel they are not going to be caught. Also, the sidewalk that runs down Water Street is non-existent. I cleaned mine off, but other houses have no sidewalk. Also, my property on 324 Water Street looking to see if I can get the sidewalks condemned. Chief Tarr stated that he will have to talk to Streets, Sidewalk and Ditches Committee, and Public Works. Aaron Taggart stated that the main problem is with the children.

Motion by Gary, second by Tim to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 19, 2025. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT –Becky stated that we received our 2024 dividend payment for \$2154.00 for not reports of accidents against our Municipality Insurance. They have given \$31,092.00 in Dividends to Redgranite. Our first movie night was a success; we had a little over 60 people show up. I want to thank Jim Erdmann for all his hard work and help, for the Board Members, Police Department who handed out Glow in the dark necklaces and the Fire Department. Thank you to everyone who came.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Jim Erdmann stated that the Pickleball Court is now open, and had a ceremony to thank everyone that donated to the Pickleball Court, it is located at Willow Creek Park. I want to thank Becky and Kyle for the time and money donated to movie night. It was very nice to see the families and their kids hanging out at Veterans Park and having a good time.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, INSURANCE – Motion by Matty, second by Gary, to approve General Fund Disbursements– checks 115683 through 115715 (BankFirst) for a total of \$102,200.44. Water Fund Disbursements - checks 62006161 through 62006169 (BankFirst) for a total of \$2,188.98. Sewer Fund Disbursements – checks 63007001 through 63007013 (BankFirst) for a total of \$7,209.17; and payroll of \$53,186.31 creating a grand total of \$164,784.90 and approval of financial reports for General, Water and Sewer as printed. Motion carried

LIBRARY - Update was given by Linda Thom we had our first Community Market on Saturday June 14th along with a Minecraft movie, had about eleven Community members attended we gave out free popcorn and snacks. Every Thursday this summer we are going to do a STEM program, it is story time at 6pm and then we do little projects, last Thursday they wrote thank you letters to the Veterans. Every Tuesday we are going to do Technology day from noon to 6 pm you can bring in your phone, tablet, computer etc.... that you are having problems with and we will try and help you solve the issue. June 28th have Snow White movie at 10am and you dress in your royals; there will be costume winners and snacks provided. Every Wednesday we have Cribbage from 4-6pm.

MACHINERY, GARBAGE, ORDINANCES – No update given.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING –No Update given.

PARKS, CEMETERY – No Update given. Motion by Tim, seconded by Matt to Approve Estimate for Camera Installation at Pickleball Court/Willow Creek Park from Quick Technologies in the amount of \$403.00. Motion carried.

POLICE, FIRE – Update given by Jeff. Jeff stated that we had up to 225 calls and have been running two or three calls a day for the last three weeks. Still getting a new Tender put into service, its operational just waiting for equipment and parts to arrive. Parts are ridiculous to get now; nobody is stocking anything anymore. Motion by Matt, and second by Gary to Approval of closing a section of Dearborn Street behind the Fire Station on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm for Fire Prevention Week Open House. Motion carried. Update given by Chief Tarr. Chief Tarr stated that have had a few incidents of people being at the Quarry after hours with alcohol. Quarry has not been too busy but expecting it to be this weekend with the hot weather. Did an investigation at the Prison a couple weeks ago into visitors bringing drugs and contraband into the prison. We did take a female into custody for bringing contraband into the prison she had a sizable quantity of illegal drugs in her car in the parking lot. There was another visitor who ended up not showing up that we were watching. Officer Chappa and I have upcoming court cases that we must take care of. Also taking care of some ordinance violations, along with trying to get reports done for various grants that we are going to apply for. We moved the speed trailer by the hotel to Pine River Street, having complaints about people speeding. Running radar catching people failing to stop on E and EE and speeding on Pine River Street. Willow Creek Park we are having issues with people having dogs there, couple people cited for that. Quarry parking lot people doing donuts, identified one person and gave the individual a citation. Helped at the park for Movie night felt that it went well, and had a lot of positive compliments. Tim asked Chief Tarr to introduce the new police officer. Kyle stated that Dustin Gessert is from Wisconsin Rapids, Dustin applied to be a full-time police officer for the Village. He was a former police officer from Wisconsin Rapids for 12 years, but his certification lapsed. Starting in August he will go to Technical College to get recertified. Dustin stated he didn't get fired or anything he had lost a kidney. Chief Tarr stated that he has a lot of knowledge from a bigger police department. Dustin also works for the Village of Weston doing municipal ordinances and zoning issues. I feel he can take care of zoning issues. Dustin will be a fine addition to our department. Motion by Matt, seconded by Gary to Approve Dustin Gessert for Full Time Employment for the Police Officer Position. Chief Tarr stated that his duties beside being a Police Officer will include Zoning and municipal Ordinance Enforcement. I would like him to handle the zoning and ordinance now; it seems Mr. Lust is lacking in addressing issues. I would like Dustin along with his Law Enforcement Duties to do the Zoning and Municipal Ordinances. Motion carried. Motion by Gary, seconded by Matt to Approve of sending Dustin to 720 Police Academy at North Central Technical College in Wausau from 08/14/2025 thru 12/20/2025. Chief Tarr stated when you leave Law Enforcement you have up to three years to keep your certification. That is why Officer Chappa, Officer Zuelke and I must take mandatory firearms training every year. Every 2 years we must take emergency vehicle operations. We also must take 24 hours of Inservice training, we must do all of this to maintain our

Certification. With Dustin having health issues he could not keep up with his certification. Like what Officer Zuehlke had to do. Dustin will attend North Central Technical College, starting in August through December he will do 720 hours of training; he will also work for us while he is going through his training. Monday through Friday 8am – 4pm. He will do some night shifts, and some night classes. Dustin will be funded through the Department of Justice to pay for his classes. We will pay for his mileage, but will be reimbursed by the Department of Justice, along with his meals. Motion carried. Motion by Gary, seconded by Matt on Approval of a \$500 Uniform Allowance for Dustin. Kyle stated that he budgeted for Full-time Officers \$500, and Part-Time Officers \$250 for Uniform Allowances. Motion carried. Motion by Matt, second by Gary to Approve of Purchase of Bullet Proof Vest for Dustin to be funded by the US DOJ Grant. Kyle stated that we get fit for a Vest through Blue Stone Safety. The Vest for Officers was about \$1000 that was 2 years ago, so it will be a little more now. But we put in for a grant from the DOJ and they will pay 50% of the cost. Motion carried.

Update on Security Trailer. Chief Tarr stated that the Laptop is up and running the Hard Drive is in, just waiting for Jason to come and test the hard drive to make sure it will work with the Sim Card. Jason has been busy so I am going to put the Laptop in test it and we will move it up to Quarry in cage. Will have to update the software and the computers so we are able to move the camera. Update on Flock Camera System Installation. Kyle stated that he continues to get emails and excuses from the Flock people. Signed agreement back in November. We paid the bill in January, and it was supposed to be operational in April; they are still waiting for permits from Alliant Energy to put the cameras on. They kept sending us permits, even though we had filled them out. I received an email from the project manager stating that our emails were going to their spam folder. I was a little upset, so I emailed the project manager, compliance officer and the planning person saying very upset this is not done yet. I had to call Alliance for the permit, they were calling the wrong number, so I had to provide Flock with the correct number. I am going to keep on them till this is finished.

Update on New Squad Upfitting. Chief Tarr stated that picked up the new Squad Matt rode with me, the gentleman we bought the squad from was a police equipment salesman. The squad has lights, grill guard and a cop box in back. We had the Committee of the Whole to discuss buying the cop car. The car is a 2017, with 36,000 miles on it and not even 1000 idle hours on it, where my squad is a 2017 with 124,000 miles and 14,000 idle hours. Took car up to Mark to start switching over from my car to new car, will have leftover equipment will either keep or sell. The grill and cop box I do not like so will see if we can sell those and use the ones from my squad.

Update on Upcoming Training in Coloma. Chief Tarr stated that June 28, 2025 is tactical training at operating engineer school. Doing a tactical entry to a school bus, Officer Chapp and Zuehlke will be attending that along with Dustin if he has no other plans. We will be able to work with other officers on a school bus hostage so we can have a unified tactical plan. Then in the afternoon the Fire Department and EMS are having a bus crash drill extrication, coordinating with the hospital how many injured or passed away. Helicopter might drop in.

Update on Recent Vandalism at Veteran's Park. Chief Tarr stated that a group of children went into women's bathroom that Public Works had just redone and did damage to the restroom. We watched the surveillance video, with the angle of camera not able to easily identify the children but with help from citizens officer Chappa was able to identify 3 out of 4. Now she is talking to parents and writing reports and will be sending the juveniles to Human Services for Juvenile Justice and will be asking for reimbursement of damages, and the cost of time for Public Works to have to fix the bathroom. I will also be asking that those individuals need to stay out of the Villages Parks. Tim asked if these kids are in with the other group running around and vandalizing people's property? Chief Tarr stated possibly he has some video coming from Mr. Taggart on damages done around his neighborhood. We suspect some of these kids are tied together, learning where they hang out and who they associate with.

Update on Alarm Training for Employees with Quick Technologies on June 17, 2025. Chief Tarr stated that employees will meet at Village hall with Jeremiah, he will go through the alarm system and what to do if you trip the alarm. I will be taking pictures of all employees for employee IDs. Alan the Emergency Management Director of Waushara County will be making them, need to supply employees' photo and Village logo, ID's will have name and Department each employee works for. Mary asked if the Library staff will need an ID. Chief Tarr stated that will have to be discussed with the Library Board, even though she is a Village employee she does not have access to get into Village Hall. Since all she has is a Ring Camera that she can turn on and off when she wants, she really doesn't need one, but if the Village installs a camera and alarm system then that would be different. Tim asked if any questions for Chief Tarr and stated we need to get this resolved with these kids running around town. Jim Ermann asked if we were making a motion to open the floor for a question? Motion by matt, second by Gary at 7pm to open the floor. Shawnie Schuldts stated that she and her neighbors had vandalism done to their property over the weekend from a group of kids. Jim Erdmann asked if they knew what time that happened. Shawnie stated that she was not sure, she came home around 5 or 6pm and had no damage, but when they got up about 10:30 we noticed the rock in the garage. I called the Sheriff's department, and Officer Krueger came and met with us. Chief Tarr stated that he had met with other individuals that had damage done to their properties and we are investigating. Tim stated that people need to get pictures of them and call. Sue stated that her dogs would bark at leaves, but that night they heard nothing. Shawnie stated that it happened at the backside of the alley, so that's probably why no one heard it. Linda Thom stated that she is sure that group has been in the Library because they all congregate in one section, and Jeannie will make them leave. Matt asked a question to Kyle

and Dustin, wondering how soon Dustin could start doing zoning stuff? Dustin stated that he will have to give his notice at his job now, but is willing to jump right in and started working on whatever you need me to. Matt asked if he could forward a copy of our current Ordinances or are they online to get him started. Chief Tarr stated they are not online or in digital format so he will have to get him a copy of them. Dustin stated that everything he has heard being talked about is pretty much the same things that a lot of communities have, just different scales. Being a smaller community should not be hard to get on top of some of these things. Jim Erdmann asked if anyone else has any questions?

SEWER, WATER – Update given by Brent. Brent stated that at the lift station we noticed excessive clear water flowing into it. We hired Speedy Clean to come and televise the stretch of sewer main leading up to that lift station. Found when they were running fiber last year one of the companies ended up running through a private sewer lateral. We contacted the contractor who did the damage, they came out and fixed it. So, we now are back to normal pumping at that life station. Since it was damaged from Fiber, a bunch of gravel washed in, Speedy Clean vacuumed and cleaned it all out. All costs will be sent to the contractor. Tim asked which lift station it was. Brent stated Twin Pines. We have been working on getting into homes to change meters over we have one left to finish. Currently over half of the Village is switched over to the cellular endpoint. Residents with cellular meters can get an app to monitor their water usage. Glenn and I sent an email out to the DNR after they did our inspection for the new discharge permit. Hopefully we will be able to do 2 samples a week instead of 3 and save the customers and Village Sewer department some money on operational cost. Motion by Matt, seconded by Gary on Approval of Issuing Resolution #2025-01 for Sewer Department Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR). Brent stated that it is a fancy term for a report card that the DNR requires a sewer operator to fill out every year to make sure that we meet all the standards that we should be, the GPA was a 4.0. On report it shows kilowatt hours used annually, for all 4 lift stations we lowered by 2,600 kilowatt hours a year. And for the main treatment plant we were 10,400 kilowatt hours below what we have been annually. Motion carried.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DITCHES – No update given.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1) Motion by Gary, seconded by Tim to Approve Donation for the Redgranite Advancement Association (RAA) for the Labor Day Festival. Motion carried.

2) Motion by Matt, seconded by Tim to Approve of a Fireworks Permit for Andrea Wilcox, 506 Twin Pines Dr. for Thursday, July 3, 2025 thru Saturday, July 5, 2025. Motion carried.

3) Motion by Gary, second by Matt to Approve Applications for Liquor, beer, Wine Licensed effective July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

4) Motion by Matt, seconded by Gary to Approve Applications for the Sale of Cigarettes & Electronic Vaping Devices effective July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

5) Motion by Tim, seconded by Gary to approve Applications for various Operator's Licensed effective July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Items to be placed on July 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting:

- 1) Abandon sidewalks on Water & Maple Street.
- 2) Vandalism
- 3) Update/ Nick Thomas
- 4) Zoning/ Dustin G
- 5) Set up a Budget Meeting
- 6) Sale of Lots
- 7) Parking/ Pine River St
- 8) Bathroom Repairs

Motion by Matt, seconded by Gary to Adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm by Jim Erdmann.

Respectfully submitted,
Christa Erdmann
Village Deputy Clerk

