

# VILLAGE of READSTOWN

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**Thursday December 12, 2024, at 5:30 PM PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** Pursuant to S. 19.84 Wi Statutes that the Readstown Village Board will hold a **Regular Board Meeting** at the Village Office, 116 N. 4th. Street, Readstown, WI. 54652

## Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Proof of proper notice posted at Farmers State Bank, Post Office, and the Community Board.
3. Roll call: Present: Howell, Gander, Nash, Brock, Swenson. Not Present: Nelson
4. Howell made a motion to approve the 2025 proposed Village Budget and levying debt for 2 terms in the amount of \$108,538.49. Brock seconded the motion, roll call taken, none opposed, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Reports:
  - a. EMS: Scott Wilson presented. Breakfast with Santa went well this year and the trolley rides were a great addition. Served approximately 113 people. Scott gave thanks to all the volunteers from Readstown Fire Dept., EMS, Village employees and Advancement Association that helped put this event on. Updated EMS constitution proposed with a few changes and motioned for approval by Howell and seconded by Swenson, all in favor, motion carried.
  - b. FIRE DEPT.: Charlie R. Strait presented. New dept. officials elected at the last meeting. Rotation of gear and purchasing of air bottles planned for 2025 due to soon expiration dates. Denial letter for new fire engine was received, will reapply in the Spring. Joint training next week for EMS/Fire Dept. for new patient hauling device that was funded by a grant.
  - c. LIBRARY: N/A
  - d. PUBLIC WORKS: Charlie R. Strait presented. Phosphoros problem continuing. Working with the DNR for chemical addition that is needed. The sewer plant was not originally designed for this set up, working with Delta 3 Engineering to have a design drafted. Bench test has been done already. Went over approximate costs of chemicals and installation. More information will come next month. A new locater was purchased and will be reimbursed by grant money.
  - e. CLERK: 2025 Community Development Grant information was given. An update on cleaning up financials for 2023, construction loans, and PSC rate case given. Technology in Municipal building needs to be updated, in budget for 2025. 2024 Safety grant allocation was discussed.
6. Motion by Swenson to approve Charlie R. Strait as Fire dept. chief, Randy Schwarz for Assistant Chief, Daniel Tank for Captain, Cameron Steyer for Lieutenant, Macey Strait for Treasurer, and Peggy McCormick for Secretary for 2025. Motion seconded by Howell, all in favor, motion carried.
7. Motion by Nash to approve Well House #3 generator warranty plan for preventative maintenance. Seconded by Brock. Roll call taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
8. Motion by Howell to approve transfer of Stuart and Mary Larson's cemetery deed. Seconded by Nash, all in favor, motion carried.

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9. Motion by Howell to approve Amber Straits operator license for Joe Blow's. Emily Schendels operator license for Joe Blow's approved contingent she submits servers course certificate before provisional license expires. Seconded by Nash, all in favor, motion carried.
10. Howell made a motion to approve the 2025 library budget and the Village's annual allotment of \$27,000.00. Seconded by Brock, roll call taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
11. Motion by Howell to pay November Bills, seconded by Brock, roll call taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
12. Motion by Howell to approve November meeting minutes. Seconded by Swenson, all in favor, motion carried.
13. Motion by Swenson to approve next month's meeting of 1/9/2025 at 5PM. Seconded by Nash, all in favor, motion carried.
14. Motion by Howell to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(f), for personnel matters. Seconded by Brock. All in favor, motion carried.
15. Howell made a motion to reconvene to open session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(2). Brock seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
16. Howell made a motion to approve an employee's insurance premium increase in the amount of \$12.98. Nash seconded, roll call taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
17. Howell made a motion to approve employees' annual raises that were discussed in closed session. Nash seconded, roll call taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
18. Howell made a motion to approve employees Christmas bonus as the same as previous year. Swenson seconded the motion, roll call taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
19. Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Swenson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chelsey Hoffman**

Clerk/Treasurer