

**Village of Valparaiso
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

The Village of Valparaiso Board of Trustees held a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at the Valparaiso Senior Center. Chairperson Homes opened meeting at 7:00 PM with Brightenburg, Draper, Turnwall and Homes in attendance, Pierce absent, Nick Sanders Village Superintendent, as well as 8 members of the public and 3 government students.

Turnwall moved to approve the December 9, 2025 regular meeting minutes, Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. Brightenburg moved to approve the December 29, 2025 special meeting minutes, Turnwall seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. Finance Report was presented: Turnwall moved to approve. Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. Sewer fund: Butler Public Power \$190.83 electricity, Jones Bank \$60, Windstream \$54.57; Operation Fund: Butler Public Power \$452.41 electricity, Henry, Dylan \$100 deposit refund, Jones Bank \$60 water cards, NE Dept of Revenue \$634.27 sales tax, Nebraska Public Health \$49 water testing. General fund: Alderson \$371.90 training reimbursement, Amazon \$16.37 supplies, Ameritas \$624 retirement, Butler Public Power \$1631.01, Jones Bank \$574.00 insurance, Land Services \$7000 survey work, Menards \$137.90 supplies, NDEQ \$90 cert renewal, Oak Creek Lumber \$195.76 supplies, One Call Concepts \$1.64 professional, Otte Oil \$625 propane, December payroll \$9240.20, Pavers \$197280 Concrete, Quickbooks \$209.50 software, SE NE Clerk Assn \$10 dues, Spypoint \$121.20 Parts, Tvrdy's One Stop \$228.49, UNO \$716.00 Clerk School Tuition, US Treasury \$3497.55 payroll taxes, Wahoo Paper \$147.12 Legal, Windstream \$303.40 phone and Wright Way \$500 hydrojet. Library: \$66.58 supplies. Parks: Oak Valley Lumber \$443.65 supplies & USPS \$68.00 postage.

Open forum: Blazek asked questions about the special meeting in December. Cory Koeppen is later on the agenda.

Chair report shared planning for clean up days the first weekend in May 2-3, 2026.

Library report was shared by Marie Fiala. 29 people visited library in November with 42 check outs and 79 online check outs. Shared the attendance during the Christmas Open House and planning for a February Open House. Meeting with the new library director in Ceresco for some joint efforts in publicizing, summer reading program plans and workshops with the Extension office. Turnwall moved to approve Fiala being placed on the Amazon Business for Library account for purchases. Homes seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

No park report.

Pet Committee to meet this next week.

Maintenance report from Nick Sanders: Alderson taking the lagoon and waste water training. New control panel is installed at the lift station. Miller & Associates said we have made the second round of approval for grant for the slip lining (sewer) funding.

Suggestion box: made board members received a copy of the first letter, mentioning general maintenance questions. Second letter made comments about town beautification projects and parked cars/trucks in the town limits for long periods of time.

SEND- Andrew Allen shared a grant possibility for the upcoming bridge repair. A survey will be going out to a random sampling of residents with regards to income. He will work with Nick on the mailing list and questions, in hopes to receive back the 51% LMI (Low Moderate Income) necessary for the grant. Turnwall moved to approve the survey, Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Nextlink: Cory Keppen with NextLink approached the board of trustees about placing a tower in the lot across from the water tower and moving their equipment that is on the tower to the new one. After lengthy discussion it was suggested that he research other locations and/or see if he can extend the tower. He will come back to the board,

which at that time might consider the new location or the same one as current with extending communication to neighboring landowners. Brightenburg moved, Homes seconded to table the discussion to next month.

Oak Street: Karen has a question or two that legal counsel hasn't addressed, she will move forward with that and bring to next meeting.

GIS mapping: Grant secured by Miller & Associates needs approval for the \$11,000 grant to map the town and locate curb stops without landmarks in case of natural disaster. Village share of project is 10%. Brightenburg moved to sign agreement and move forward with project. Turnwall seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Ballfield contracts – Clerk to get signed contracts back this next month as moved by Brightenburg, seconded by Turnwall. YEA: Homes, Brightenburg, Turnwall. NO: Draper. Motion carried.

Building permits: none. Last months for CLM properties will no longer need the variance as proposed.

Homes moved to adjourn at 8:22 pm.

Stephanie Nelson, Clerk

Dan Homes, Chairperson