

Village of Valparaiso
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 9, 2025

The Village of Valparaiso Board of Trustees held a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at the Valparaiso Senior Center. Chairperson Homes opened meeting at 7:00 PM with Draper, Pierce, Turnwall and Homes in attendance, Brightenburg absent, Nick Sanders Village Superintendent, as well as 11 members of the public and 5 government students.

Turnwall moved to nominate Dan Homes as Chairperson, Pierce seconded. Turnwall moved nominations cease, Pierce seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Turnwall moved to retain all appointed positions the same as last year, (Nelson, Clerk; Lausterer as Attorney, Miller as Engineer & Street Supt (License S-514 Class A & Engineering License E-4486); Library Board Trutna, Tran, Mueller, Potter, Dethloff; Parks Board, Draper, Olson, Sydik, & Teten and Utility Supt Sanders). Pierce seconds. Draper nominates Hazard Engineering for the next year. Motion dies for lack of second. Homes moves to retain Miller & Associates for 6 months and solicit bids for future. Turnwall seconds. YEA: All. Motion carries.

Pierce moved to approve the November 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes, Turnwall seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. Finance Report was presented: Pierce moved to approve. Homes seconded. YEA: Homes, Pierce, Turnwall. NAY: Draper. Motion carried. Sewer fund: Butler Public Power \$149.60 electricity, Jones Bank \$60, Municipal Supply \$2064.90 supplies, Windstream \$54.57; Operation Fund: Butler Public Power \$479.37 electricity, Faber \$100 refund, Jones Bank \$60 water cards, NE Dept of Revenue \$522.02 sales tax, Midwest Labs \$204.57 testing. Nebraska Public Health \$33 testing. General fund: Amazon \$404.91 supplies, Ameritas \$780 retirement, Blue Valley Public Safety \$555 battery; Bobcat of Omaha \$11,581.57 Trade & V Blade, Bromm Lindahl \$850 legal, Butler Public Power \$1758.54, GBE \$7000 audit, Herms \$1170.06 repair, P Isaacson \$810 Trucking, NDEQ \$150 license, Natl Sign \$688.14 sign, Oak Creek Lumber \$105.90 supplies, One Call Concepts \$3.67 professional, Otte Oil \$625 propane, Ohnoutka Concrete \$15800 paving, November payroll \$9991.82, Pavers \$2324.88 Concrete, Quickbooks \$209.50 software, SENDD \$604 dues, Spypoint \$164.61 Parts, Total Tool \$64.33 Supplies, Tvrdy's One Stop \$248.10, Versasport \$6525 park equip install, US Treasury \$3141.51 payroll taxes, Wahoo Paper \$958.98 Legal, Weedman Trucking \$1400 Trucking, Windstream \$303.68 phone. Library: \$75 petty cash. Parks: Versasport \$4000 park equip install.

Open forum: Scott Cihal & Don Suchy invited anyone interested to the Legion on February 12, 2026 @ 7pm for a planning meeting of the veterans memorial. They have identified interest in placing in the park near the gazebo and size and scope is still up for discussion.

Chair report included the update from a dog incident earlier this evening and thanks for all helping with the tree lighting and community festivities Sunday evening.

Library report was shared by Marie Fiala. 38 people visited library in November with 42 check outs and 82 online check outs. Mrs Claus reading evening during Christmas event was highly attended. Marie is working with Saunders County Extension for some programing this summer. She attended an info session about a new book distributor as the one previously used is no longer in business, possibly Amazon business account.

Parks report from Nikki Draper shared the completion of Tornado Park project and their meeting the following Wednesday.

Destiny Weaver shared the Pet Committee report of the feral cat work that has been done, with 67 cats going thru the program as well as the early planning stage of a potential dog park.

Maintenance report from Nick Sanders reported on the delivery of the skid steer and v blade. The equipment all worked well for snow removal. Lagoon circulators had been picked up and awaiting installation. Nextlink has

reached out with a proposal to install a tower on our property near the water tower (this to be carried to next meeting).

Suggestion box had a suggestion to replace main street flags (already done), painting parking lines (spring plan) and clearing of corner of intersections of snow and ice.

Oak Street project - it was recommended to have a separate meeting with surveyor, lawyer and trustees to develop a plan of action, and then meet with property owners.

Bridge replacement project – Sanders shared his new information about possibility to contract with a company to rework the existing bridge. He is to reach out to Miller & Associates and Nelson to contact the accountant about possible funding.

Food truck information was shared. Some communities do have a permit. However, as a village we can not enforce a permit or fee on private property. Nelson to develop a form for future use.

NRD Hazard Mitigation Resolution 2025-05 was moved for approval by Draper, seconded by Turnwall. YEA: All. Motion carried.

NDOT Resolution 2025-06 year end certification of city street superintendent was moved for approval by Draper, seconded by Pierce. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Chris Vasa presented his intent to bid this spring for the villages garbage contract. He shared the company's background and the local ties. He will be visiting with patrons about their services and looks forward to submitting a bid for the future. He entertained a few questions from trustees and patrons.

Liquor license renewals: American Legion, Tvrdy's One Stop & Ustop. Turnwall moved to approve renewal of all. Draper seconded. YEA: All. Motion carries.

Ballfield contracts – carries to next month due to Brightenburgs absence.

Building permits –Corey Matulka asked for variance for a garage addition to an existing home undergoing remodel. Turnwall moved to approve pending signature from the neighboring property owner. Pierce seconded. YEA: All Motion carried.

Homes moved to enter Executive Session at 8:06.

Homes moved to return to regular session at 8:14pm . Turnwall seconded. Homes moved a 3% raise for Aldersen, Isaacson, Nelson & Sanders. YEA: Homes, Pierce, Turnwall. NO: Draper. Motion carries.

Homes moved to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

Stephanie Nelson, Clerk

Dan Homes, Chairperson