Village of Valparaiso
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2026

The Village of Valparaiso Board of Trustees held a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at the Valparaiso Community/Senior Center. Chairperson Homes opened meeting at 7:00 PM with Turnwall, Draper, Brightenburg, Pierce and Homes in attendance.

May 12, 2026 minutes were moved for approval by Brightenburg, seconded by Pierce. YEA: Turnwall, Homes, Draper, Pierce, ABSTAIN: Brightenburg. Motion carries. June 9, 2026 minutes were moved for approval by Homes, seconded by Turnwall. YEA: Turnwall, Homes, Draper, Pierce, ABSTAIN: Brightenburg. Motion carries. Finance Report was presented, with Pierce moved to approve. Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. Sewer fund: Butler Public Power 152.64 electricity, Jones Bank $60 water cards, VRBA $31016.25 contract work, Windstream 62.36 phone. Operations Fund: Butler Public Power $455.60 electricity, Hawkins $1054.59 Chemicals, Municipal Supply $2587.25 Supplies, Jones Bank $60 water cards, NE Dept of Revenue $557.74 Sales Tax, NE Public Health $50 water testing. Parks & Rec: Amazon $443.74 display boards; Library Fund: Breakout $99 subscription, Penworthy $152 Books. General Fund: ABC $85 Pest Control, Ameritas $642.72 Retirement, Bromm Lindahl $19.50 Legal, Butler Public Power $1919.88 electricity, Herms $551.28 tire repair, Holganix $95.00 fertilizer, Oak Lumber $174.28 supplies, One Call Concepts $6.52 legal, Otte Oil $516.47 propane, Payroll $11412.69 June, Quickbooks $209.50 software, Sams Club $106.83 supplies, SENDD $604 dues, Sid Dillon $1927.15 repair, Tvrdy's $848.48 gas/oil, Ty's Outdoor 268.15 supplies, USPS $78 postage, US Treasury $6071.46 taxes, Wahoo Newspaper $738.97 legal, Windstream $303.44 telephone.

Open forum: Ashley Line asked for assistance with 332 W 5th St. She will bring a recording of the barking to the next meeting.

Chairperson's Report: Shared progress of the Legion memorial 40x70 plot and Nick will work on setbacks for the property.

Library Report: Return on investment sheet presented. 97 Adults, 128 youth with 133 check outs and 121 digital check outs for past month. $43 donation for Val Days was deposited. 33 kids in summer reading program, working on the grant for $1000 for window shade replacements. Palentologist presentation had 50 attendees.

Parks board: Thank you to Ron Coulter for putting in the horseshoe pits, looking for Grant watch renewal on next meetings agenda.

Pet Committee: Weavers report of finishing details for the dog park, receiving donor interest. Talked to adjacent landowner about concerns, will look into dog park insurance on town behalf, tabled the kennel permit until next month. Incident with livestock being handled with each other.

Maintenance report: Nick shared propane contract, water main repair and the samples within scope. Repaired another valve. Jesse is checking restrooms weekly. Started GIS mapping project. Parking completed at Tornado Park. Pavers are finishing their work, Armor coating will be estimated for the next budget. Patch work on Oak Street are completed. EPA application in process.

Alley complaint has been cleared and Nick will talk with Mailands.

Suggestion box: two notes that had previously been taken care of.

Oak Street – Blazek reported that the Assessor says the legal description is wrong, will work on for next month.

Bridge update – Door to door surveys put us above the limit, next step: allow SENDD to apply for grant on our behalf – Brightenburg made motion, Pierce seconded. YEA: All Motion carried. Application is due September 15. Will hold public hearing at August meeting.

Motion to approve reconstruction contract with Speece, Turnwall moved, Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. Nick to move forward.

Zoning committee: Homes will bring 5 names to the next meeting for board review.

Building permits: none that need board approval. Nick approved all, but are included in packet for review

Brightenburg moved to enter Executive Session, Turnwall seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Homes moved to return to regular session, Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Pierce moved to approve the $4/hr raise for Jesse Alderson after receiving his certifications. Homes seconded. YEA: Brightenburg, Homes, Pierce, Turnwall. NO: Draper. Motion carried.

Brightenburg moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

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Kim Turnwall for Stephanie Nelson, Clerk **Dan Homes, Chairperson**