Village of Valparaiso
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 2026

The Village of Valparaiso Board of Trustees held a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at the Valparaiso Community/Senior Center. Chairperson Homes opened meeting at 7:00 PM with Turnwall, Draper, Brightenburg, Pierce and Homes in attendance, as well as 20 members of the public.

Homes opened the meeting with the public hearing for the SENDD Block Grant. With the representative of SENDD sharing the details of the grant application, the survey results and the criteria of the potential grant funding for a bridge repair within the village limits. An overwhelming support came from the attendees as the shared the importance of the bridge to them as well as to their neighbors. They stressed the increased response time from the fire department volunteers to make calls, as well as the response time to a call past the bridge, school kids walking distances in weather now that school has started, the continued pride in our streets that we as a village have held for years in continuous maintenance and upkeep. Many of the attendees stated they would send letters of support for the grant to help fund the bridge, due to Nick Sanders by September 15th. The sign-in sheet for the meeting will be an attachment to these minutes for the record. Turnwall moved to approve the grant application, with great enthusiasm, Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. Turnwall moved to close, the public hearing session, Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

The July 14, 2026 minutes were moved for approval by Pierce, seconded by Brightenburg. YEA: Turnwall, Homes, Draper, Pierce, and Brightenburg. Motion carries. Finance report was approved by Homes, seconded by Pierce, YEA: All. Motion carried. Sewer Fund: Butler Public Power $154.39 electricity, Jones Bank $60 bill printing, Municipal Supply $3333.69 supplies, Windstream $$62.60 phone. Operations Fund: Butler Public Power $809.03 electricity, Hawkins $1392.16 supplies, Jones Bank $60 bill printing, NE Dept of Revenue $640 sales tax, Nebraska Public Health $50 water testing, Site One $120.27 parts. Utility Fund: Co-Cede $21317.50 water bond payment, Jones Bank $25 wire fee. Library Fund: Amazon $80.73 supplies. General Fund: American Fence $19.91 latch, Ameritas $803.40 retirement, Greg Bouc $720 consult work, Butler Public Power $2323.67 electricity, German Bliss $162.95 parts, League of Municipalities $2563 dues, Midwest Service $715.55 signs, Miller & Associates $7327 GIS mapping & reporting, NE Rural Water $1000 training class, NE Water Resources $105 dues, Oak Valley Lumber $108.85 supplies, One Call Concepts $7.34 Legal/Pro, Otte Oil $754.40 propane, Pavers $29279.20 patching, Payroll $12941.35 salaries July, Quickbooks $216 software, Sherwin Williams $93.22 paint, Small Engine Specialties $199.99 tools, Tvrdy's One Stop $479.60 gas, USPS $342 postage, US Treasury $3338.87 payroll, Wahoo Newspaper $377.57 Legal/Pro, Windstream $305.20 phone.

Open forum: nothing

Chairperson's Report: no report

Library Report: 140 total visitors, 160 check outs for last month. They will be changing the hours with the children going back to school. Still working on the Amazon Library Account, as Marie stays in contact with the library hub. Fall special program will be you be the librarian. See fliers for more info and in September Marie will attend a training on the youth library workshop free of charge with a scholarship she received.

Parks board: Niki Draper shared info on a watchable wildlife grant from NE Game & Parks, she requested that Grant Watch be renewed for $249 a year and that the board will be working on their "wish list" and prioritization. Brightenburg moved to approve the grant watch renewal. Draper seconded. YEA: All, motion carried.

Pet Committee: Destiny Weaver shared info on the multi dog ordinance. Turnwall moved to table until next meeting, Homes seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Superintendent report: Sanders shared the NGPC Grant info he shared with Niki, Armour coating and crack sealing will be delayed until Spring, Working on changing the library lights to LED is on Issacsons' winter list, he cleaned the library and post office AC unit, he shared the bridge information that he has been gathering for the grant application process, Jesse & Nick both attended Trenching Safety as well as Confined Space class recently. He mentioned the need for gas monitoring device as well as shoring items, he is researching grant options. Shared the DOT offer to add sidewalks and crosswalk across highway 79 with the repaving project in 2029.

Suggestion box: nothing

Oak Street – Requested to knock weeds down along Oak Road, Blazek is working on the legal description discrepancy. He will report back next month.

Zoning change: Homes appointed – Russell Dethloff, Nate Hartman, Ashley Line, Eric Tvrdy & Becky Benes for the committee.

Liquor License renewals for Harry's Tavern, Val Tavern & Vintage Cork was moved for approval by Turnwall, seconded by Pierce. YEA: Draper, Brightenburg, Pierce, Turnwall. ABSTAIN: Homes. Motion carried.

Trunk or Treat – Draper asked for street closure on October 24th from 6—7:30 for their annual trunk or treat event. Brightenburg moved to approve, Pierce seconded. YEA: Homes, Turnwall, Pierce, Brightenburg. ABSTAIN: Draper. Motion carried.

Nick requested the board review the water line tap fees, as we are currently not meeting the costs. Turnwall moved to approve the fee of $1750, Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

The American Legion asked for approval for a 40x40 plot near the gazebo for their memorial. Brightenburg moved to approve, Draper seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Approval of the Resolution allowing the Chairperson signing the application to obtain CDBG funds was moved by Brightenburg, seconded by Turnwall, YEA: All. Motion Carried.

Brightenburg moved to enter executive session, Turnwall seconded at 8:55pm.

Homes moved to return to regular session at 9:13 pm. Seconded by Brightenburg. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Homes moves to adjourn 9:15 pm.

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Stephanie Nelson, Clerk **Dan Homes, Chairperson**