

**Village of Valparaiso
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

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

Turnwall moved to approve the August 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes and the August 26, 2025 special meeting. Draper seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Finance Report was presented: Turnwall moved to approve. Brightenburg seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. Sewer fund: Butler Public Power \$151.08 electricity, Hidden River Systems \$9750.00 half Aerators, Jones Bank \$60 printing, Weedman Trucking \$3041.07 rock, Windstream \$54.24 phone. Operations fund: Butler Public Power \$577.50 electricity, Jones Bank \$60, NE Dept of Revenue \$527.63 sales tax, Nebraska Public Health \$37.00 testing Site One \$338.85 chemicals. General fund: Ameritas \$624 retirement, Bromm Lindahl \$565.50 Legal/Pro, Butler Public Power \$2015.97, DC Door \$146 repair, Dennis Brenner \$5590.00 repairs, Harbor Freight \$107.40 tools, Hawkins \$1070.66 Supplies, Chad Herms \$1407.15 repair, Jones LaSalle \$1185.60 leasing agent fee, Kobza Auction \$176.80 quick attach, Master Carr \$121.45 Supplies, NDEE \$230.00 licenses, NE Snow Equipment \$7 parts, Oak Creek Lumber \$676.70 supplies, One Call \$11.44 fees, Otte Oil & Propane \$ 1250 Sept/Oct, Pavers \$1006.88 concrete, Payroll \$17044.42 Salaries August, Purple Wave \$20350.00 Bucket Truck, Quickbooks \$209.50 software, R Central \$1120 occupancy tax, Sherwin Williams \$377.06 paint, Spypoint/Crowdstrike \$464.56 software, TextMyGov \$1500 renewal, Tvrdy's One Stop \$687.9 Gas, Ustop \$32.99 gas, USPS \$427.00 postage, US Treasury \$6219.71 taxes, Wahoo Newspaper \$143.99, Windstream \$301.54 phone, Waterbond Payment \$21612.50 .Utility Fund: VRBA Construction \$52410.00 sewer repairs.

Open Forum – Bev Bartek share the opportunity to have a flu clinic. Turnwall to work with details and coordination.

Chairperson Report --- upcoming budget hearing and cautious spending.

Library Report – Marie Fiala reported the statistics for the month (109 patrons, 119 check outs, 74 digital. Received new books with recent donations and new website. Working on fundraising for window treatments.

Park Committee – Nikki Draper share that they request Hailey Teten to replace Amanda Hill on the parks board. Brightenburg moved to approve, Draper seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. She reported food trucks coming for fundraising as well as some upcoming planning for brick memorials, murals, and special event days. Karen moved to approve the \$3262.50 for this fiscal and next fiscal years budget for the installation of latest equipment. Draper seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

Pet Committee – Marlene & Karen from TNR shared their program and future plans for trapping wild cats in town. They shared lots of valuable information and pamphlets are in the post office for more information. Hoping to approve wording change of Ordinance at next months meeting.

Maintenance Superintendent Report -- Sanders reported on VRBA work is done and Jesse and Nick will work on a couple of smaller areas later this upcoming month. We did acquire the bucket truck thru the online auction.

Suggestion Box – had a comment about a tree that needs trimming near an intersection. Also a note was in box regarding transparency of the parks board and the posting of their minutes and agendas.

Tabled Business – nothing.

Ongoing Business: Oak Street – Karen to contact surveyor about coming after soybeans are out of the field and Nick has had a chance to mow. Draper property report - after a lengthy discussion, it was suggested by Turnwall to hold a special meeting with the Engineers and the property owners dedicated to the resolution of the situation. Pine Street Bridge – Sanders shared his continual work on the information gathering of the bridge that is in disrepair and he is investigating the options of repair or replace. Also discussion on placing no parking signs on F Street to facilitate the increase of traffic. Fire Extinguishers were considered as reported by Nick. Several need inspections as well as replacements. Turnwall move to use Midwest Fire for inspection and replacement. Homes seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried.

New Business: Liquor license renewals for Harrys Tavern, NaZdravii (Vintage Cork) and Val Tavern. Turnwall moved to approve the renewal of the licenses, Brightenburg second. YEA: Draper, Brightenburg, Turnwall. ABSTAIN: Homes. Motion carried. Bobcat trade in bid with a V Blade was presented. Brightenburg moved to approve the bid, as well as list old blade for surplus. Homes seconded. YEA: All. Sanders shared items that were to go to Kobza for online sale including a truck blade. Brightenburg moved to approve, Turnwall seconded. YEA: All. Motion carried. NDOT annual resolution for funding was moved for approval by Brightenburg, seconded by Draper. YEA: ALL. Motion carried. Draper asked for consideration to use the town square for Trunk or Treat event on Saturday October 25th from 6-8pm. Brightenburg moved to approve, Turnwall seconded. YEA: Turnwall, Brightenburg, Homes. ABSTAIN: Draper. Motion carried.

Paving Contracts were presented by Sanders. Homes moved to approve the contract with Pavers. Turnwall seconded. Motion carried. Propane bids were shared, with Turnwall moving to accept Otte Oil monthly payment bid price with the quantity of last year. Pierce seconded. YAY: All. Motion carried. Fire Extinguisher bids were presented by Alderson. This moved to next month while Jesse investigates additional options. Lagoon circulators – Sanders shared the information as well as the benefits financial to the towns sewer system. Homes moved to pay half this fiscal year and half next fiscal year for 4 units. Draper seconded. YAY: All. Motion carried. Loose dog complaint was in the trustees packet. Nelson will pursue the owner and try to resolution. Also encourage all village pet owners all to license their pets. Kim Pospisil shared a complaint about the neighbors' home and animals being unattended. Weaver was going to investigate the local shelter system and see if we could gain some support there.

No building permits.

No Executive Session.

Brightenburg moved to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Homes seconded. YEA: ALL. Meeting adjourned.

Stephanie Nelson, Clerk

Dan Homes, Chairperson