

VILLAGE OF LATTY

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MEETING MINUTES

Village Council met in regular session on January 13, 2026 at 6:00PM at the Latty Village Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:10PM with a motion made by Barb Sinn and seconded Beth Stoller. Members present were: Kirk Stoller, Beth Stoller, Kathy Habern, Darlene Knapp, Mike Gray, Barb Sinn, Shawn Gerber, Gabby Hook and John Hatcher.

Guest present was Jane Gray.

Guest Comments: Jane Gray thanked Mike for plowing the church and expressed appreciation to the Village for the Christmas candy.

Prayer to start the meeting was given by Mayor Gerber.

*A motion to accept December minutes and pay bills was made by Darlene Knapp and Seconded by Barb Sinn. All bills were addressed by council and approved.

Council Discussions made by Mayor Gerber:

Appointed Kirk Stoller to Council due to issues filing the petition from the November 2025 election.

- Vote: 5-0
- Motion by Michael Gray, seconded by Barb Sinn for Council President.
- Kirk Stoller sworn in as Council Representative and President of the Council.

Property Cleanup:

Mayor presented two letters for review; discussion on delivery procedures to be finalized at the next council meeting.

- Discussion included potential certified letters if no progress after 30 days.

Vacant Lots:

- Four vacant lots discussed for sale via land bank; deed restrictions and memorandum of understanding with land bank outlined.
- Mayor passed out building restrictions handout: minimum 1,200 sq. ft., three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, attached garage, lawn within 18 months, no mobile/manufactured homes, residential-only setbacks, and one-year construction timeline.
- Final list to be reviewed with Tim Copsey and finalized in February meeting.

Ward Construction:

- Streets paving expected around May; quotes to be received by February. Budget: \$40,000.
- Discussed potential cost assistance from Post Office.

501(c)(3) Status: Mayor Gerber in contact with Rachel; awaiting IRS response.

STEM Wayne Trace: Students creating signs; to be printed by West Bend.

Hometown Hero Grant: Not currently available.

Railroad: Pile cleaned; Mayor reaching out to Ernest regarding next steps.

Sign Installation: Beth to contact Jesse Noffsinger for quote.

Credit Card: Pending bank approval; Gabby to follow up with Shawn Mack.

Mowing for 2026:

- Nate Gerber unavailable; Tyson Gerber approved by council (6-0 vote).
- Mower to be serviced; potential new mower being researched.

New Welcome Sign: Location and artwork to be finalized in February meeting.

Church Festival Honoree Sign: Discussion scheduled for February meeting.

501(c)(3) Lot Acquisition: Pending ALCO approval

Awaiting Gorrell Brothers parcel information.

Council Discussions made by Fiscal Officer Gabby Hook:

- Approved purchase orders for appropriations by Council.
- Discussion regarding Central Square online bill pay: Council decided not to pursue online bill pay at this time.
- Motion to accept financial reports and pay bills: Darlene Knapp made a motion to accept the financial reports and pay bills as presented by the Fiscal Officer. Barb Sinn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Discussions

Beth Stoller- No comment.

Michael Gray- Fire extinguishers were recharged.

Kathy Habern- No comment.

Darlene Knapp- Thanked Lori, Barb, Joanne, and Beth for helping with the Christmas candy distribution; reported that the event went very well.

Barb Sinn- Discussion of potential trash service contract; would require bidding and public hearing as recommended by Solicitor Hatcher. Discussed Rita delinquencies for 2021; would need to go through small claims court.

Kirk Stoller- Requested Barb obtain a quote from Real Waste for 80 residential units.

Discussions for the February Meeting:

- Council's potential layouts for the Land Bank regarding the current parcels the Village owns; this would be housing coming into the Village provided by the Land Bank.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Kirk Stoller, seconded by Council Member Kathy Habern. Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Next Meeting will be February 10, 2026, at 6:00PM at the Village Hall