

Junction City Village Board Meeting

Junction City Village Hall, 972 Main Street, Junction City, WI 54443

Monday, November 10, 2025 --- 7:00 p.m.

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Members

Present: President Peter Mallek, Trustees Alex Peden, Craig Vitort, John Spreda and Brad Wiernik

Also

Present: Tamara Peden, Tiffany Lepinski, Nancy Steuck, Judy and Tony Moscinski, Tony and Amber Distasio, Steve Martens and Denese Mace from South Wood County Humane Society.

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE /ROLL CALL

President Peter Mallek called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

PEOPLE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

No one present wished to address the board.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Regular Board meeting of October 13, 2025

Special Board Meeting of October 27, 2025

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 13, 2025, and the minutes of the special meeting on October 27, 2025.

Ayes all, nays none, motion carried.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Tia McCarthy, our Project Manager with CBS Squared answered the following questions following up on our phone conversation, please see responses in [blue](#) below.

1. When would Junction City know if additional PF (Principal Forgiveness/ Grant) is available for their water tower project? (note 6 on funding list)

[We will not know until the final funding list is published – estimated timeline 12/15/2025 but the DNR has been trending a couple weeks behind their estimated schedule.](#)

[Note: there is possibility that additional PF can trickle down after the final funding list is published if other projects pull out but this is a very seldom occurrence.](#)

- Does population impact scoring or PF at all (25-30+people per the last census)
This will not impact scoring – a data set is determined prior to the draft funding list being published that is used to determine PF %
- What is the actual interest rate the loan dollars would be borrowed at? Below are the current interest rates as of today – these may change prior to loan closing

BOND TYPE SECURING LOAN:		Tax-Exempt		Taxable	
LOAN TERM:		≤ 20 Years	21-30 Years	≤ 20 Years	21-30 Years
MARKET RATE (effective 10/01/2025):		4.700%	4.900%	5.595%	5.833%
PROJECT TYPE	% of MARKET RATE	LOAN INTEREST RATE			
CWFP and SDWLP For eligible projects of municipalities not meeting the financial need criteria.	55%	2.585%	2.695%	3.077%	3.208%

- Follow up on September inquiry regarding removing lead paint from water tower. Is there additional funding for lead mitigation that could stack with this money?
Not that we are aware of or that we have come across in any of the funding research we have done. We investigated additional funding for the Water Tank Recoating to mitigate the lead paint. The only funding source that we found available was the regular SDWLP funding which is what we applied for and is listed on the draft funding list – we have this on our list of funding needs to keep an eye out for moving forward.
- Possibility of lead service line funding?
DNR’s LSL program is specifically for service lines. While they have updated this to cover both private and public side of a service line, we do not think there is any gray area to apply it to the water tower project.
PLEASE NOTE: Going down the LSL route would deem a project Federal Equivalency, meaning it would need to be BABA compliant, etc. – we would also need to discuss reapplying for FY2027 and if LSL would be a possibility based on how the ITA/PERFs were submitted

rehabilitation of well #6

President Mallek referred to the email in the packet from Andrew Jacque who explained he reached out to another vendor for budgetary pricing for UV and he looked at the storage option by eliminating UV a little closer. It does not look like there is room to add storage inside the existing building - major modifications to the building would be needed to get the tanks into the building and there would be limited access around them. To eliminate UV and the ongoing cost associated with it, we'd need to construct a chlorine contact tank like you installed at your other facility. This would be the simplest option. Construction of a 15,000-gallon concrete tank next to the building with a 30 gpm booster pump would cost about \$150,000.

Which of the following options would you like to pursue?

- UV installation with well rehabilitation for a cost of \$120,000. This option requires annual bulb replacement, annual validation of the sensor and routine testing of the water for UV transmittance.
- Chlorine contact tank with booster pump and well rehabilitation for a cost of \$180,000. This option requires inspection of the reservoir every 5 years.

If you want to go with the chlorine, contact tank, which is the best and most reliable option, that is beyond our ability to design and would need to be designed by another firm.

Andrew Jacque further explained that any process to get well #6 back online will require prior construction authorization before it can be built, which will slow down the process.

SOUTH WOOD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

President Peter Mallek introduced Denese Mace, Director of Operations for the Humane Society of South Wood County who explained the contract for 2026. She was excited to meet with us in the Village and hopes we'll continue to support the South Wood County Humane Society.

RUDOLPH FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED 2026 FIRE CONTRACT

President Mallek explained that after the meeting with the Rudolph Fire Department he's suggesting an addendum to the 2026 proposed fire contract. First it acknowledges our discussion and agreement at that October meeting to remove the ice machine from our station. This has been a problem and expense to our utility rate payers not related to the fire service. Additionally, the station thermostat should not exceed 55° as agreed in our original agreement in 2007.

Alex Peden **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort, to approve the proposed 2026 fire contract with Rudolph Fire Department with the addendum to remove the ice machine from our station and to set back the thermostat to 55° as agreed in the original agreement in 2007.

Ayes majority, nays none; abstained: Brad Wiernik; motion carried.

PROPOSED PURCHASE FOR MATERIAL COLLECTION SYSTEM

The three bids were reviewed at this time from Power Pac, Riesterer and Schnell and Tractor Central.

Alex Peden **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort, to purchase the material collection system from Power Pac in the amount of \$5250.00 and sell what we have been using at this time.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS

No license applications.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

No recent meeting.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

No recent meeting.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

No building permit applications.

REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER UTILITIES

Fred Metzler reported that at the sewer treatment plant the phosphorus was just under limits last month. And John Spreda reported that the water utility system is running well at this time.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION—re: Village Comprehensive Plan

No recent meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Steuck stated that we have the Sewer User Fees C.D. coming due and would renew it at this time unless the board wishes to do something else with it.

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden, to approve and place on file the Treasurer's report.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WI Towns Association meeting in the Town of Linwood, Monday, November 17, 2025

President Mallek referred the Board to their packet for the invite for the Towns Association meeting in the Town of Linwood on Monday, November 17th. We have already committed to hosting the March 2026 meeting.

LRIP meeting, Portage County Highway Department, October 28, 2025

President Mallek reported on the LRIP meeting held on October 28th at the County Highway Department. Six villages made applications but only up to five can be funded. He suggested 5 out of 6 be picked with a lottery system. Junction City was picked as being funded with an equal payment of \$12,891.78 like the other four villages for W Second Street between Kramer Avenue west to the dead end.

Spectrum vs TDS,

Spectrum shut off service to the old Village Hall and finally got a quote of \$100.00 a month for internet only. TDS came in at about \$67.00 a month for phone and internet on fiber. Phone service alone for the location had been about \$67.00 a month previously.

Rain gutters on the new village hall

We are soliciting quotes for rain gutters for the north side of the Village Hall at 972 Main Street.

Ice skating warming house

President Mallek noted that the ice-skating warming house was not going to be reroofed and should be removed due to lack of use. He asked if anyone was interested in removing the building to save the village from removing it. The board said Mallek could have it if he removes it from the property.

2026 WAGES AND SALARIES, 2026 BUDGET WORK

The board agreed to a special meeting on November 19th for the 2026 budget work.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Betty Bruski Mallek reported that election officials need to be appointed/reappointed for the 2026-2027 election cycle and if anyone knows someone who would want to work at the elections they should contact the Republican or Democratic parties directly or to contact the clerk. We have a few unaffiliated workers. The board will officially approve the election workers in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

COMMUNITY PICNIC UPDATE

No new update.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alex Peden **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort, to approve and pay the bills submitted at tonight's meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried. 8:45 p.m.