

**Village of Prairie du Sac
Village Board Meeting
Minutes of Regular Meeting April 22, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Prairie du Sac Village Board met for their regular meeting on April 22, 2025, at the Prairie du Sac Village Hall, 335 Galena Street, Prairie du Sac, WI. Meeting was called to order by President Andrew Strathman at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call. Board Members present: Michael Gesicki, Craig Bender, Nick Lester, Lauri Meixelsperger, Rich Judge, Andrew Strathman. Also present, Village Administrator Alan Wildman, Clerk/Treasurer Niki Conway, and Public Works Director Troy Murphy.

3. Public Notice of Agenda, deletions/corrections – (Lester/Gesicki) moved to approve agenda. **Motion Carried.**

4. Presentation of Minutes

a. **March 25, 2025 – (Judge/Meixelsperger)** moved to approve minutes. **Motion Carried.**

5. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes)

Mark Detter, “Smooth”, 602 Water Street, Prairie du Sac, WI – As County Supervisor being approached by residents to advocate for chickens in the village.

Jim Witecha, 2110 Dakota, Prairie du Sac, WI – Supporting well-regulated chickens in village. Has heard all support and not lack of.

Angie Cole, 905 20th Street, Prairie du Sac, WI – Support of chickens.

Mark Brunner, 2004 Tumbleweed, Prairie du Sac, WI – Support of chickens in village to feed family and educate kids.

Tami Benish, 1520 Meadowlark Lane, Prairie du Sac, WI – Would like information on water costs.

6. Communications

a. Treasurer’s Report - *Recognized*

b. Voucher Report - *Recognized*

c. Jim Witecha, Prairie du Sac – *Recognized*

d. Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission Minutes of January 23, 2025 – *Recognized*

e. Sauk Prairie Sewer Commission Minutes of March 12, 2025 – *Recognized*

f. Sauk Prairie Police Commission Minutes of March 12, 2025 – *Recognized*

g. Library Board Minutes of March 19, 2025 – *Recognized*

h. Sauk Prairie Airport, Inc. Minutes of March 19, 2025 – *Recognized*

i. Sue Dohm, Prairie du Sac - *Recognized*

7. Action Items

a. **Consider Appointments – Officials, Committees, Commissions, & Boards** – Judge to be added to Administrative Committee, Intergovernmental Planning Committee, and Board of Review, Meixelsperger temporarily added to Plan Commission and Gesicki temporarily added to Library Board. **(Strathman/Gesicki)** moved to approve. **Motion Carried.**

b. **Consider Resolution No. 04-22-2025(a), Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,715,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A** – 5 Bidders, BOK Financial Services winning bid, 4.077% interest rate, \$35,000 premium, recommended approval by Ehlers. **(Meixelsperger/Gesicki)** moved to approve. **Motion Carried.**

Roll Call: Gesicki, Bender, Lester, Meixelsperger, Judge, Strathman

- c. Consider Resolution No. 04-22-2025(b), Recognizing Jim Witecha – *(Bender/Judge)* moved to approve. Motion Carried.
- d. Consider Resolution No. 04-22-2025(c), Amending the Village of Prairie du Sac Personnel Manual – Changes include residency requirement, pay out of unused sick time, jury duty, OT, on call, travel expenses, cell phone policy. Recommended by Administrative Committee. *(Bender/Gesicki)* moved to approve. Motion Carried.
- e. Consider Resolution No. 04-22-2025(d), Proclaiming Municipal Clerks Week – *(Gesicki/Meixelsperger)* moved to approve. Motion Carried.
- f. Consider Resolution No. 04-22-2025(e), Proclaiming Police Week & Peace Officer’s Memorial Day – *(Bender/Judge)* moved to approve. Motion Carried.
- g. Consider Resolution No. 04-22-2025(f), Proclaiming Emergency Medical Services Week – *(Judge/Gesicki)* moved to approve. Motion Carried.
- h. Consider Resolution No. 04-22-2025(g), Proclaiming Public Works Week – *(Lester/Gesicki)* moved to approve. Motion Carried.
- i. Consider Parkitecture + Planning Scope of Services – Westwynde Park Playground – To replace playground equipment at Westwynde Park. Project to go to bid with specs. Wildman and Murphy having conversations about scope of project. *(Meixelsperger/Judge)* moved to approve. Motion Carried.

8. Discussion Items

- a. **Keeping of Chickens** – Lee Kennedy, residing at 139 Prairie Avenue, present to address concerns and answer questions. Lee comes from a community that allows chickens and would like to have them permitted in the village. There isn’t a smell if the system is set up properly. Hens can be noisy; chickens are not as much. Kennedy says that there are much louder noises in towns and villages. Suggests adding a rule of keeping coop so many feet from neighbors. Lee is willing to educate people, help the start-up of raising chickens, and form a group to police chickens. Strathman would like to draft an ordinance that would be fit for everyone, and that Sauk City and Prairie du Sac be on the same page. Wildman to schedule a Code Committee meeting.
- b. **Sauk Prairie Ambulance Exploring Paramedic Level Service** – Interest in upgrading to a paramedic level. Ambulance Commission Member, Cheryl Sherman, is looking to see if the Village Board is comfortable with the Ambulance Commission having this discussion. Annual village allocation could increase 3 times. Paramedic requires more training at an advanced level, including advanced life support. Wildman received a request from Sauk County Sheriff to go paramedic. The Board feels the Ambulance Commission should continue to investigate.

9. Reports

- a. **Committees/Commission Reports**
 - IPC – Process of reviewing comp plan; broke into stages over the course of 2 years.
 - Police Commission – Sergeant hired, and patrol position opened.
 - Court Commission – New Interim Judge.
- b. **Plan Commission** – No meeting.
- c. **Engineer** – Street projects kicked off. Well number 5 is a long process.
- d. **Director of Public Works/Utilities** – Giving credit to electric crew for having Milwaukee Valve restored in 21 minutes. Park mowing has kicked off. Ready to connect electric to the new childcare facility.
- e. **Administrator** – Public hearing with PSC on water rate case, should have ruling within a week. Tomorrow is Administrative Professionals Day.

10. Adjourn: *(Gesicki/Meixelsperger)* moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Niki Conway, Clerk/Treasurer