

# Village of Plain

## Village Board Proceedings of January 14, 2026

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Plain Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Office Building, 510 Main Street, on January 14, 2026. Village President Ray Ring called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Ray Ring, Village President; Terry Drone; John T. Feiner; Cindy Haag; Wade Neubauer; Steve Whitford; and, Kelly Yanke, Trustees.

Others present: Dennis Polivka, Sauk County Supervisor; Eric Knull; Shelly Crook; Toney Crook; Chief Mike Stoddard; and, John Ruhland, Public Works Director

Notice of this meeting, along with the agenda, was posted at the following locations in the Village of Plain: Plain Municipal Office Building; Plain Post Office; and the Kraemer Library & Community Center on Monday, January 12, 2026. Notice was emailed to the *Independent Star News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Haag motioned to approve the December 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Feiner seconded. Motion carried.

### **Guests**

Eric Knull introduced himself to the board, as he is running for Sheriff. He is from Reedsburg. In 2001, he started as a dispatcher, spent 10 years in the jail, and transferred to patrol in 2016. He oversees the divers' team and is currently a sergeant.

Dennis Polivka gave an overview of the county's finances. The Governor passed a bill that allows schools to avoid referendums. The LRE Committee has been working on zoning and floodplain ordinances. They conducted an ADRC needs assessment. They are limited by staff and funding. The county is redoing its comprehensive plan. Staff are finding money for projects; they are phenomenal at obtaining grants. They are short on money because of state cutbacks. They are maintaining programs that are working. Our dollars are all accounted for. The nursing home remains in limbo.

Toney Crook let the board know that he is getting his house cleaned up and plans to sell it. Ring recognizes that the place is being cleaned up. The Board appreciates the progress in cleaning up.

### **Other Business**

Ring read the second reading and possible adoption of Ordinance #229-25: An Ordinance amending 9.09 "Storage of Junk, Etc. Regulated" and 10.10 "Abatement of Public Nuisances." Feiner motioned to adopt Ordinance #229-25. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Public Works** – Steve Whitford

No Public Works Committee report.

### **Library – Cindy Haag**

Haag reported that the facilities report included a problem with the fire alarm system, in which a trouble alarm went for two days before stopping. There have been no further issues. The library had a fire inspection, with one small violation that was addressed immediately. The new water softener has been installed, along with new blinds in the community room. The director received a timeline for training and implementation of the new Integrated Library System. The library will need to be closed for a week during the process. Most of the Holiday in the Hills activities on December 21st were in and around the library. An estimated 200-300 people came to see Santa. The approved 2026 budget is \$187,161.85. The digital sign policy has been reviewed and accepted. The Mid-Morning Matinee will be on January 15th, and the next board meeting is on January 26th.

### **Finance – Terry Drone**

No Finance Committee report.

### **Golf Course – John T. Feiner**

No Golf Course Committee report.

### **Recreation – Kelly Yanke**

The 3-day committee is signing the contract for the carnival. The lifeguard ad was put on Facebook and sent to the high school.

### **Law Enforcement & Fire Emergency District – Wade Neubauer**

The Plain Police Department had 199 calls for service in 2025.

The Fire Emergency District Board met on January 12th. Jared Nelson from Rural Insurance gave an overview of the insurance policy. EMS received an award from River Valley School District for outstanding service. In 2025, EMS responded to 185 calls for service, and the Fire Department responded to 71. Eric Eno was present to thank EMS, the Fire Department, and the deputy who saved his life. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th.

### **Development/Planning & Personnel – Ray Ring**

The Development & Planning Commission will be meeting to rezone the old school for the medical clinic.

No Personnel Commission report.

### **Police Department**

The Police Department exceeded hours in 2025 but was under budget.



**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Review and Audit of Invoices:**

Yanke motioned to pay the bills as presented. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$399,535.21	Water Utility	\$24,620.78
Library Fund	\$10,291.72	Sewer Department	\$9,118.93
TIF District	\$78.76	Golf Course	\$1,083.03

Wage Reimbursements: \$47,350.88

Yanke motioned to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer