

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of April 8, 2026

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Plain Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Office Building, 510 Main Street, on April 8, 2026. Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Sheila Carver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: 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, April 6, 2026. Notice was emailed to the *Independent Star News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Feiner motioned for Whitford to Chair the Board meeting. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

Congratulations to the elected members of the Board; John Feiner, Steve Whitford and Rachel Liegel. Thank you to Wade Neubauer for his service.

Feiner motioned to approve the March 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Public Works – Steve Whitford

No Public Works report.

Library – Cindy Haag

Haag reported that the Library Director conducted four interviews for the part-time Library Aide position and ultimately hired Dave Pronold. He will start in mid-April, just before the switch to the new library system, as training on the current system did not seem to be the best use of time. The Director is beginning to look for furniture to add to the small patio available after last fall's new landscaping. Mid-Morning Matinee was held on March 19, with the movie being 'Song Sung Blue' and 12 people in attendance. The library was closed on March 5 for staff training and on March 6 due to inclement weather. There was no attendance for the Online Safety course, possibly because of poor weather, but it may be rescheduled in May. Two story times were held in March with a total of four attendees, and Pancake Art had eight attendees. There were three Yoga sessions in March with a total of 23 participants. Events for April were also reported.

Finance – Terry Drone

No Finance Committee report.

Golf Course – John T. Feiner

The Golf Course opened on April 1st. There are new employees for mowing.

Recreation – Kelly Yanke

Yanke reported that the Rec Director interviewed last month has backed out. A phone interview is scheduled with a River Valley graduate who attends UW La Crosse. The dugouts are being updated. Landscaping and fencing will be required once the updates are complete. Everything is looking good at the park. Sue Bindl is returning to handle concessions again. The tennis court will be power-washed, and another set of pickleball lines will be painted. Many ball teams are forming, so it will be a busy summer with ball games. The Pool Managers have separate duties. There will be swim lessons, and the aerobics instructor still needs to be contacted. We have five lifeguards, but we are still looking for more.

Law Enforcement & Fire Emergency District – Wade Neubauer

The Fire Emergency District Board will meet on April 13. The ambulance crew responded to 17 calls in March. The Fire Department responded to two calls in March. There were nine Police Department calls for service in March, including mutual aid.

With alternate-side parking, emergency vehicles are exempt during calls. The two reserved parking stalls in front of the Fire/EMS building are also exempt for EMTs during an ambulance call.

Development/Planning & Personnel – Ray Ring

No Development & Planning Commission report.

No Personnel Commission report.

Public Works Department Report

John Ruhland reported that he attended the water conference last month. The consumer confidence report was sent out. Public Works is performing the typical spring work.

Water

March-26

Pumpage for Well No. 1	758,000	gallons
Pumpage for Well No. 2	<u>752,000</u>	gallons
Total Pumpage for Month	1,510,000	gallons

Total Pumpage for the Month Last Year	1,320,000	gallons
This is	190,000	gallons more than last year.

Monthly chlorine average 0.24 ppm

Two bacti samples were sent to the State Lab. Both samples tested safe.

Wastewater March-26

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.	229	mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.	4	mg/l
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.	522	mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.	5	mg/l
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia	4.000	mg/l
Limit: 4.3 mg/l Monthly: October-April		
8.0 mg/l Monthly: May-September		
20.0 mg/l Daily		
Monthly Average Total Phosphorus	0.112	mg/l
Total Gallons Treated	1,643,000	gallons

Police Department

No Police Department report.

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Report

Carver reported that the 2025 Annual Report was submitted to the Department of Natural Resources for the actual costs of the recycling program. This report determines the recycling grant payment. The Expenditure Restraint Program filing was submitted for a portion of the 2027 shared revenue. There were 241 voters for the Spring Election, down from 345 last year.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

Whitford motioned to pay check# 29236 payable to Sabel Mechanical for \$14,405.28 from the Sewer Replacement Fund. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

Feiner motioned to pay the bills as presented. Haag seconded. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$36,273.70	Water Utility	\$13,947.81
Library Fund	\$6,178.57	Sewer Department	\$95,668.36
TIF District	\$603.76	Golf Course	\$4,891.63
Capital Improvements	\$167.98		

Wage Reimbursements: \$21,303.86

Yanke motioned to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Drone seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer