

**Village of Iola Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**March 11, 2025, at 5:30 PM**  
**Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 South Main Street, Iola WI 54945**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by President Jennifer Schustek. The open meeting statement was read by J. Schustek, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call. Trustees present: Jennifer Schustek, Dave Harper, Jim Rasmussen, Alan Bauer, Pamela Parks, Rick Meyers and Sharyl Peterson. Others present: Laura J. Krogwold, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Missy Fenn, Village of Iola Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Emily Doud, Dean Parks, Aaron Messier, Mark McCoy, Rya Jones, Brenda Ivey, Jennifer O'Malley, Charles Peterson, Kathy Welk, Rick Ertl, Jamie Hendricks, Steve Fuller, Kristen South, Paul Kobs, Greg Loescher, Steve Steeber & Sherri Miller.

President Schustek read the following statement: The Iola Village Board acknowledges a recent incident in which an individual unexpectedly attempted to record a committee meeting in a manner that caused disruption and distraction to the proceedings. While transparency and public engagement are core values of the Board, the approach taken in this instance detracted from the committee's ability to effectively conduct business.

Moving forward, the Village Board and its respective committees want to make clear that recording of meetings will be allowed in accordance with applicable laws and procedures. This ensures that public participation is facilitated in a way that maintains order and respects the purpose of these meetings.

The Board remains committed to openness, accessibility, and fostering an environment where residents can engage with their local government constructively. We appreciate the community's cooperation in ensuring that meetings continue to serve their intended purpose.

Pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

D. Harper made a motion to open the public hearing for sewer rate increase. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed. Opened Public hearing for sewer rate increase at 5:33.

J. Rasmussen explained that a increase to sewer rates was held off as long as possible, however repairs and parts for sewer system maintenance are increasing and savings for projects is not meeting the future projected cost of maintenance needed on the sewer system. The increase that is being proposed is \$13 a quarter.

No public comments.

Motion made by R. Meyers to adjourn the public hearing for sewer rate increase. Seconded by J. Rasmussen. Motion passed. Public hearing adjourned at 5:37 PM. Reconvened into regular meeting of the Iola Village Board of Trustees.

Motion made by R. Meyers to adjourn the regular session of the Iola Board of Trustees to convene a Public Hearing regarding the proposed vacant building ordinance. Motion seconded by J. Rasmussen. Public Hearing for Future Vacant Building Ordinance called to order at 5:38 PM.

Brenda Ivey said the inspection by the Fire Inspector for fire hazards and Chief of Police for public Safety concerns at vacant properties is a violation of privacy.

Mark McCoy spoke against the vacant building ordinance.

There was a reassertion by Ms. Ivey of her opposition.

There was a motion by A. Bauer to adjourn the Public Hearing regarding the proposed vacant Building ordinance. Motion seconded by S. Peterson. Motion passed. Public hearing adjourned at 5:47 PM. Reconvened into regular meeting of the Iola Village Board of Trustees.

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

Mark McCoy, topic: vacant building. Did not speak, he already spoke in public hearing.

Brenda Ivey, topic: vacant building ordinance. Did not speak, she already spoke in public hearing.

Sherri Miller, topic: music. She did not speak.

Jamie Hendricks, topic: Police, Board, Filming

Aaron Messier, topic: I am here today to express that I support the Village of Iola police department. I support their presence in the Village of Iola and the work that they do. I do not in any way support the police being removed from the Village. The work that they do is very important for a number of reasons but most importantly they do work to keep our village streets safe from drunk drivers.

- In 2023, there were 7,701 crashes in the state of Wisconsin involving alcohol or drugs, and nearly half of all traffic fatalities involved drugs or alcohol.
- 7,519 crashes involved impaired drivers in Wisconsin in 2022. In these crashes, 184 people were killed and 3,556 people were injured.
- 29% of traffic fatalities in Wisconsin involve alcohol.

\* This comes from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

We have 3 bars in the Village of Iola and as a resident it's very concerning to see that they are strongly wanting the police presence, and thus, accountability, removed from the village. If people are drinking responsibly within the village, and if there are plans in place to ensure that inebriated drivers have a safe ride home, there should be no concern or fear from patrons or the establishments that the police are here serving and protecting our citizens.

I want to thank the village police for their work. They have been very kind in all of the interactions I have had with them since we have lived here.

Steve Fuller, topic: Compelling Reasons to Keep the Iola Police Department. (copy of his speech he presented to the board below)

1. Rapid Response Saves Lives • Eliminating the local police means emergency calls for burglaries, assaults, domestic violence, and break-ins will go to the state police—who have a minimum 45-minute response time. In critical situations, this delay could mean the difference between life and death.

2. A Visible Police Presence Reduces Crime

- Studies show that communities with a strong local police presence experience lower crime rates, including theft, vandalism, and violent crimes. Criminals are far less likely to target a town where police regularly patrol.

3. Drug Crimes Will Increase Without Local Enforcement

- A local police presence is a major deterrent to drug dealers and users. Without it, Iola could become a hub for drug activity, including meth, fentanyl, and opioid-related crimes, which are devastating small towns across America.

- According to FBI crime data, areas with active local policing report significantly lower drug-related offenses compared to towns that rely solely on state or county law enforcement.

4. Fewer Drunk Drivers, Fewer Tragedies

- Removing local officers means more intoxicated drivers on our roads. Drunk driving kills over 11,000 people per year in the U.S., and in rural areas, where roads are dark and winding, the risk is even higher.

- State police will not be stationed in Iola to monitor DUIs, meaning impaired drivers will have free rein unless an accident happens.

5. Police Presence Keeps Businesses and Families Safe

- Small businesses thrive in safe, stable communities. If crime and theft increase, businesses could see higher insurance costs, reduced foot traffic, and increased theft-related losses.

- Families considering moving to Iola will factor in safety—a town without police is a town at risk.

6. Emergency Situations Require Immediate Action

- In cases of domestic violence, active threats, or medical emergencies, state police will not arrive in time. Local officers trained in crisis intervention and de-escalation are critical to preventing tragedies.

7. Keeping Our Police Force is a Vote for a Safe, Stronger Iola

- The presence of local officers ensures that Iola remains a safe, vibrant community where families, businesses, and schools can thrive.

- Without a local police force, we are gambling with our safety—and history has shown that it's a bet no town can afford to lose.

Final Thought:

If we remove the police, who will be there when we need help the most? Our town's safety should not be dictated by a few bar owners worried about their bottom line—it should be about protecting all of us.

It is freaking ridiculous that we are even considering this for this town.

I am speaking for the hundreds of residents who are too afraid to come forward. And I will never back down, so I will speak the truth this board should hear.

Steve Fuller

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

D. Harper made a motion to approve the minutes from the: February 11, 2025, Regular Board, February 24, 2025, Police Committee, February 25, 2025, Working Board, March 3, 2025, Public Works Committee, March 4, 2025, Police Committee and February 5, 2025, Police Committee-Amend. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

## **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Legal Update: Butternut Ridge property tax dispute is still in deposition phase. They claim they should have been tax exempt for their first year of ownership. Mark McCoy & Lori Miller have obtained a lawyer, which indicates further legal proceedings after judge ruled Lori's ownership of 109 S. Main should be given back the Village.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

J. Rasmussen made a motion to increase the sewer rates starting April 1, 2024 from \$127 a quarter to \$140 a quarter. The motion was seconded by A. Bauer. Motion passed.

Motion made by D. Harper to adopt Resolution 2025-3: Vacant Building Ordinance. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Roll call vote was taken:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Iola Board of Trustees adopts the following Ordinance No. 2025-3.*

### *CHAPTER 187: Vacant Building Registration Program (VBRP)*

#### **Sec. 187-1. Definitions.**

*The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:*

*Building means any structure used or built for the shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or movable property of any kind; and when separated by a firewall, each portion of such building so separated shall be deemed a separate building. A boathouse shall be considered a building.*

*Dwelling means any building which is wholly or partly used or intended to be used for living or sleeping purposes by human occupants.*

*Evidence of vacant property means any condition that on its own or combined with other conditions would lead a reasonable person to believe the property is vacant. Such conditions include, but are not limited to, overgrown and/or dead vegetation, accumulation of newspapers, circulars, flyers and/or mail, past due utility notices, disconnected utilities, accumulation of trash, junk and/or debris, broken or boarded windows, abandoned vehicles, auto parts or materials, the absence of window coverings such as curtains, blinds and/or shutters, the absence of furnishings and/or personal items consistent with habitation, or occupation, statements by neighbors, passerby, delivery agents or governmental employees that the property is vacant. For the purpose of this Ordinance, building is considered vacant if building is being used less than 31% of total square footage.*

*Owner means any individual, limited liability company member, co-partnership, association, corporation, company, fiduciary, or any other person or legal entity having a legal or equitable title or interest in real property. The term includes a mortgagee which has obtained a judgment of foreclosure against a property.*

*Structure means a combination of material to form a construction that is safe and stable; including among others, buildings, stadiums, reviewing stands, platforms, staging observation towers, radio towers, water tanks and towers, trestles, piers, wharves, sheds, coal bins, shelters, fences and display signs; the term structure shall be construed as if followed by the words "or part thereof."*

**Sec. 187-2. Intent and purpose.**

- (A) The purpose and intent of this article is to prevent the blighting influence and nuisances caused by residential and commercial structures that are condemned, abandoned, or vacant and to ensure the integrity of our community's health, safety, welfare, and value.*
- (B) Properties that are condemned, abandoned, or vacant act as blighting influence for the surrounding neighborhood, depress market values of surrounding properties to the detriment of the various taxing districts and require additional governmental services. The use and maintenance of property in such condition and manner endangers the public safety and health, constitutes an unreasonable use and condition to the annoyance, discomfort and repose of a considerable number of the public, is detrimental to the public good and to the common welfare.*
- (C) Unsecured properties are a harborage for rodents; an invitation to derelicts, vagrants and criminals as a temporary abode; have very high probability of intentionally-set fires, an increased risk of explosion due to the theft of internal piping. Unkempt grounds surrounding such properties invite dumping of garbage and rubbish thereon. Therefore, adequate protection of public health, safety and welfare requires the establishment and enforcement of the means by which such nuisance conditions may be abated.*
- (D) It is important for the community to know which buildings are vacant or have a higher potential for abandonment so as to establish a proactive approach to track properties that are at risk of becoming vacant while the owner is still known. This type of action reduces the cost to the community and places the responsibility for the buildings on the owner and not the Village.*

**Sec. 187-3. Penalty**

- (A) Violation of this article including those provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes or other materials which are incorporated by reference, are a Class B offense in addition:
  - (1) Any license or permit issued pursuant to this article may be suspended by Chief of Police, or Fire Inspector or Building Inspector or revoked by an appointed person by the Village Board of Trustees.*
  - (2) Any license or permit issued pursuant to this article may be suspended or revoked by a court of competent jurisdiction upon conviction thereof.**
- (B) Any person violating any State statute, State regulation or the order of a State agency, which statute, regulation or order pertains to health or safety, even though not incorporated herein by reference, shall suffer suspension or revocation of any license or permit issued pursuant to this chapter, as provided immediately above in subsection (a)(1) and (2) of this section; provided, however, that in no case shall the forfeiture imposed for a violation of any provision of this article exceed the maximum fine for the same offense under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.*

**Sec. 187-4. Interference with enforcement.**

*No person shall prevent, resist or interfere with the Fire Inspector, or Chief of Police, or any designated employee thereof in the entering of any premises or the carrying out of their duties under this article.*

**Sec. 187-5. Administration.**

- A.) The Chief of Police, Fire Inspector, Building Inspector and an appointed person by board of trustees will be charged with the administration of the VBRP-VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION PROGRAM- and may contract appropriate repairs or demolition through a public bidding process. The demolition process shall begin within 30 days of notice by an appointed person by the Village Board of Trustees, which shall award a demolition contract within 90 days of notice.*

- (1) *Identifying qualified properties will require a cooperative effort from public workers in the field. Indicators that present risk factors of a vacant or soon-to-be abandoned building are as follows, but not limited to:*
  - a. *A history of back taxes and special charges.*
  - b. *Previous structural fires.*
  - c. *Unabated zoning and housing code violations.*
  - d. *Unreleased liens and attachments.*
- (2) *The funds generated from the VBRP will be utilized for the administrative cost of identifying, evaluating, inspecting, securing, demolishing or rehabilitating properties that are condemned, abandoned, or vacant.*

**Sec. 187-6. Registration requirement.**

- A.) *A residential, commercial, or any other structure that is condemned as unfit for human habitation, abandoned, or vacant shall register for the VBRP.*
- (1) *The term "unfit building" means any building or dwelling unit found to have any of the following defects shall be condemned as unfit for human habitation and shall be so designated and placarded by the Fire Department - Division of Fire Prevention and Building Safety:*
  - a. *One which is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, or vermin-infested that it creates a serious hazard to the health or safety of the occupants or of the public;*
  - b. *One which lacks illumination, ventilation, or sanitation facilities adequate to protect the health or safety of the occupants or of the public;*
  - c. *One which because of its general condition or location is unsanitary or otherwise dangerous to the health or safety of the occupants or of the public.*
  - d. *One which lacks any of the following: sanitary sewer, water, heating or electrical service*
- (2) *The term "abandoned dwelling or structure" means a dwelling or structure which is not occupied and which is not intended by the owner to be occupied within a reasonable period of time. A dwelling shall be presumed to be abandoned if it is unoccupied for a period of twelve consecutive months. Occupancy required hereunder shall be bona fide and not acquired for the sole purpose of defeating the abandonment of a dwelling.*
- (3) *The term "vacant dwelling" or structure means a dwelling or structure which is unoccupied for a temporary period of time, less than twelve consecutive months and is intended by the owner to be occupied in the future, provided that such occupancy is bona fide and not to be acquired for the sole purpose of defeating the vacancy of the dwelling.*

**Sec. 187-7. Properties not subject to registration.**

- A) *A structure that meets the conditions under section 187-5 shall be registered under the VBRF unless the following conditions are met:*
  - (1) *Existing renovation is occurring on the property in order to bring the building up to minimum standards; and appropriate permits have been issued.*
  - (2) *A residential single-family home or owner-occupied two-family property that has been used by the owner as a vacation home or on a seasonal basis for a period of at least three months within the previous nine months and the owner intends to resume residing at the property.*
  - (3) *Residential condominium, multifamily rental, and commercial buildings that are more than five percent occupied. Less than five percent occupied is considered vacant.*
  - (4) *A property that is currently part of an estate that is in probate and is not subject to bankruptcy.*
  - (5) *A property that is listed for sale on the multiple listing service or the owner provides copies of advertisements which have been placed in any media for a period of six months.*
  - (6) *Ice fishing shanties, boat houses, gazebos and garden sheds.*

**Sec. 187-8. Registration procedures.**

*All properties subject to the VBRP shall:*

- (1) File a registration form provided by the Village of Iola -within 30 days of the building becoming unfit for human habitation, abandoned, or vacant. The form may be signed by an agent for an owner provided the agent's written authorization from the owner is also provided. If the owner or the owner's agent fails to register the property, the Village of Iola shall register the property for them and update the form as new information is provided. The owner will be required to provide access to the interior of the building. If access is not obtained, for whatever reason, an inspection warrant for entry will be ordered.*
- (2) Owner information and availability requirement. The property owner shall provide to the Village of Iola such information as is required on forms provided by the Village. The information shall include the address of the property, the name and current address of the owner of the property, the owner's local agent or manager, and a current physical address where all correspondence is to be mailed. The information shall also contain a listing of current telephone numbers and email addresses at which the owner and the owner's agent and manager can be reached and a response received within 48 hours. The owners or their representative of a property shall be available via telephone and shall designate an authorized local agent residing within 50 miles of the Village of Iola with the authority to take whatever actions are necessary with respect to the property and the VBRP.*
- (3) There is no registration fee for the initial registration, and the first registration shall last for six months. Registrations shall be renewed every six months, and the owner shall pay a fee in the amount established by resolution for each registration renewal until the building is no longer required to register under this program. At the time of registration, if the property has not conformed to the building maintenance and security standards the registration fee will increase in the amount established by current fire fee schedule, plus 5% administration fee.*
- (4) If the property owner does not register and pay the fee at the time of registration, the Village of Iola shall be recouped through a special assessment tax or charge.*
- (5) An inspection will occur upon the initial registration and for all subsequent registrations to ensure that the property's interior and exterior are satisfactorily maintained and secured per section 103-372.*
- (6) A KNOX-Box shall be installed on the exterior of the structure at the discretion of the Chief of Police, or Fire Inspector or by an appointed person by the Village Board of Trustees in order to gain nondestructive entry to the structure. The cost of the KNOX box and installation shall be the responsibility of the property owner. If a KNOX-box is required, an entry key shall be required prior to the inspection.*
- (7) The owner will receive a letter stating whether or not the property is in compliance with the building maintenance and security standards. Within 30 days of the mailing of any notice of violation and order to correct, the owner shall be required to comply with the building maintenance and security standards. Window damage requires corrective action within seven days.*
- (8) If the building is not brought into compliance with the order to correct within the time specified, The Village or Village's contractor shall take actions needed to bring the property up to maintenance and security standards.*
- (9) The owner shall acquire or otherwise maintain liability insurance.*

**Sec. 187-9. Inspection fee.**

- (A) An inspection fee in the amount established by resolution shall be paid at the time of each registration. The inspection will cover all exterior and interior elements of the property. The owner will be required to provide access to the interior of the building. If access is not obtained, for whatever reason, an inspection warrant for entry will be ordered.*

- (B) *Re-inspection fee. If the property owner was sent an order to correct, a re-inspection will be required to ensure that the corrections were made. If the order to correct is not satisfied, re-inspections will continue every 30 days until the corrections are made. The fee schedule for re-inspections is as established by resolution.*
- (C) *If the warrant for entry is not obtained prior to a re-inspection, the re-inspection(s) will commence for the external elements, and the re-inspection fee shall apply.*
- (D) *If the property owner does not pay the inspection or re-inspection fee(s) by the time of an inspection, the Village shall charge the fee as a lien to the property where it shall be recouped through a special assessment tax or charge.*

**Sec. 187-10. Building maintenance and security standards.**

- (A.) *The property includes the land, interior, and exterior of all condemned as unfit for human habitation, abandoned, or vacant buildings and the owner shall comply with the following standards:*
  - (1) *All exterior doors, windows, and other openings shall be locked and secured at all times to prohibit entry by unauthorized persons. Broken windows shall be repaired within seven days of an order to correct. Boarded up doors and windows are not permitted under minimum maintenance standards; however, supplemental reinforcement measures may be taken at the Village's discretion for properties with a history of illegal entry.*
  - (2) *Maintain such dwelling so that its foundation, floors, windows, walls, doors, ceilings, roof, porches and stairs are weathertight, waterproof, rodentproof, structurally sound, and in good repair.*
  - (3) *Maintain the yard and accessory structures.*
  - (4) *Remove all combustible waste, refuse, and vegetation; and remove all storage of personalty in compliance with this article.*
  - (5) *If a vacant building has a fire protection system installed then that system shall be maintained and operational; otherwise, all service and utilities shall be discontinued to said dwelling. Fire protection and fire alarm systems shall be permitted to be removed from service at the direction of the Fire Department.*
  - (6) *The Village of Iola shall have the authority to require an inspection and test of any fire protection system or fire alarm system that has been out of service for 30 days or more before restored back to order.*
  - (7) *The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) fire codes are applicable to this program.*
  - (8) *If the building is not brought into compliance with an order to correct within the time specified by the order to correct, as determined by the Chief Inspector, Village of Iola shall take actions needed to bring the property up to maintenance and security standards or demolish. The Village shall charge the fees as a lien to the property where it shall be recouped through a special assessment tax or charge. The owner shall be responsible for all costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Village in the Village's enforcement of this division, including, but not limited to, building inspectors' fees, attorney's fees, cost of Village officials' per diems and salaries, and the Village's out-of-pocket expenses.*
  - (9) *Property shall be maintained free of graffiti or similar markings.*
  - (10) *The owner shall do the necessary to avoid growth of mold or other obnoxious conditions.*

**Sec. 187-11. Trespassing or illegal inhabitants.**

*Any person who enters or inhabits a condemned, abandoned, or vacant residential, commercial or any other structure shall be penalized.*

7-Yes, 0-No and 0-Abstain. Resolution passed.



Motion made by A. Bauer to replace the previous residential and commercial code with Resolution 2025-4: Adoption of residential and commercial codes:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Iola Board of Trustees adopts the following Ordinance No. 2025-4 to entirely replace Resolution 2024-12.

*I. Section 1 — Permit Required, Fees*

*Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Chapter, no owner or contractor may construct, erect, alter, enlarge, repair, move, convert to other uses, or demolish any building, structure or mechanical system until a valid permit is obtained from a Municipal Building Inspector. The Wisconsin uniform building permit shall be issued if the requirements for filing and fees are satisfied, and the plans have been conditionally approved.*

*1) The foregoing described work that shall require a building permit includes, but is not limited to:*

- a) New 1-and 2-family dwellings and commercial buildings including agricultural buildings, detached structures (decks), and detached accessory buildings.*
- b) Additions that increase the physical dimensions of a building including all garages, decks, balconies, stoops, and similar structures that are attached to any building.*
- c) Alterations to the building structure, cost shall include market labor value, or alterations to the building's heating, electrical, or plumbing systems.*
- d) Replacement of 1-and 2-family dwelling building equipment including furnaces and central air conditioners, water heaters, and any other similar equipment shall not require a permit.*
- e) Any electrical wiring for new construction or remodeling excluding new wiring for existing industrial and manufacturing facilities that do not require State mandated building plan review.*
- f) Any HVAC for new construction or remodeling.*
- g) Any plumbing for new construction or remodeling.*
- h) Any new or re-wired electrical service, including services for agricultural buildings.*

*2) Building permit fees.*

- a) At the time of building permit issuance, the applicant shall pay fees as established by resolution periodically by the Village.*
- b) If work commences prior to permit issuance, the permit fee shall be double.*

*3) Permit Lapses.*

- a) A building permit, other than Wisconsin Uniform Building Permits shall lapse and be void unless building operations commence within six (6) months and if construction has not been completed within twelve (12) months from the date of issuance thereof. Wisconsin Uniform Building Permits shall expire 24 months after issuance if the dwelling exterior has not been completed in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code SPS 320.09(9)(a)5.*

*II. Section 2 — Adoption of State Codes*

- 1) The following Chapters of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, as well as all subsequent future amendments, modifications, and revisions, are adopted by the Municipality and shall be enforced by the Building Inspector.*

*Ch. SPS 302.31*

*Plan Review Fee Schedule*

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| Ch. SPS 305   | Credentials                         |
| Ch. SPS 316   | Electrical Code                     |
| Chs. SPS 320-325  | Uniform Dwelling Code               |
| Ch. SPS 327   | Campgrounds                         |
| Chs. SPS 361-366  | Commercial Building Code            |
| Chs. SPS 375-379  | Buildings Constructed Prior to 1914 |
| Chs. SPS 381-387  | Uniform Plumbing Code               |
| Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 101 Department of Safety and Professional Services Regulation of Industry, Buildings, and Safety |                                     |

- 2) *The building codes shall apply to the alteration, enlargement or repair of existing 1- and 2-family dwellings constructed prior to June 1, 1980, for which a building permit is required under this Chapter. Submitted building permit applications for alterations or additions to homes built prior to June 1, 1980, may provide alternative methods or materials that, when deemed necessary in the opinion of the Building Inspector, meet the current intent of the code.*
- 3) *Any act required to be performed or prohibited by an Administrative Code provision incorporated herein by reference is required or prohibited by this Chapter.*

### III. Section 3 — Certified Municipality Status

1) *Certified Municipality. The Village of Iola has adopted the Certified Municipality Status as described in SPS 361.60 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.*

a) *Responsibilities. The Village shall assume the following responsibilities for the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department):*

1. *Provide HVAC and structural inspection of all sized commercial buildings with certified commercial building inspectors.*

2. *Provide HVAC and structural plan review of all sized commercial buildings with certified commercial building inspectors.*

b) *Plan Examination. Drawings, specifications, and calculations for all the types of buildings and structures, except state-owned buildings and structures, to be constructed within the limits of the municipality shall be submitted, if the plans are for any of the following:*

1. *Provide inspection of all sized commercial buildings and residential buildings with state certified building inspectors.*

2. *All commercial buildings, without size limitations [Appointed Agent per Wis. Stats 101.12(3g)].*

3. *A certified municipality may waive its jurisdiction for the plan review of a specific project or type of project, or components thereof, in which case plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval.*

4. *The Department may waive its jurisdiction for the plan review of a specific project, agreed to by a certified municipality, in which case plans and specifications shall be submitted to the certified municipality for review and approval.*

c) *Plan Submission Procedures. All commercial buildings, structures, and alterations, including new buildings and additions less than 25,000 cubic feet, require plan submission as follows:*

1. *Building permit application.*

2. *Application for review - SBD-118, or equivalent.*
  - a. *The applicant shall pay fees as established by Village resolution.*
  - b. *Fees apply to commercial projects.*
3. *Four sets of plans.*
  - a. *Signed and sealed per SPS 361.31.*
  - b. *One set of specifications.*
  - c. *component and system plans.*
  - d. *Calculations showing code compliance.*

#### *IV. Section 4 — Building-HVAC-Electrical-Plumbing Inspector*

- 1) *Creation and Appointment. There is hereby created the office of the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector shall be appointed by the municipality. The Building Inspector shall be certified for inspection purposes by the Department in the required categories specific under SPS 305, Wisconsin Administrative Code.*
- 2) *Assistants. The Building Inspector may employ, assign, or appoint, as necessary, assistant inspectors. Any assistant hired to inspect buildings shall be certified as defined in SPS 305, Wisconsin Administrative Code by the Department.*
- 3) *Duties. The Building Inspector shall administer and enforce all provisions of this ordinance.*
  - 4) *Powers. The Building Inspector or an authorized certified agent of the Building Inspector may, at all reasonable hours, enter upon any public or private premises for inspection purposes. The Building Inspector may require the production of the permit for any building, plumbing, electrical, or heating work. No person shall interfere with or refuse to permit access to any such premises from the Inspector or his/her agent while in the performance of his/her duties. If the Inspector is refused access to any such premises, then the Inspector is authorized to apply for a special inspection warrant pursuant to Section 66.0119, Stats.*
- 5) *Inspection results. The findings of inspection by the Building Inspector, plumbing inspector and electrical inspector are intended to report conditions of non-compliance with code standards that are readily apparent at the time of inspection. The inspection does not involve a detailed examination of the closed structural and non-structural elements or the mechanical systems of the building and premises. No warranty of the operation, use, or durability of equipment and materials not specifically cited in the findings of inspection are expressed or implied.*

#### *V. Section 5 - Violations and Penalties*

- 1) *Prohibition. No person, entity, or firm may construct, remodel, demolish, or repair any building in a manner which violates any provision or provisions of this ordinance.*
- 2) *Every person, firm, or entity which violates this code shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than \$25.00 not more than \$1,000.00 for each day of non-compliance, together with the costs of prosecution.*
- 3) *Violations discovered by the Building Inspector shall be corrected within 30 days, or more if allowed by the Inspector, after written notice is given. Violations involving life safety issues shall be corrected in a reasonable time frame established by the Building Inspector.*
- 4) *Compliance with the requirements of this ordinance is necessary to promote the safety, health, and well-being of the community and the owners, occupants, and frequenters of buildings. Therefore, violations of this ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance that may be enjoined in a civil action.*

#### *VI. Section 6 — Unsafe Buildings*

- 1) *Whenever the Building Inspector shall find that any building or structure, or any part thereof, is dangerous to life or adjoining property by reason of bad conditions, defective construction, overloaded floors, decay, lack of guards against fire, general dilapidation or other cause, he or she shall order the*

*owner of or tenant thereof to cause the same to be made safe or to be removed, as in the judgment of the Building Inspector may be necessary; and he or she shall also affix a notice of such order in a conspicuous place on the outside wall of the building. No person shall remove or deface such notice. The owner or tenant of such building or structure shall thereupon immediately cause the same to be made safe, or to be removed, as ordered.*

*Any person who fails to comply with any such order shall be guilty of a violation of this section.*

*2) Where the public safety requires immediate action, the Building Inspector shall enter upon the premises with such assistance as may be necessary and cause the building or structure to be made safe or to be removed, and the expense of such work may be recovered by the Village in an action against the owner or tenant.*

#### **VII. Section 7 — Severability**

*1) If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections, or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinances whose terms conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.*

Roll call vote was taken: 7-Yes, 0-No and 0-Abstain. Motion passed.

Motion made to ratify purchase at auction website of 2013 International 7400 with plow and spreader for \$32,427.50. The motion is seconded by S. Peterson. Motion passed.

Motion made by J. Rasmussen to hold the Open Book Meeting-Tuesday, May 13, 2025, from 11:00AM – 1:00PM via phone. Motion second by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

Motion made by J. Rasmussen to hold the Board of Review-Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Motion seconded by D. Harper. Motion passed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CDA:** Next meeting is Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 4:00 PM.

**Library:** J. Rasmussen made a motion to accept the February 2025 submitted by Library Director Robyn Grove: Circulation 1762, Renewals 369, Total Circulation 2131; INTERLIBRARY LOAN: Total Loaned 1069, Total Borrowed 800, Net 269; WISCAT ILL – Requested 17, Sent 28; OVERDRIVE: E-Book 146, Audio Books 180, Magazines 8, Hoopla 167; MY PC: Total Minutes 8145 Total Sessions 117, Wireless Unique Devices 206, Avg Devices Connected Per Day 21; Items Checked in: 3153; Monthly Patron Count: 1522; PROGRAMMING: Total Programs 17 with a total attendance of 289, 1 Adult Program with Attendance of 8, 8 Children's Programs Story Hour with Attendance of 185, 0 Family Programs/STEAM with Attendance of 0; 8 Passive/Drop In with attendance of 96; Make & Take

Bags 19; Curbside/Living Oaks/Cap Services 2; New Patrons 13. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

P. Park read the February 2025 Monthly service report of 134 total Calls:

|    |                             |    |                      |
|----|-----------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1  | 911 Misdials                | 5  | Motor Vehicle Crash  |
| 3  | Animal Problem              | 1  | Noise Complaint      |
| 1  | Alarm                       | 9  | Parking Problem      |
| 5  | Assist other Agency (5 EMS) | 13 | Public Spaces Patrol |
| 11 | Building Check              | 2  | Radar Enforcement    |
| 2  | Citizens/Motorist Assist    | 31 | School Patrol        |
| 4  | Disabled Vehicle            | 1  | Sex Offense          |
| 3  | Disorderly conduct          | 2  | Threatening          |
| 1  | Family complaint            | 1  | Tobacco Complaint    |
| 1  | Fraud                       | 2  | Traffic complaints   |
| 1  | Juvenile Problem            | 27 | Traffic Enforcement  |
| 1  | Lockouts                    | 2  | Utility Problem      |
| 1  | Mental Health               | 3  | Welfare Check        |

R. Meyers made a motion to accept the February 2025 Protection of Persons and Property report. Motion seconded by A. Bauer. Motion passed.

J. Schustek informed the trustees regarding a phone call she received from Sheriff Wilz. He wanted to pass on that he is very proud of the officers at the Iola Police Department. He said they work great with the Sheriff's Department and he has no interest in taking over police coverage of the Village of Iola because the Iola Police Department is a viable department.

No meeting scheduled.

**Public Works (Public Property, Streets, Sewer, Water):** Bids are going to be accepted for pulverizing and paving the lower half of Fairview and the West McKinley. With the purchase of the new, used dump truck, the current 1995 Ford will be put on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction site. Streetlight fixture replacement is being looked into, since there are multiple lights not working. The Waupaca County Highway Department Annual Meeting, was a wonderful source of information regarding what is available for municipals.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

**Ordinance:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Park & Garden:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Personnel:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Finance:** The members of the Finance Committee found the bills to be in order. Motion made by D. Harper seconded by J. Rasmussen to approve the bills. Motion passed.  
Motion made by D. Harper to accept the February 2025 financial report. Second, by J. Rasmussen. Motion passed.

**Revitalization:** Next meeting is Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 3:00 PM.

**Future monthly Board of Trustees meetings:** Working Meeting Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:00 PM in Clerk's Office. The Annual Reorganizational meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:15 PM in the Community Room at Village Hall. The next regular board meeting will Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the Community Room at Village Hall.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Phyllis Shidel- appreciation for Iola Village employees & support of police, Scott Reilly-support keeping Iola Police Department, Dean Parks-fully support the Iola Police, Aaron Messier-Support police, and complaint from John Bertelson, regarding being recorded without consent on March 5, 2025 at the Police Committee Meeting.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

Letter from Benjamin Flanscha regarding not letting bars or other establishments tell the police they are wrong for trying to protect us.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J. Rasmussen to adjourn. Second by P. Parks. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned At 6:18 PM.

Submitted by: Laura J. Krogwold, Clerk/ Treasurer, Village of Iola