

Village of Gilman

P.O. Box 157
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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 6 PM
Municipal Building
385 East Main Street
Gilman, WI 54433

Minutes

Village President Jane DeStaercke called the regular meeting to order in open session at 6:00 PM. Board members present were Jane DeStaercke, Cheryl Rosemeyer, Mark Person, Dee Bornheimer, Karen James, Russell Baker and Ericka Motte at 6:06pm. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth, Police Chief Tom Tallier, and Village Public Works Director Dave Kroeplin were present. Ginna Young from the Star News was present.

Village Trustee Dee Bornheimer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special order of Business: Jeremy was present from Country Wireless. He discussed the funds from the State for Broadband. He discussed that they have contracts with other communities such as Spencer, Stratford, Stetsonville, and Rib Lake. He stated that the equipment that goes on the water tower takes a lot of power. There was discussion about having Country Wireless pay for their own electricity if Xcel allowed it. Jeremy said they also offer services, and it was discussed that Wi-Fi at WWTF and Park could be good to have! He stated there will be minor excavation for this if approved. He stated that after a year there could be a revisit of the contract. The Village Board felt that this contract should go before the Village Attorney for review and to contact Xcel on a separate meter. This will come back next month for review.

Immediate Public Concerns: None

Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve the following minutes, and Trustee Karen James seconded the motion: Regular Board Minutes, December 10, 2025, Finance on January 12, 2026. The motion carries all were in favor.

A motion by Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer to approve the vouchers/bills as presented except for voucher 15611 SWIDERSKI for the toolcat. POOLED CASH for SSCU, 32750-32757 & FORWARD 15577-15628 and vouchers V1552-V1593, WRS/WDC/TASC/EFTPS/DOR/XCEL, Journal Entries JE-0583-0586, No RESTRICTED, CDBG or RLF. The motion carries on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Reports:

President Jane DeStaercke reported on moving the Village forward in 2026. There was a lot of thing the Village did with housing and FIX IT Grant. Jane also discussed inviting the REP for Country Wireless to the Board meeting to ask questions, expanding the Christmas Festival, toolcat purchase, Solar meeting at Celebration Hall, and Congratulation the Village Clerk/Treasurer Candice Grunseth on her Lifetime Achievement award from Taylor County Chamber. She encouraged all board members to attend the banquet on Friday January 23 to support Candice.

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Treasurer's Report – There was a report in the board packet for the fund balances for December 11 , 2025 through December 31, 2025, and another report for the dates of January 1 through January 14, 2026 for the pooled cash accounts at Forward and the other accounts for the Village. The Restricted Account breakout is included along with the CD report in the board packet as well. Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer suggested to add the leases that the Village has with the terms and run out dates. Village Clerk/Treasurer Candice Grunseth stated that those present leases should be the Cell Tower lease and the Industrial Park land lease. If anyone thought of any others to let her know to add. She will work on adding that for next month. Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk's Report – A copy of the Clerk's report was in the Board packet for review. Village Clerk/Treasurer Candice Grunseth noted the EPA meetings for Sewer and that the engineer is working on a report that we go back to EPA/ERG late February to review and then to the Village the last week of March to review. The concern is that it is due March 31 so we need to set a special meeting to review. Dan Cooper of Rural Water stated he could do 4PM on Tuesday. Candice also discussed the website information, election in April, end of month reports for 2025 along with the end of the year reports and the 62 requests for the 2025 audit work.

Chief of Police presented a written report for the Board and noted 11 new complaints for the month of December. There are still tobacco and vaping issues.

Public Works Director Dave Kroepelin had a written report for the Village Board. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth stated that Dave reported hooking up 3 new mobile homes in December. He stated that the DNR finally got his Log In for water and sewer reports corrected. It was an email error on their part. He also stated that toolcat demo went well and it is much faster cleaning up with that brush and bucket than the tractor bucket. Police Chief Tom Tallier stated that this saves the Public Works lots of time on the sidewalks for cleanup.

2025 Budget – Village Clerk/Treasurer Candice Grunseth noted the income and expenses in the finance committee meeting on Monday January 12, 2026, and noted income/revenue was at 101.96% and expense were 94.71%. She stated that General was healthy and netted \$40,000 even with the toolcat voucher out of it. There was a report in the Board packet for all members to review. Candice also noted the final figures for the Water and Sewer budgets as well and water was healthy and sewer was almost even.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Candice Grunseth noted the 2026 budget in only 14 days in with an income of 1.74% and expense of 3.30% and had the written report in the packet to review.

Old Business:

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth noted the website quotes from each company: Cricket Design, Catalis, Rural Impact, Black River IT and Cadott Programming and what they have to offer as of pricing, terms, transfers, and the alert system. She forwarded all information about pricing/quotes and Village/towns websites that any of the companies had recently completed. Trustee Dee Bornheimer made a motion to approve authorizing the Village Clerk/Treasurer to approve a website design that she was comfortable working with and Trustee Karen James seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

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New Business:

There was no action on the Country Wireless agreement. The Board encouraged PW Director Dave Kroeplin to check with Xcel Energy on a separate meter for the equipment and to have the Village Clerk/Treasurer Candice Grunseth send agreement to Village attorney to review. Trustee Cheryl Rosmeyer wanted clarification on how the agreement read. She wanted it to be made clear who was responsible for the electricity.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Candice Grunseth noted the voucher 15611 for Swiderski's on the toolcat. She noted that the Village was demoing it as the bucket broke on the tractor. The tractor was not fixed, and they noted the cleanup with this equipment was much faster. Board member Dee Bornheimer stated that as a business owner she loves how well it cleans up the sidewalks and she uses less salt because of that. There were lots of positive comments on this equipment to board members. Village Clerk Candice noted that this amount was broken out like the Plow and the new mower. She stated that this amount came out of the 2025 budget and still the General, Water, and Sewer budgets came out positive. Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve the Toolcat seconded by Trustee Dee Bornheimer. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Committee dates were set as follows:

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – March 24, 2026

Finance Committee on February 9, 2026 at 2:30 PM

There is nothing scheduled for Parks, Tree Board, Improvements, Personnel, or Public Safety.

The RLF has not rescheduled a time to meet again.

Agenda Items: Country Wireless

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm motion from Trustee Dee Bornheimer and seconded by Trustee Karen James. Motion carried all in favor.

Candice Grunseth, WCMC

Village Clerk/Treasurer

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