

**Regular Council Meeting
May 4, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom Kloss.

Roll Call: Jason Ekern-Absent, Elaine Conrad-Present, Wayne Palkowski-Present, Cleo Skroch-Present, Pat “Shorty” Kotlarz-Present, and Randy “Bushy” Symicek- Present. 5 Present and 1 absent.

Others Present: Jim Woychik, Zach Rastall, Brandi Berg, Kayla Mathson, Atty Rick Schaumberg, Chief Jim Waniorek, and City Clerk Dawn Smieja.

Proof of Public Notice: Mayor Kloss verified proof that public notice was given.

Approval of Agenda: Conrad motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Symicek. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Minutes –April 6th, 2026 and Reorganization Minutes April 21st, 2026

Motion to approve minutes from April 6th, 2026 meeting and minutes from April 21st, 2026 Reorganization meeting by Symicek, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Public Comments: Elaine Conrad asked why the agendas are not being posted on Facebook and the minutes are not in the paper.

Licenses and Permits:

L. Everin-Operators- Symicek motioned to approve, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

A. Rodriguez-Operators- Skroch motioned to approve, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

A. Wagner-Operators- Kotlarz motioned to approve, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

K. Disalvo-Building Permit- Palkowski motioned to approve, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

El Molinito Bar & Grill-Alcohol License- Symicek motioned to approve, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Open Public Hearing at 5:47pm for the Hi-Crush Reclamation

Gareth Shambeau from Ayres provided a quick update for the new council members. Public comments were from Scott Gunderson and Wendy Thompson expressing concerns. Mitch Bushman is fine with the plan. Motioned to approved the Reclamation Plan by Symicek and seconded by Conrad. Roll Call vote: Conrad-yes, Palkowski-yes, Skroch-yes, Kotlarz-yes, Symicek-yes. 5-0 Ayes, 1absent. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:01pm

Street Superintendent Report:

Jacobson provided a quote but unable to act on it due to unknowns with the lights for Indee days. Bring Quote back next month. Miemietz is hoping the City Hall Door comes soon. Toilets at Island Park were getting things thrown in them and being damaged. Consensus of the council was to get a Porta Potty and lock the bathrooms up.

Police Department Report: Police Chief Jim Waniorek reported staying busy and getting good reports on Justin. He also started receiving donations for National Night Out. Also, word is getting out there on filing written complaints.

New Business

Water/Sewer Truck- No from Water/Sewer to discuss.

Office Closure for June 5th, 2026- Clerk Smieja provided an update. Motioned by Palkowski to approve the closure, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Western Dairyland-Bounce House at Senty Shelter- Motioned by Skroch to approve, seconded by Palkowski. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Fire Station Gutters- Motioned by Symicek to approve, seconded by Conrad. Roll Call vote: Palkowski-yes, Skroch-yes, Kotlarz-yes, Symicek-yes, Conrad-yes. 5-0 Ayes, 1absent. Motion Carried.

New Library Tenant- Discussion took place on potential ideas.

Old Business

City Line Painter- This was brought back from last month. Consensus of the council denied the use on the City line painter.

Hi-Crush Whitehall LLC- This was taken care of in open hearing.

Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update- Jim Woychik explained himself to the new council members and gave an update.

Sesquicentennial Celebration- Mayor Kloss and Clerk Smieja provided an update that the next meeting is May 5th, 2026 and Mayor Kick Off is May 13th, 2026.

Veteran's Park- Wayne provided an update.

Library Update- Kayla Mathson provided an update on the progress of the new Library.

Block 1 Alley- Mayor Tom Kloss provided an update bid opening May 20th, 2026 at 10am.

Markham Addition Lots- Council impressed with Brandi selling 3 lots in a few months.

Lake Dredge Pile- Symicek provided an update on Hydro-seeding is about \$50,000.

Committee Reports:

Street- Symicek waiting on Block 1 Alley.

Fire Board- Symicek provided an update on going after people who don't pay fire bills.

Purchasing- Palkowski provided an update on meeting with Humane Society.

Correspondence: Clerk Smieja provided an email received from Chippewa Valley Blacktop.

Approval of Invoices and Payments:

Motioned by Skroch to approve; seconded by Symicek. Roll Call vote: Skroch-yes, Kotlarz-yes, Symicek-yes, Conrad-yes, Palkowski-yes. 5-0 Ayes, 1absent. Motion Carried.

Future Agenda:

- Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update
- Library Community Center
- Sesquicentennial Celebration
- Veterans Park
- Block 1 Alley
- Markham Addition Lots
- Lake Dredge Pile/Seeding

Future Meeting Dates:

Council Meeting June 1st, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

After having completed all matters before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Dawn Smieja, City Clerk