

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING, RAYMOND, WI – DECEMBER 22, 2025

The Village of Raymond Board held their regular Village Board meeting on December 22, 2025, at 7:30pm at Village Hall (2255 76th St, Franksville, WI 53126).

The Village Board was called to order at 7:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence given to honor the victim of the recent Raymond house fire.

Roll Call was taken. Present were Trustee Thelen, Trustee Gelhaus, President White, Trustee Kastenson, Trustee Schwartz.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Approved on a Schwartz/Kastenson motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Community State Bank - General Checking		
Beginning Balance		\$47,179.25
Deposits:	389,679.82	
Disbursements:	224,928.32	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$212,470.75
OTHER ACCOUNTS:		
UNRESTRICTED		
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Community State Bank - Money Market		9,671.33
State LGIP Fund - Tax Investment		1,672,836.23
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SAVINGS		1,682,507.56
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		1,894,978.31
RESTRICTED		
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Community State Bank - Bond Escrow		140,011.89
Community State Bank Storm Water Utility		12,405.54
Community State Bank Cemetery Fund		49,887.37
Community State Bank Perpetual Care Fund		9,934.61
State LGIP Funds - Bond Escrow		70,684.91
State LGIP Funds - Cemetery		70,664.24
State LGIP Funds - Equipment Reserve		210,791.11
State LGIP Funds - Land Reserve		28,507.35
State LGIP Funds - Raymond SWUD		164,184.90
State LGIP Funds - Fireworks Bonds		12,444.46
State LGIP Funds - Fire & Rescue Equip Reserve		383.68
State LGIP Funds - ARPA		10.29
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		769,910.35
ALL VILLAGE BANK ACCOUNTS		\$ 2,664,888.66
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BILLS PAID

November 24 – December 21, 2025; Village = \$125,780.71; **Approved as presented on a Gelhaus/Thelen motion. Motion approved 5-0.**

Storm Water Utility District = \$3,934.75.

Approved as presented on a Kastenson/Thelen motion. Motion carried 5-0.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

November 24 - **Approved as presented on a Thelen/Schwartz motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

December 9, 2025 – President White added that there is no conflict of interest with Foth regarding the Village of Caledonia. **Approved as presented on a Kastenson/Thelen motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

SET AGENDA – Village Board Agenda item #4 moved under #3 and #3 was moved to the end.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – Report was provided. President White noted that citations had gone down.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Dorrae Moonan – she spoke regarding President White's meeting with the school board. Also addressed concern for board members serving on a school board as well as village board.
- Bob Scott – talked during the Village Board agenda item regarding land donation
- Bill Wilson – he spoke regarding TIF development, road maintenance and borrowing money to improve the tax levy.
- Terra Morgan – spoke regarding President White's meeting with the school board. She also asked for rules to be followed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report was provided. They are looking to hire more daytime shifts. Station pump was donated; installation costs only.

DPW REPORT – Report provided. President White extended a thank you to staff for installing the new screen.

STORMWATER UPDATES – No updates.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Report was provided.

PLAN COMMISSION BUSINESS: None

VILLAGE BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Recognition of first responders; **Recognition of first responders Kevan Leedle, H. David Smith, Jade Edwards, Justin Banko, Ryan Edwards, Tom Cox, Parker Jones, Adam Bucher, and Eric Stephanich.**
2. Concept Plan with feedback regarding a proposed donation of land to the Village by Robert Scott, involving parcel 168042116001010; **West property line, around a 3 acre parcel intended to be donated to the Village for the cemetery. The board suggested this to be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator and the Village Attorney regarding the steps moving forward noting that the parcel is under the 5-acre minimum.**
3. General update on process and progress of water/sewer development and potential TIF District; **Presentation was given by President White.**
4. Discussion/Decision regarding Lexipol grant-writing proposal for 2026 and 2027: **Lexipol would help the station with legwork, guidance to submit proposals to obtain grant opportunities. Examples would be station upgrades, washer/dryer, cardiac monitors, recruitment/retention. Motion to accept Lexipol's grant writing proposal on a Thelen/Kastenson motion. Motion carried 5-0.**
5. Discussion/Decision regarding renewal of Code Enforcement contract for 2026; **Motion to renew the Code Enforcement contract for 2026 on a Gelhaus/Thelen motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

6. Discussion/Decision regarding renewal of Animal Control contract for 2026; **Motion to renew the Animal Control contract for 2026 on a Schwartz/Kastenson motion. Motion carried 5-0.**
7. Discussion/Decision regarding renewal of Assessor contract for 2026; **Motion to renew the Assessor's contract for 2026 on a Gelhaus/Kastenson motion. Motion carried 5-0.**
8. Discussion/Decision regarding adopting Resolution 2025-12-22A: Setting 2026 Employee Compensation; **Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-12-22A on a Schwartz/Thelen motion. Motion carried 4-1.**
9. Discussion/Decision regarding approval of poll worker list for 2026-27 to include: Cheryl Bayer, Patsy Bichanich, Gary Boldt, Kasie Cox, Jean Drefahl, Kim Erickson, Don Esch, Patricia Hren, Linda Hyde, Kathy Jaeger, Darlene Janowitz, Tal Janowitz, Judith Kaczmarek, Donnell Kastenson, Diane Miller, Sherry Nielsen, Joey Niegocki, Ryan Niegocki, Carol Paap, Sheryl Petro, Kim Rinner, Gail Rygiewicz, Lia Sader, Andy Schroepfer, Tracey Schutz, Diane TenCate, Jenny Waldron, Mary Wolter. **Motion to approve 2026-27 poll worker list on a Kastenson/Thelen motion. Motion carried 5-0.**
10. Discussion/Decision regarding closing Village Hall from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 13th for a holiday staff luncheon; **Motion to approve closing Village Hall January 13th for a staff luncheon on a Thelen/Schwartz motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

CLOSED SESSION

Move to closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Specifically related to the potential expenditure of public funds for I-94 water and sewer infrastructure related to potential new development. **Moved to closed session at 8:43pm on a Schwartz/Kastenson motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: **Moved to open session on a Schwartz/Kastenson motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

Possible decision regarding closed session items. **None.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Volunteers needed for Hometown Heroes Committee**
- **Village is looking to update the website**
- **Food donations needed**

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn on a Schwartz/Kastenson motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully,
Jeni Schroepfer, Clerk
Village of Raymond