

Village of Waldron
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January 13, 2026

The 2026 January meeting was held on January 13, 2026, at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. President Pro Tem Emil Gravelle called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken with all trustees present and President Barnhart absent.

Public Comment

Jean Todd expressed her concern for the trash piling up at a property in town and asked for something to be done. Discussion followed.

Stacie Shamplo made a motion to approve the agenda. Brian Bernath supported the motion, and it carried with a voice vote.

Brian Bernath made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 9, 2025. Allison Harwood supported with amendment. Brian Bernath accepted the amendment, and it carried with a voice vote.

Reports to Council

A brief written report from the county commissioner was read, updating the board on the Boyd Drain project.

Trustee Allison Harwood reported for Fire Board. For the month of December they had 6 BLS transports, 6 ALS transports, 21 non-transports, and 0 interfacility transports for a total of 33 medical calls. They also had 2 fire runs, 1 crash, 2 power lines down, 0 storm watches, 1 fire assist to other agencies, 1 Waldron fire/medical assist, 5 public service calls for smoke and CO alarms for a total of 12 fire calls. Total calls for the month equaling 45.

Dennis McNett reported on maintenance. They have been plowing snow, maintaining equipment, and completing Miss Dig locates.

A written report for the street administrator was presented.

Dennis McNett presented the water and wastewater reports and quotes for pump replacement for the Center St. lift station and rebuild for the Church St. lift station. Discussion followed.

Stacie Shamplo moved to purchase the spare pump for the Center St. lift station at the quoted price. Allison Harwood supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Angie Lucas presented the Utility Billing Report.

The written code enforcement reports for November and December were discussed.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. The annual report was given. Joel Rufenacht's and Mark Bernath's appointments had ended. The next meeting is February 3rd.

Allison Harwood reported that her committee would begin working on ordering the banners & flags soon.

The written treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk Casey Gravelle presented her report. gWorks would be going live soon. Clerk Amanda Davis had reached out to see if the village had any interest in the old Rutledge Insurance building. Budget requests needed to be in by January 15th. Now that the finances are being tracked in gWorks, there is an option to pool the checking accounts, which would streamline the bookkeeping process. She asked if there was any need for the phone line at the water plant now that the SCADA was installed. Discussion followed.

Stacie Shamplo moved to pool water receiving, sewer receiving, major streets, and local streets accounts into the general fund. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Brian Bernath moved to end the phone service to 120 Water Street. Stacie Shamplo supported and it carried with a voice vote.

President Pro Tem Emil Gravelle presented President Shawn Barnhart's report. He is working on the budget for the next fiscal year. The loader tractor will need service work. The budget committee needs to meet in the next two weeks. Also, there had been developments regarding the usage status at 101 E Center St. Attorney Fred Lucas had prepared a complaint for their approval.

Brian Bernath moved to authorize Fred Lucas to move forward with filing suit. Allison Harwood supported the motion. It carried with a voice vote.

Allison Harwood moved to accept the budget modifications for the general fund. Brian Bernath supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$25,380.00	-----	\$25,380.00	-----	\$50.00	\$25,330.00	\$25,330.00
Miscellaneous-Village Property	\$20.00	\$63.90	\$(43.90)	\$50.00	-----	\$70.00	\$6.10

Stacie Shamplo moved to accept the budget modifications for the water fund. Allison Harwood supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$15,020.00	-----	\$15,020.00	-----	\$70.00	\$14,950.00	\$14,950.00
Banking Fees	-----	\$62.50	\$(62.50)	\$70.00	-----	\$70.00	\$7.50

Stacie Shamplo moved to accept the budget modifications for the sewer fund. Allison Harwood supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$20,855.00	-----	\$20,855.00	-----	\$500.00	\$20,355.00	\$20,355.00
Miscellaneous	-----	\$499.00	\$(499.00)	\$500.00	-----	\$500.00	\$1.00

Allison Harwood moved to pay the bills. Brian Bernath supported, and it carried with voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Solarbees service contract was presented and discussed.

Brian Bernath moved to approve the service contract for one year with one visit for \$5,670. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

President Shawn Barnhart’s letter of nomination for the Planning Commission seats was presented. He nominated Joel Rufenacht and Mark Bernath.

Stacie Shamplo moved to appoint Joel Rufenacht and Mark Bernath to the Planning Commission. Brian Bernath supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Ordinance 26-01, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 of the Waldron Village Code by Amending Section 3-17(a)—Causes of Blighting Factors was read and discussed. The amendment changes the number of days “junk automobiles can be stored in the open at a residence was lowered from sixty (60) days to (15) days.

Stacie Shamplo moved to adopt Ordinance 26-01 with Brian Bernath supporting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath—yes, Emil Gravelle—yes, Allison Harwood—yes, Stacie Shamplo—yes, President Shawn Barnhart—absent. Ordinance adopted.

Ordinance 26-02, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 of the Waldron Village Code by Repealing Section 3-33(e)—Disorderly Conduct—Acts Prohibited was read.

Stacie Shamplo moved to adopt Ordinance 26-01 with Brian Bernath supporting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath—yes, Emil Gravelle—yes, Allison Harwood—yes, Stacie Shamplo—yes, President Shawn Barnhart—absent. Ordinance adopted.

Ordinance 26-03, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 of the Waldron Village Code by Adding Section 3-41—Fireworks Use and Penalties was read and discussed.

Stacie Shamplo moved to adopt Ordinance 26-03 with Allison Harwood supporting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath—yes, Emil Gravelle—yes, Allison Harwood—yes, Stacie Shamplo—yes, President Shawn Barnhart—absent. Ordinance adopted.

Ordinance 26-04, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 of the Waldron Village Code by Adding Section 4-2.1 & 4-2.2 Which Codifies the Following Ordinance to Provide for the Establishment of Cross Connections with Public Water Supply System and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof was read and discussed.

Brian Bernath moved to adopt Ordinance 26-04 with Allison Harwood supporting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath—yes, Emil Gravelle—yes, Allison Harwood—yes, Stacie Shamplo—yes, President Shawn Barnhart—absent. Ordinance adopted.

Ordinance 26-05, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 of the Waldron Village Code by Amending Section 3-4(a)—Designation of Authorized Village Officials was read and discussed.

Brian Bernath moved to adopt Ordinance 26-04 with Allison Harwood supporting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath—yes, Emil Gravelle—yes, Allison Harwood—yes, Stacie Shamplo—yes, President Shawn Barnhart—absent. Ordinance adopted.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Allison Harwood made a motion to adjourn. Brian Bernath supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. until February 10, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Gravelle

Village Clerk

**Subject to approval at the February 10, 2026, meeting.