



Members Present: Chair Povak; Members Ela, Hagner, Meyer, and Golopol; and Student Appointment Murphy

Excused: Member Macken, McWade, Sprague, and Syverson

Others Present: Village Manager Ewald, Assistant Village Manager Berzin, and Student Volunteer Price

1. Call to Order
Povak called the meeting to order at 7:01 am.
2. Consider approval of meeting minutes - January 8, 2026
 - Hagner noted an edit to #3 dueling to change to dwelling.
 - Minutes could not be approved due to no quorum from Jan 8, 2026, meeting at February 5, 2026 meeting.
3. Citizens to be Heard - this item is for matters not on the agenda. Discussion may follow comment on non-agenda items or discussion and action may come at future meetings. No citizens were present.
4. 2025 initiative - [\(3\) film screenings of environment-themed movies](#)
 - a. Report progress to date
 - Ela updated committee on first two meetings
 - 30 attendees at the first film, about 70 attendees at the second.
 - Povak suggests expanding on the film fest in the future to have a lecture series.
 - b. Action items
 - Final film is on February 12, 2026 at 6:00pm, set up at 5:30pm.
5. 2026 Initiative - Consider possible ordinance actions, [Electrify Shorewood](#)
 - a. Waste Reduction and Resource subcommittee report progress to date
 - Povak is waiting for Film Fest to be over before talking with Colectivo and Waste Management.
 - Povak stated she will circle back on rebate program closer to mowing season
 - b. Action items
6. 2026 Initiative - Educate community on native garden practices and invasive species control, including more flexible ordinance for land management plan requirement and turf grass standard, [Chapter 220 Brush, Grass and Weeds](#)
 - a. Biodiversity subcommittee report progress to date
 - Meyer stated an application was submitted to Shark Tank
 - b. Action items
7. 2026 Initiative - [Participate in Fish and Feather Festival](#)
 - Povak stated no update but will participate again this year.
8. 2026 Initiative - [Continue to post in the Manager's Memo](#)
 - a. Report progress to date
 - Meyer suggested invasives postings should go based on the calendar of when they are most visible - March/Early April
 - Ela suggests composting

- o Golopol suggests promoting restaurants/grocery stores to compost or donate leftover food to help with food waste
 - Povak suggests making this an initiative

b. Action items

9. [Policy 49 Workplans, Village Initiatives and Task Assignments](#)

- a. January 31, Volunteer Boards and Committees identify prior year accomplishments in the [2025 annual report](#)
 - Deadline December 23 - noon; final project will be compiled and reviewed and considered by the Committee on January 8, prior to submission.
- c. March 1, Volunteer Boards and Committees submit [proposed initiatives](#) to the Village Manager for consideration in the next fiscal year (2027)
 - Deadline January 26 - noon; proposed initiatives will be compiled and considered by the Committee on February 5 prior to submission
 - Committee went through initiatives to be submitted
 - Ela suggested having an initiative of “Community Events” - Manager Ewald will get back to committee on this.

10. Staff Liaison Report

- a. Deadline for proposed Shorewood Today articles - ideas should be submitted to the Village Manager’s Office before these dates: 12/15/25 for spring issue, 3/16/26 for summer issue, 7/6/26 for fall issue, 10/5/26 for winter issue.
- b. Compact Crusader Report
 - AVM Berzin stated the grant was submitted
 - o Waiting to hear feedback at the end of February
 - o If we are moved to the next phase, we will submit a full application and hear back in May.
- c. Village of Shorewood Streetlights
 - Manager Ewald requested assistance from the committee to provide information on streetlights for a promotional purpose in the Village Hall lobby.

11. Future Items of Consideration

Future Items of Consideration are items not listed on the agenda that members would like to discuss or consider at a future meeting date. The members are requested to vote on whether an item should be discussed at a future meeting. Wis Stat require the public have notice on the agenda of the topics to be discussed and considered. If an item is voted to be listed on a future agenda, discussion on the item shall occur after being listed to provide proper notice.

12. Adjournment

Golopol motioned to adjourn, Hagner second. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Berzin, Assistant Village Manager