

**Village of Shorewood
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2026**

1. Call to Order

President McKaig called the meeting to order at 7:33p.

2. Roll Call

All members of the board were present.

3. Statement of Public Notice

Clerk Harrell noted the meeting was properly posted and noted according to law.

4. Special Order of Business

5. Consent Agenda Items (7:33 pm)

Trustee Warren moved to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Trustee McGovern. Trustee Stokebrand requested item 5b be removed.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda (7:35 pm)

a. 5b. Consider regular Village Board minutes - January 2, 2026 .

Trustee Stokebrand requested that the phrase "hosted by the Shorewood School District" be added under the update provided by Trustee McGovern following the reference to the Long-Term Sustainability Task Force meeting. Trustee Stokebrand then moved to approve the item, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Couto. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

7. Public Hearing

8. Citizens to be Heard

9. New Business

a. Consider award of contract for 2026 Oakland Avenue meter vault reconstruction. (7:35 pm)

Trustee Couto moved to award of a line-item contract for the 2026 Oakland Avenue Meter Vault reconstruction to UPI Construction LLC in the amount of two hundred ninety-seven thousand seven hundred fifty-eight dollars and no cents (\$297,758.00). It was seconded by Trustee Ircink. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

b. Consider award of contract for 2026 Ash Removal Program (7:36 pm)

Trustee Ircink moved that a contract for the 2026 ash removal be awarded to Interstate Clearing and Construction in the amount of thirty-one thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$31,485.00). It was seconded by Trustee Couto. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

c. Consider Benjamin Center Initiative and RFP for Benjamin Center Architectural Design, Construction Document Services and Construction Administration (7:37 pm)

Trustee Couto moved to approve the SRC Benjamin Center Initiative and Request for Proposals (RFP): Architectural Design, Construction Document Services and Construction Administration. It was seconded by Trustee Ircink. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

10. Report of Village Officials (7:40 pm)

a. Village President

i. The proclamation Honoring African American History Month was read by Trustee Warren.

ii. [ICC - February 9, 2026](#)

b. **Village Trustees**

Trustee Warren, serving as the Trustee Liaison to the Library Board, reported on the February 11th meeting and highlighted the Shorewood Reads program scheduled for the months of March and April.

Trustee Stokebrand noted that the Conservation Committee's film festival finale was well attended. Trustee Stokebrand also reported that the Parks and Public Spaces Committee discussed whether to once again restructure bike and pedestrian safety as a separate committee, as had been previously.

Trustee McGovern noted that the next Shorewood School District Long-Term Sustainability Task Force meeting is scheduled for February 23rd, with additional planning underway for a meeting on March 2nd (time to be determined), which coincides with the date of the Village Board meeting. President McKaig requested that Manager Ewald contact the School District to coordinate the schedules.

Trustee Ircink reported that the Shorewood Farmers Market is scheduled to conclude at the end of February, with negotiations underway to extend it through the end of March. Trustee Ircink noted that community turnout has been fantastic and that the event has received positive media coverage, attracting additional customers. Trustee Ircink also commented that last year's Shorewood Chill event was another successful event held in the Village.

c. **Village Manager (7:46 pm)**

- i. **Update on WHEDA tax credit application and Phase II public assistance application for 4448 and 4450 N. Oakland Ave. from Spoerl Commercial LLC for the purpose of building affordable housing.**

11. **Future items of Consideration**

12. **Closed Session**

Trustee Stokebrand and Ircink moved to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to discuss prospective properties for the new DPW site. It was seconded by Trustee Couto. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7-0.

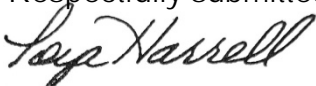
The Village Board deliberated the purchase of properties for a new DPW site.

Trustee Couto moved, seconded by Trustee Warren to reconvene into open session at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

13. **Adjournment**

Trustee Warren moved, seconded by Trustee Ircink to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Toya Harrell, MMC, WCPC
Village Clerk