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Village of Wilson Board of Trustees Minutes – August 25, 2025

Village Representatives	Present	Absent	Village Representatives	Present	Absent
Mayor Greg Martin	X				
Deputy Mayor Joanne Seefeldt	X		CEO Travis Evans		X
Trustee Ellen Hibbard	X		Attorney Michael J. Dowd		X
Trustee Doug Kepner	X		Engineer Mike Marino		X
Clerk-Treasurer Carey L. O'Connor	X		Legislator David Godfrey		X
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Nicole Martin		X			

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greg Martin explained that the meeting from Thursday, August 21, 2025 remains open and we will continue with our public hearing after the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing on water rents increase of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons of water bringing it up to \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons of water with a minimum of 4,000 gallons. This will go into effect with the September 2025 bill. Mayor Martin presented his report (attached) on why our Village board has decided to increase our water rates.

Mayor Martin opened the floor.

Carol Sattleberg asked how many of the residents are minimum users. Mayor Martin stated of 544 users in the Village, 174 users are minimum users.

Wade Wagner asked about making it equal and paying a minimum. Could we do something like National Grid and National Fuel and have a base rate and then a charge on your usage. Mayor Martin stated that yes, it is something we have discussed.

Garry Seefeldt wanted to commend Mayor Martin on his explanation on the whole benefit of water. How we receive it by delivery and usage.

Carol Sattleberg stated in the past that the storm sewers will leak into the sewer system. Because our summer has been dry, have we seen a decrease in infiltration? Mayor Martin stated that that is a different budget. We bill sewer on usage. Infiltration is a loss and is an expense on the back end.

Wade Wagner would like to disagree – if you have an influx of water, you have to treat more. Discussion ensued. Wade asked if we have to do the study and maybe wait. Mayor Martin stated that this is a grant process that will take years to complete and it's a process. Wade thinks that saving money is more precedent than spending on grants. Mayor Martin stated that that thought process has been what's been the reasoning in the past and we need to plan for the future to save. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Martin explained that we are working on the NYMS grant where it will get these vacant buildings to be apart of something and the Village will work with them to bring investment back into the village. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Martin closed the public hearing.

Mayor Martin brought this water increase to a vote. Trustee Ellen Hibbard made a motion to approve to approve the \$1.00 increase to the water rates, seconded by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt. Clerk Carey O'Connor took roll call; Trustee Doug Kepner, yes; Trustee Ellen Hibbard, yes; Trustee Joanne Seefeldt, yes; Trustee Greg Martin, yes. All in favor, motion to increase the water rate an additional \$1.00 has passed.

MINUTES

Mayor Greg Martin has asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 17, 2025 meeting. Trustee Doug Kepner made a motion, Trustee Joanne Seefeldt seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

BUSINESS

Water billing software discussion: Mayor Martin opened discussion in regards to the software. Trustee Ellen Hibbard stated that she has to agree with Carey that we need to go with the cheapest software due to our budget. Trustee Ellen Hibbard made motion to go with Current software, motion was seconded by Trustee Doug Kepner. All in favor, motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Greg Martin opened public participation.

Resident asked when the next water/sewer billing will be. Clerk O'Connor stated it is in September 2025. The resident asked if the increase could be split into two billing quarters. Clerk O'Connor stated it would be up to the Board. A different resident asked how much the average increase would be. Mayor Martin stated the average user uses 7,000 gallons. The increase would be \$7.00. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Greg Martin closed public participation.

REPORTS

Mayor Greg Martin opened reports.

Trustee Joanne Seefeldt has nothing at this time.

Trustee Ellen Hibbard is working on assessments of our village streets for the AARP study and the safety of our streets.

Clerk Treasurer Carey O'Connor thanked the board for making a decision on our new water/sewer billing software.

Mayor Greg Martin sent the draft for our new LWRP so that we can send out our RFP. We will be convening with the WAC (Waterfront Action Committee) soon and will be awarding the RFP in October. Our new WWTP Operator Keith Lepine started today and worked with Lou from Camden. He will be diving into the WWTP side of things and then he will be wading his feet on the DPW side of things. He will be black topping Wednesday with Joe Zastrow. Gary Darnell will also be helping with the Village. The village will be flushing the village lines tomorrow.

Mayor Greg Martin closed reports.

CLOSING

Mayor Greg Martin stated that our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 18th here at the Town Hall at 2:30pm, and our Board meeting will be that evening at 7:00pm. Mayor Greg Martin requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:04pm. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made the motion, seconded by Trustee Doug Kepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, meeting has been adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carey L. O'Connor

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