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BRFMU works on transformer repairs

By Garrett Aleckson

The Black River Falls Municipal Utility (BRFMU) Commission met for its regular meeting Monday, Oct. 27.

BRFMU is getting closer to having the German Hill substation back in operation.

“With the German Hill substation, the guys have gotten everything hooked up,” explained BRFMU general manager Casey Engebretson. “We’re still waiting for some wires and a few connectors. Dave Krause did come down. They powered up the transformer and did the phasing. We got everything hooked up and we have to get Dave back here and he has to do some checks on relays and stuff. Then we can get that powered up. Hopefully we see the light

on this pretty quick.”

BRFMU is now looking at a recent issue with a transformer at plant one.

“The plant one transformer, on Oct. 8, they determined that the voltage dropped quite a bit on that,” Engebretson said. “That has a load tap changer, and has 16 spots where it can increase or reduce voltage. They figure that it tried to click down a couple to reduce voltage. There is a resister that they think may have failed and did not hold it. From what they told me, instead of 2,400 volts, we probably have 2,300 volts per system. In a house, you’d probably see dimming of lights and things like that.”

“Dave came down the next morning and we took

the entire load off of that and put everything on the west side of town on plant two,” Engebretson continued. “We had some guys come down last week and they figured it was the resister and a brake. They’re looking for parts. The work to fix it will have to be done without any load on it. They said if we can’t find parts right away, we can lock it in so it can’t adjust voltage. The hope is, once we get German Hill completed, we can split the load between plant two and German Hill.”

Engebretson also informed the commission on plans for maintenance on the transformer at plant two.

“Now on plant two, we have regulator and transformer maintenance we’re

looking at,” Engebretson explained. “Before German Hill failed, we knew we had to de-tank and replace the guts in the three regulators. When German Hill failed, and we had to put all the load on plant two, we just put the maintenance on pause. Now that we’re getting close to having German Hill back up, we’re scheduling the regulator and pressure relay work. Now, with the weather, we figure we can transfer some of the load on German Hill when it gets back up and have that work done in the spring.”

In additional business, the commission reviewed a supplemental letter agreement

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Inc. (SEH) regarding the tasks and costs for sites for water wells.

“We got the supplemental letter agreement from SEH,” shared Engebretson. “We’ll focus on hopefully getting this one well approved.”

“Jeff, why does the summary cost as much as the investigation,” commissioner and BRF mayor Jay Eddy asked.

“I’d have to refer to our actual hourly breakdown,” Jeff Nussbaum, senior engineer in water engineering at SEH, responded. “I’m guessing the hours to prepare the field investigation summary is similar to the time we had

for the field investigation.”

“It seems to me that all the work is getting done under the investigation,” said Eddy. “The summary is you put it on a piece of paper, right?”

“So, the field investigation is our time in the field for geologists and preparing as described,” Nussbaum replied. “The next task is summarizing all of the data once we have all the final water quality data, the geological samples and putting that into a report for you.”

The commission approved a motion to allow Engebretson to execute the supplemental agreement with SEH.

Illuminate Ozaukee announces dates, plot participants

Volunteers still needed

CEDARBURG — The sixth annual Illuminate Ozaukee, a drive-thru holiday light show by Ozaukee Nonprofit Center, will take place over 11 nights in December at Zeunert Park, N25W5598 Taft St., Cedarburg.

The event runs through every Thursday, Friday and Saturday in December up to Saturday, Dec. 20 as well as Sunday, Dec. 21 and Monday, Dec. 22. The light show will be open to the public from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission to the park is free during the drive-thru nights, though a \$20 donation will be requested per vehicle. Proceeds from Illuminate Ozaukee benefit Ozaukee Nonprofit Center and their participating human service nonprofit partner agencies.

Plots along the Illuminate Ozaukee path will be numbered to allow the community and visitors to vote on their favorite plot.

Illuminate Ozaukee 2025 will feature the following businesses and organizations: Amish Craftsman Guild, Bingle, Brush and Blooms, Digital Edge and Country in the Burg, Family Promise, Faust Wealth Management, Get Busy Liv'n, Girl Scout Troop 8014, Happy Place Kitchen, Houseman and Feind, Interfaith Caregivers, Just Listen, Kara Marie Boutique, Mr. Mover, ONC Plot, Outdoor Accents, Parts Badger, PW Pride and The Blue Lotus Center.

The 2025 Illuminate Ozaukee sponsors are: Lumia Mequon, BEAR Construction, Cedarburg Light and Water, Cedarburg Overhead Door, Charter Steel, Houseman and Feind, Ladd Agency, Crown Electrical, Faust Wealth Management, Fein Design, Keller, Inc., Kohler Credit Union, Kwik Trip, Newman Chevy, Port Washington State Bank, Stilt House, Summit Credit Union, Today's Dentistry, Cedar Creek Apothecary, Egelhoff Lawn Mower Service, Lakeshore Realtors Association, Lakeside Foods, and Philipp Lithography.

To learn more about the Ozaukee Nonprofit Center, or the upcoming Illuminate Ozaukee event, visit ozaukeenonprofitcenter.org. Volunteers are always needed. Sign up under the Volunteer section at ozaukeenonprofitcenter.org/illuminate-ozaukee.

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Panic buttons approved for Eagle River city offices

Brown: 'It's a different world'

By Fred Williston

SPECIAL TO THE LAKELAND TIMES

Employees in the Eagle River city hall will soon have access to panic button technology following action by the Eagle River city council to authorize purchase of the alert system at its Nov. 11 meeting.

City administrator Robin Ginner said she and others attended an active-shooter training session in October. Shortly thereafter, she asked Eagle River police officer Adam Ross for his recommendations on improving security at city hall.

"The county has metal detectors and security and all of that but we don't have those kinds of benefits here," she said, adding Ross's recommendation was "we get panic buttons put in at each of the workstations throughout city hall and key fob in here, just in case."

Ginner said [Eagle River light](#) and water utility manager Mike Sanborn consulted with Kozar Technologies of Eagle River about requirements for city hall. The company's quote is \$5,102.95 per workstation.

"It would cost about \$425 to install it and another \$43 per year for monitoring per station," she said with the cost split between the light and water utility and the city.

"I hate to say it but I think that's a cheap amount to help us with some safety here," Ginner said. "I know there's been more than one instance in which we've felt a little bit uneasy with people in our offices."

Eagle River mayor Deb Brown recalled an incident during her tenure as city clerk when she ordered another employee into the city's safe because of a potentially threatening situation.

"We fired a guy at the airport and we saw him here," she said.

"He was storming up the sidewalk to come in here and give us trouble, but luckily I got the police in here. I think this is an excellent idea. It's a whole different world these days, and I think safety is paramount."

City clerk Becky Bolte concurred.

"The way my office is set up, I am cornered and the only way for my desk to see the front door is to have it in the corner so when somebody corners me in there, I'm out of luck," she said. "I did have somebody last year who was convinced that I'd sold his information, because I was the only person who had his information. He was getting all kinds of junk and phone calls and spam, and he was demanding that I remove his name from whatever list I sold it to. He came around to the back side of my desk, and I was cornered."

"Did you happen to sell it for \$5,102?" council member Dan Dumas asked jokingly.

He asked Sanborn whether alerts from the panic buttons would be routed to a monitoring center or to local law enforcement offices.

Sanborn said the information would go to a monitoring center first and the call would go to the dispatch center at the Vilas County Sheriff's Office.

"The reason we would do it that way is because it's not all the time that somebody is in the police department down there," he said.

The Eagle River police department's offices are in city hall but not necessarily always occupied during times when business is being conducted in the building's various other offices and meeting places.

"My office staff is all for this, too," Sanborn added.

"It's a different world," Brown lamented, repeating an earlier comment.

"I hope it's something that we never have to use but I'd rather be safe than sorry," Ginner said.

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Hartford Utilities donates wellness kits to local school

HARTFORD — Hartford Utilities billing specialist Holly Wenzel recently crafted seasonal wellness kits to share with community members in need.

The 10 kits were donated to Peace Lutheran School for teachers and staff members. The kits include hand sanitizer, lip balm, tea, tissues, vitamin C packets, and a message wishing the recipient will get well soon.

“As we assembled these kits we decided there couldn’t be a better way to use them than to donate to people right here who might be feeling a little under the weather,” said Wenzel. “Community care powers us all.”

Employees created wellness kits while participating in the Building Community Connections workshop hosted by wholesale power provider WPPI Energy, of which Hartford Utilities Electric and Water is a member owner. Each year, utility staff from across the WPPI membership gather at this event to focus on customer service, energy industry issues and take time to share ideas with other utility professionals to provide the best for their communities.

“Service is important to us,” Wenzel said. “It’s what we do every day. In our work at the City or out in the field, but also just as importantly, in all the ways we help make this community better.”



Photo courtesy of Hartford Utilities

Hartford Utilities employee Holly Wenzel shows off a seasonal wellness kit, which the organization plans to share with community members in need.



Crews battle large structure fire in Independence Friday morning

Fri, November 7, 2025

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa — Fire crews in Independence responded to a large structure fire Friday morning that spread to nearby buildings before being contained.

The Independence Fire Department was dispatched around 10:58 a.m. to the 800 block of 9th Avenue NE, where firefighters arrived to find heavy flames coming from a building and extending to surrounding structures.

Crews worked to contain the fire and checked nearby properties for signs of extension.

The Independence Police Department, Independence Light & Power, and the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.

No injuries were immediately reported, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.



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Independence garage, outbuilding hit by fire

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INDEPENDENCE – Fire destroyed a detached garage and another outbuilding at an Independence residence Friday morning.

But crews with the Independence Fire Department stopped the fire before it could spread to a nearby home.

Neighbors reported the fire in the 800 block of Ninth

Avenue Northeast shortly before 11 a.m. When firefighters arrived, they found the building engulfed with flames threatening a utility pole and nearby homes.

Independence Fire was

assisted on scene by Independence Light and Power, Independence Police and Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

The cause of the fire is under investigation at this time.



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Mayor's Park Gazebo

Many of you, if not all, have noticed the gazebo built this past summer in Mayors' Park (established by the city council in November 2024) in downtown Independence. This is a memorial dedicated to Robert (Bob) Hill, former mayor and city councilman of Independence. It is gifted by his family to honor his love of his city.

Knowing the motivation for this memorial might be of interest to you. Bob was always thinking ahead—contemplating the next “progressive” step for Independence. Early in April 2022, Bob and I were visiting as we drove by the bank corner. We were excited that Independence had become a shopping destination. This conversation led us to think that it would be wonderful to have a place for visitors to take a break in the shade or out of the elements. The bank corner green space was mentioned as the perfect location for a gazebo. Consequently, when Bob died a few weeks later, it was easy for our daughters and me to decide that our family would donate a gazebo in his memory.

While this memorial is our family's gift to the city, we would like to thank those who generously contributed of their own accord.

- Crawford Engineering: Site evaluation
- Spahn and Rose: Creation of blueprints and a discount on materials
- Independence Light and Power: Electrical work
- Independence Streets Department: Concrete and labor
- Independence Parks and Rec: Landscaping
- All monetary memorials given when Bob passed away

After many meetings and a lot of work by many people, the gazebo is a reality! While the seeds of this plan were thought of in regard to visitors, this is our city's gazebo. Our family hopes that many citizens of Independence will utilize and enjoy the gazebo for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Audrey Hill

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Two injured, one fatality in apartment fire

BY AILIS MCCARDLE

REPORTER

Area first responders rushed to the 600 block of 2nd Avenue NE in Independence in the early hours of the morning of Nov. 12 to respond to a large fire with reports of residents trapped inside.

According to a press release from the Independence Fire Department, three individuals were injured, with two being transferred by air to higher level trauma facilities. One resident later died from their injuries. The victim's name has not yet been released.

Fire chief Blake Hayward said in the press release the fire department was saddened to hear the news of a resident's death.

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"Our hearts are with the family during this difficult time," Fire Chief Hayward said. "Our crews gave everything they had on scene, and every agency involved worked together the way this community has always known for a long time. We strive to always be steady, committed, and focused on giving peo-

ple the best chance possible. Losing a neighbor is never easy, and we stand with the family as they navigate the days ahead."

The fire occurred in an apartment at Axtell Manor, a housing complex for seniors operated by Kartay Property Management. Kartay Property Management declined to comment until the pending reports investigating the cause of the fire have been received.

Officers from the Independence Police Department arrived on scene first, helping one trapped resident escape from their window.

Heavy flames were pouring from the building when firefighters arrived on scene.

"Firefighters quickly initiated an aggressive fire attack and primary search of the structure," the press release stated.

Hayward said in the press release he was proud of area first responders.

"During such an intense and fast-moving emergency, every agency on scene worked seamlessly together," Hayward wrote. "The coordinated efforts of law enforce-

ment, EMS, and multiple fire departments made a tremendous difference in our ability to rescue and treat those involved. I'm proud of the professionalism and dedication shown by everyone who re-

sponded."

One firefighter obtained minor injuries during the call, but was promptly treated by on-scene medical personnel and did not need transferred for further care.

The Independence Fire Department was assisted on scene by the Jesup Fire Department, Hazleton Fire Department, Oelwein Fire Department, AMR, Jesup Ambulance, MercyOne Ambulance, Buchanan County Sheriff's Office Dispatch and Deputies, Independence Police Department, **Independence Light & Power**, and the Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office.

The origin of the fire is currently under investigation by the state fire marshal. Investigators determined the cause originated in one of the units, but no suspicious circumstances have been identified and arson has been ruled out.

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INDEPENDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters battle the blaze at Axtell Manor in Independence in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Nov. 12.



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Three injured in apartment fire in Independence

State Fire Marshal's office investigating

By Emily Andersen, The Gazette

Three people were injured in a fire early Wednesday at an apartment building in Independence, according to a press release from the Independence Fire Department.

First responders were called at 12:17 a.m. to the fire, in the 600 block of Second Avenue NE. Independence police officers arrived first and were able to rescue one individual from a window while firefighters were on their way.

A second individual managed to escape the fire on their own but sustained serious injuries.

There was heavy fire coming from the windows of one of the apartment units when firefighters arrived, and they began an attack

on the fire and a search of the building, during which they found a third victim with serious

injuries.

Firefighters removed the third person from the building and administered emergency lifesaving measures. All three individuals were taken to the Buchanan County Health Center by ambulance, and two of them were later flown to higher-level trauma centers, the release states.

The State Fire Marshal's office is investigating the cause of the fire.

"Independence Fire Department was assisted on scene by Jesup Fire Department, Hazleton Fire Department, Oelwein Fire Department, AMR, Jesup Ambulance, MercyOne Ambulance, Buchanan County Sheriff's Office Dispatch and Deputies, Independence Police Department, Independence Light & Power and the Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office," the release states.

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Independence firefighters respond to a blaze early Wednesday at an apartment building. (Independence Fire Department)



One dead after vehicle hits home

Nov. 30, 2025

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa (KCRG) - One person is dead after a vehicle hit a house in Independence.

The Independence Fire Department said it was called to the 500 block of 8th Ave. NE for reports of a vehicle striking a house. En route, crews were informed the driver was unresponsive, and law enforcement on scene had started CPR.

Upon arrival, responders found the vehicle had left the roadway, hit a parked car and then collided with a home. Crews continued CPR until Jesup ambulance arrived.

The driver was taken to a local hospital and later died.

Crews assessed the residence for structural and utility damage and requested Independence Light & Power and MidAmerican Energy because of compromised electrical and gas lines.

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Little Chute School Board adopts 2026-27 budget

By Judy Dixon Hebbe
Reporter

The Little Chute School Board Members approved a revised budget of \$22,871,503 for revenue and \$23,500,679 for expenses, anticipating a deficit of \$179,976 and certified a levy of \$5,327,690 and a mill rate of \$5.6868 per thousand.

Business Manager Karen Moore noted that the deficit will be met through unspent funds in the forthcoming budget, such as unfilled positions or expenditures. The remainder will be met through the fund balance account which currently registers \$7,258,851.

The school board accepted a \$600 donation for football equipment from Sweetberry's Family Restaurant and a \$500 donation from [Kaukauna Utilities](#) to the third-grade class, which won the coloring contest hosted by the utility in celebration of Public Power Week.

The five teams participating in the Robotics Club received donations from sponsors supporting the coming season, including \$500 each from Van Zeeland, Seymour Dental and Heartland, \$1,000 each from the Trout Family Foundation and Crystal Print, \$1,300 from Cheesefest, and \$4,000 part of a five-year sponsorship from ATCAM.

The resignation of Maddy Brown as high school English teacher was accepted effective Nov. 7.

With Shannon Pomeroy and Rob Eiting stepping down from the school board after the forthcoming spring election, the board reviewed the timeline and election process.

State assessments were updated by Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Angela Wachtel.

Two new clubs received approval from the school board. High school girls flag football was approved for a one-year trial. Activities Director Kelly Wallace reported that the program will not take away from spring sports opportunities for girls since practices will be held during lunch time and spring sports will have first priority when scheduling athletic facilities. The school board also approved a \$5,000 grant from the Green Bay Packers to support the program. Mark Krommenacker will serve as coach for the group.

A middle school co-ed soccer club also received a one-year trial with the potential for continuation with district funding. The Valley-Bay Conference has middle school co-ed soccer in the spring as one of its conference sports. Little Chute is currently the only team that does not participate. Wallace and James Taylor, club advisor, noted that the absence of a school co-ed team in soccer at this level hurts program numbers and skill development for the high school soccer programs.



Water Treatment System Improvement Project permitting continues

Compiled by **Brian Roebke**
Editor

Engineering and permitting activities continue for the Water Treatment System Improvement Project in Kaukauna. Plans and specifications have been submitted to the WDNR and are currently under review. KU and CBS2 continue to hold weekly meetings to refine the design and ensure KU revisions are completed. Final changes will be made to the plans and specifications over the next few weeks and bidding is anticipated at the beginning of December. The certified survey map and easement documents for Water Treatment Plants 1 and 2 have been approved and submitted to the county for recording. KU and CBS2 met with a local reputable contractor to discuss project efficiencies and resilience concerns.

In other business discussed at the Kaukauna Utilities Commission meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 29, Engineering & Operations Director Dave Pahl reported KU did not receive any bids for the purchase of two grounding transformers for the Kaukauna North Substation and Central Substation.

The first is needed as the result of a different winding configuration of the spare transformer utilized at Kaukauna North Substation, while the second will replace the grounding transformer at Central Substation.

The item was put out for bid again. KU was looking to place the order immediately as they are a long lead-time item.

Finance & Administration Director Aaron Wallin reported on the electric rate study. After some back and forth with PSC staff

regarding likely errors in their proposed Cost of Service Study, the COSS remained largely as proposed. Staff's proposed COSS and the allocation of larger increases to industrial customers has resulted in the likelihood that this case will be contested requiring testimony, a hearing, and briefs before a PSC order. This pushes the date for implementation of the ordered rates to sometime in 2026.

Regarding the Electric City Microgrid Project, KU's engineering team continues to work with Quanta and now Lightshift (with WPPI – their partner) to investigate the opportunity of leasing a larger battery system. This option has several benefits then original plan didn't (extra capacity available in a pinch, cost sharing, etc.), but it does also come with several hurdles that need to be evaluated to ensure that it is the best path forward for KU, the Department of Energy, and Lightshift as well.

Work with the DOE continues, but they continue to not be able to afford much assistance as to decision making when it comes to which path to choose (the original 4 MW unit or the 15 MW lease with WPPI/Lightshift). They are expecting to be able to provide further guidance soon but that said, the recent government shutdown may have caused an additional delay on their part.

"We continue to move forward with Quanta on the microgrid/FLISR components of this project; these elements are required regardless of the selection of battery chosen," reported Engineering & Operations Manager Dave Pahl. "Regardless of the disposition of the

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DOE, it is currently our intention to approach them with our final proposal this next quarter to ensure that they are amenable before formally entering into an agreement with Lightshift via WPPI.”

This project involves the installation of a Battery Electric Storage System where the battery will connect to the KU distribution system through the nearby Badger Substation, which has three separate hydro generation circuits feeding into it and several critical loads fed from it.

Additionally, the installation of “smart” reclosers on the distribution lines that connect Badger Substation to our Ann Street Substation will take place. These devices will be connected by fiber optic lines to a controller also connected to the BESS. One of the goals of this project is to operate Badger Substation as a microgrid, which keeps the substation energized in the event of a major area outage on the transmission system supplying power to KU substations.

Regarding the main office building geothermal heating and cooling project, a project kick-off meeting was held to re-introduce the project since a couple of team members have changed from the original HGA team. Schedule and budget were discussed to determine any potential roadblocks that may be encountered along the way. One item that was discussed is a change in the fire code around geothermal equipment that will increase engineering costs from their original proposal.

A quote is being generated for this additional work. The critical path has also been determined, and KU is working to resolve this concern by getting the bid package out sooner for the bore field. Equipment to be replaced is the two air handler units, a boiler system, and three make-up air handler units.

A \$1 million grant decreases the payback to less than 10 years.

Environmental & Compliance Manger Zach Moureau reported the Badger Hydro FERC license requirement to conduct whitewater boating releases has been fulfilled for the year.

“There were no advanced requests

received in accordance with the license requirements; therefore, there were no releases held,” he reported. “Based on river flow criteria for the release, both generating units would have been shut down on all four release dates.”

This is a total avoided purchase power cost of approximately \$7,080.

General Manager Michael Avanzi was re-elected to the WPPI Executive Committee for another three-year term expiring in August 2028 at the WPPI Annual Meeting in Green Bay.



Brian Roebke photo

New **Kaukauna Utilities** employees were introduced at the Oct. 29 meeting, including Chris Klarich and Jason Burton.



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Wood stove causes Kaukauna garage fire

November 13, 2025.

KAUKAUNA, WI (WTAQ-WLUK) — A garage fire in Kaukauna caused about \$50,000 in damage.

Crews were called to East Tobacco Street around 10:30 Thursday night.

A resident reported flames coming from the garage.

When firefighters arrived, they could see flames coming from the back of the 2 1/2 stall garage.

They say the fire was starting to come through the roof.

It took about 20 minutes to put the fire out.

Two vehicles in the garage when the fire broke out are a total loss.

Damage was confined to the garage.

No injuries were reported and no residents were displaced.

The Kaukauna Fire Department says the blaze started from a wood stove that was being used.

Officials remind people to keep combustible materials and other flammable items away from heating sources, such as wood stoves, furnaces and space heaters.

The Kaukauna Fire Department received help from the Little Chute Fire Department, Kaukauna Police Department, WE Energies and [Kaukauna Utilities](#).



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Kaukauna garage, two vehicles burn from wood stove fire



The Kaukauna Fire Department responded on Thursday, Nov. 13, at approximately 10:30 p.m. to a report

of a garage fire on East Tobacnoir Street, where the occupant reported flames coming from their garage. Firefighters arrived on scene to find flames coming from the backside of a detached 2½ stall garage, with fire beginning to come through the roof. Fire crews brought the fire under control within 20 minutes of arrival. Two vehicles were inside the garage at the time of the fire, which were deemed a total loss. Fire damage was confined to the garage and its contents, with no damage occurring to the house or neighboring structures.

The fire was determined to have started from a wood stove that was in use at the time.

“The Kaukauna Fire Department reminds residents to keep combustible materials and other flammable items at a safe distance from all heating sources, including wood stoves, furnaces, and space heaters, said Captain/Paramedic Joseph Resch.

No civilians or firefighters were hurt in the fire, and no residents were displaced. Damages to the building and its contents are estimated to be \$50,000. The Kaukauna Fire Department was assisted by Little Chute Fire Department, Kaukauna Police Department, WE Energies and [Kaukauna Utilities](#).



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City takes a second look at preparations for potential data center

By Tom Collins Reporter

With a continued eye on the possibility that some type of data processing center might express interest in Kaukauna, the common council took a second look at what might be done to shape potential regulations and the city's approach to a potential inquiry by a company.

The discussion was part of their busy and lengthy Nov. 18 meeting.

City Planner Dave Kittel cautioned there is no entity expressing interest at this point but repeated his desire for the city to be prepared for the possibility of a data-related business or entity that might approach the city.

It was the second focus on that topic in recent months.

He set the stage for the discussion by expressing the city's desire to be open and prepared to a potential approach or inquiry. He wants the city to have a plan in order to control any potential approach. He underlined the importance of being proactive and prepared rather than

the city finding itself in a reactive situation and scrambling to address the matter.

He also said there is a large difference between a data center and the massive AI mega processing centers that now are in several locations across the nation including some in Wisconsin.

Kittel seemed to suggest the city is more likely to see a smaller data center rather than the large mega centers but wanted to at least consider the possibility of both prospective concepts.

As she often does in council meetings, Alderperson Kelli Antoine offered some perspective. She emphasized the importance of seeking a balance regarding the new technical centers. She agreed with Kittel the city needs to be prepared and proactive but also expressed her hope that the city needs to consider the best interests of residents rather than be swayed by the potential lure of big dollars from such an entity.

Antoine expressed the importance of what she termed not "being

greedy," when it comes to a potential data center or AI presentation to city officials. She also agreed with the concept of being open minded and suggested some of the stories about the larger mega centers seem to create fear and concerns about all of the data processing facilities. Antoine sought to offer a more reasoned approach.

Alderperson Jennie Eggleston also suggested the importance of environmental considerations, an important consideration since Kaukauna is home to the 1000 Islands.

Three people with expertise regarding either electricity or water or both resources were on hand during the discussion.

One person represented the company that transmits power to various sites. That is ATC or the American Transmission Company. That effort might be considered the highway that brings electricity from one location to another. The ATC representative said his firm had no concerns about the type of facility involved but also noted how rapidly such data centers are evolving. He

suggested changes occur every month.

Marty Dreischmeier of WPPI also was on hand and said his entity's role is to source the additional electricity [Kaukauna Utilities](#) might need to provide for a potential facility. He said WPPI works closely with the local utility to meet its power needs.

Michael Avanzi of [Kaukauna Utilities](#) mentioned being in the special position of offering the two potentially most valuable commodities to such data centers, water and electric power.

Avanzi said the water provisions could be challenging, depending on the nature of the potential project. He was confident in the city's reputation as the "Electric City" in supplying power.

Dreischmeier noted the number of data facilities now in the state. He pointed to the importance of coordination and mentioned the partnership that already exists between WPPI and [Kaukauna Utilities](#). That relationship already includes a

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strong partnership between the city and its Kaukauna Utilities.

In some communities water use has been a challenge as it is used for cooling purposes.

Kittel noted two new techniques with one a closed loop cooling circulation system while another example was a reverse osmosis system with a facility's water that is drained back into the environment.

Just what interest may come to the city is unknown at this point but the traditionally "Friendly City" wants to express what Kittel termed an "open mind" regarding the the

prospective data center business may mean to Kaukauna.

He suggested the most likely prospect may be a smaller data center like one now located in Little Chute.

The importance of being proactive seemed to be the bottom line of the Nov. 18 session.

Antoine might add the importance of balance in the equation. That is an open mind but also a healthy dose of consideration for the needs and impact on the residents of the city.

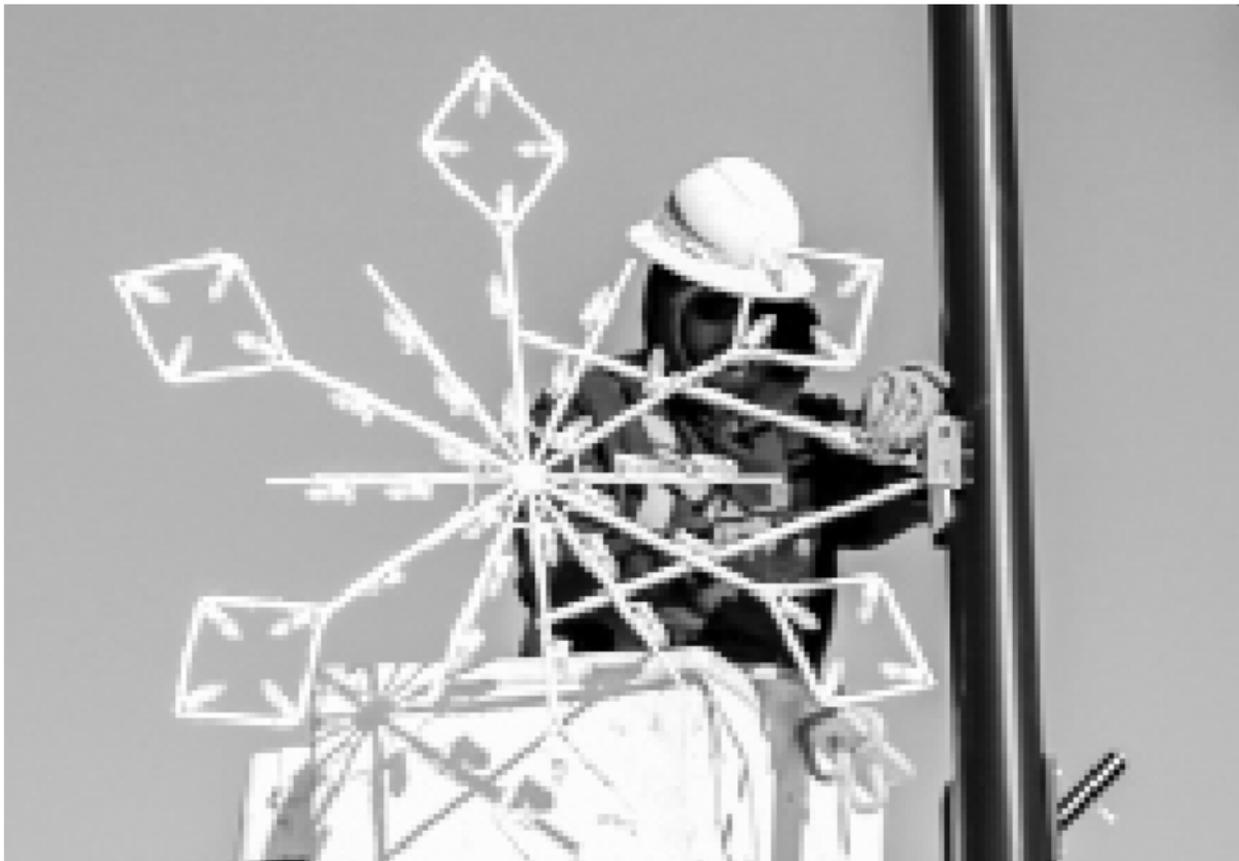
The discussion of the city's proactive responses preparing for potential data center proposals is a work that will continue to evolve.



Winter ready

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Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility crew member Miguel Torres helped put Maquoketa into the winter spirit by hanging lighted snowflakes on the light poles earlier this month.

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These Appleton-area organizations are asking the community to give back this Thanksgiving

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- **Fox Valley Literacy:** This organization, which provides classes and tutoring for adult learners, is asking for volunteers to donate gifts, gift cards or essential items to 50 local families. Sign-up is open through Dec. 1 at www.tinyurl.com/adopt-a-holiday-family.
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Ways to give back this Thanksgiving in Appleton and Fox Cities

Rebecca Loroff

Appleton Post-Crescent

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No criminal offense in gas line rupture



A Cascade firefighter works on rolling up hose before putting the truck in its spot at the Cascade Fire Department station, Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, in Cascade, Wis. The truck responded to the gas line rupture situation near the village.

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Explosion rocked Cascade community

Alex Garner

Sheboygan Press

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CASCADE – Work to repair a natural gas line near Cascade was underway Monday after it was ruptured last week.

Trio Lane off County Road F in the

town of Mitchell was closed to through traffic on Nov. 17 as crews worked to repair the line. The incident, which the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office described as a "significant explosion," occurred in the afternoon of Nov. 14.

TC Energy, which owns the pipeline, said the incident wasn't an explosion,

but instead, "the release of gas may have resulted in a temporary dust cloud."

Public safety resources, including the Plymouth Police Department and more than a dozen community fire departments, responded to the area around 1 p.m. after receiving several 911 calls about an explosion. A 3-mile area

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of the site was evacuated.

Four people were treated for injuries and released, according to TC Energy. The sheriff's department said it was aware of one individual, a crew member, who went to the hospital for injuries and was released that evening.

Cascade Fire Department Fire Chief Todd Triebensee said all injured individuals have returned home after sustaining non-life-threatening injuries ranging from concussions to breathing issues.

In a Nov. 15 statement, TC Energy said it's working to repair the line and clean up debris that resulted from a third-party using heavy equipment while working on behalf of another company. The company said repairs could be done within the coming days.

The energy company said there may be a "minor restriction in gas flow" for some customers, but two lines in the area continue to deliver gas.

'Scary and intimidating': Wild West Studios office manager recalls evacuation after Cascade gas line rupture.

Jamie Harbison, office manager at Wild West Studios, Inc., at 111 Madison Ave. in Cascade, said she didn't see any haze or feel the ground shake, as other people documented in photos and social media post, because she had music and a fan on.

But she was alerted by non-stop sirens going by, phone alerts and a couple of employees, who are volunteer firefighters with the Cascade Fire Department, rushing out of the building to respond.

Harbison said the building lost power around 2 p.m. and about 10 employees evacuated within minutes.

"It was scary and intimidating," Harbison said.

She felt bad for employees who lived near the site, especially one who was worried about their dog and was trying to get to them.

Wild West Studios was among various buildings in the evacuation zone and among properties that had power temporarily turned off as a safety precaution.

Cascade residents and businesses were impacted by the sudden power outage.

Tim Blakeslee, utilities manager with Plymouth Utilities and city administrator for Plymouth, said the initial outage impacted about 850 properties.



Trio Lane in the town of Mitchell is closed as crews work to repair a ruptured natural gas line Nov. 17 near Cascade, Wis. ALEX GARNER/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

Around 4 p.m. Nov. 14, Plymouth Utilities had restored power to customers, except to about 30 customers in the immediate area of the ruptured line.

He said one property was without power by late Friday, but a temporary line restored power Saturday morning, Nov. 15.

Various residents on social media worried about pets and loved ones who may have been affected by the evacuation and effects of the ruptured line.

Lynn Vollmar said he wasn't home during the incident, but his stepdaughter quickly evacuated their house with their dogs. She felt the ground shake and saw the haze.

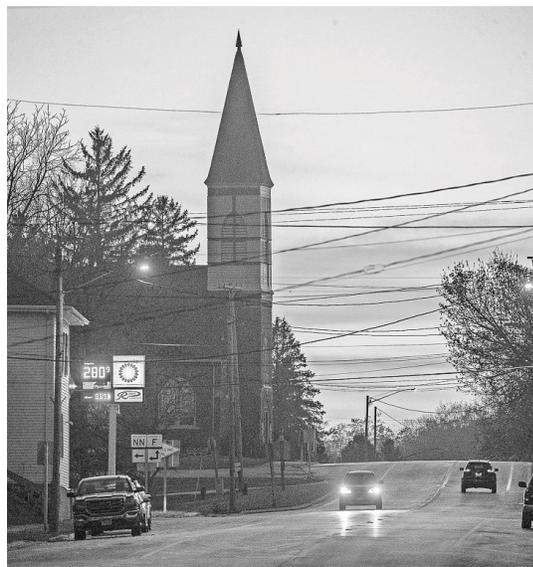
He said he's never experienced an incident like Friday's in the 18 years he's lived in Cascade.

The sheriff's department said Friday two homes sustained damages and were uninhabitable that night.

Triebensee said those homes were still uninhabitable as of Monday morning, Nov. 17, after they were hit by flying debris from the rupture, mainly rocks that broke windows and doors and left holes in the exterior.

Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office Lt. James Gottsacker said the department didn't find any criminal wrongdoing, so there is no further investigation into the incident.

Contact Alex Garner at 224-374-2332 or agarner@usatodayco.com.



A sunset sky is seen in downtown Nov. 14 in Cascade, Wis. The street saw a flurry of emergency vehicles following a gas line rupture near the village. GARY C. KLEIN/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN



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ABOVE: The Sauk Prairie School District's Bridges Elementary School solar project partners celebrate after the ribbon cutting with WPPi's Energy Efficiency Grant check for \$46,177 presented to the school district for the Bridges solar project on Sept. 30. BELOW: The official ribbon cutting for the rooftop solar array on Sept. 30 at Bridges Elementary School with the solar partners and the kindergarten class and teacher.



Solar panel installation celebrated

A group of solar enthusiasts gathered on Sept. 30 to celebrate the completion of the 200kW rooftop solar array on Bridges Elementary School in the Sauk Prairie School District with a ribbon cutting.

SPSD superintendent Jeff Wright welcomed all to the event, followed by Jeff Virchow,

representing the citizen's group's Sauk Prairie Solar Schools, that raised one-third of the cost of the Bridges solar array and Laura Lang thanked the donors and the donor display board that will be mounted in the school.

MREA — Midwest Regional Energy Association solar project coordinator Jeff Schneider, spoke

of the role that the Couillard Solar Foundation played with its Solar on Schools program.

Alan Willman, village of Prairie du Sac administrator and Anna Stieve of WPPi Energy, presented a \$46,177 Energy Efficiency Grant to the district.

Participants toured the rooftop array following the program.



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Jim Krueger, from left, and Mike Gargano, center, received the Community Service Award from WPPI Energy for their commitments and contributions to local power. On the right is Marty Dreischmeier, WPPI Energy senior vice president-power supply. (Submitted photo)

Two locals receive honors for support of Reedsburg Utility

WPPI Energy recognized two former Reedsburg Utility Commission members for their dedication to public power.

Mike Gargano and Jim Krueger both received the Community Service Award during WPPI’s 45th Annual Meeting and Anniversary Celebration.

“These two highlight the dedication of this utility and its staff to providing safe, reliable and affordable power and excellent service to those they serve,” said Mike Peters, president and chief executive officer of WPPI Energy. “Both have spent decades helping to ensure their community continues to thrive.”

The award recognizes member utility managers and public officials who demonstrate the utility’s value through community participation and volunteerism.

Gargano served for nearly a decade as a local government official, dedicating his time to the Reedsburg Utility Commission. He helped guide major infrastructure decisions, such as the expansion of fiber broadband to rural residents. Gargano is a long-standing volunteer in multiple community initiatives.

Krueger served as Reedsburg Utility Commission president and spent nearly three decades as a commu-

nity public official. During more than 28 years as a commissioner, he was both secretary and then president before retiring at the end of 2024. He was a strong supporter of the creation of Reedsburg’s LightSpeed fiber utility in 1998

“Mike and Jim exemplify dedicated service to their community,” said Brett Schuppner, general manager of Reedsburg Utility. “They both helped our utility grow by supporting needed initiatives. They were available to the public to discuss issues and have made a long-standing positive impact on our city.”



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City council eyes impact fees to offset road repair costs

Approves panic buttons in all offices

BY MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

The Eagle River City Council discussed implementation of impact fees on large developments during its Nov. 11 meeting.

The purpose of these fees would be to help offset the road repair costs that are often the result of construction projects due to the heavy machinery required for building.

Referencing his previous experiences with the work

required to repair Pleasure Island Road following the construction and use by Northland Pines School District, Alderman Jerry Burkett recommended the council take a look at this as one possible option, especially with the expected upcoming development of the nine to 10 lots on Riverside Park.

Impact fees would transfer some of the costs to those building on the lots, rather than making the taxpayers foot the bill in the way of road repairs.

“I’m trying to save the citizens of Eagle River from having to spend a lot

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TIS THE SEASON — Workers from the [Eagle River Light](#) and Water Department started decorating for the holiday season at Riverview Park in Eagle River last week Wednesday.
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City of Stoughton

Council approves 2026 budget

City's new construction, tax rate to rise

BY SCOTT DE LARUELLE

Managing editor

The Stoughton City Council unanimously approved a 2026 budget of \$13,951,709 at its Tuesday, Nov. 11 meeting.

The total levy increased \$1,778,539 or 14.6 percent from last year, and the mill rate increased from \$6.92 to \$7.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value, a 6.3 percent increase. Taxes on a \$350,000 home will increase from \$2,423.27 to \$2,576.01, an increase of \$152.74.

Mayor Tim Swadley gave a brief overview before the vote, noting that 70 percent of the budget is salary and benefits. Next year, the city will add several new positions, due in part to a record in net new construction that allowed the city to raise more tax revenue.

“It’s allowed us to begin to address our much ended staffing positions,” he said. “That includes a position in streets, parks, planning

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Budget: City in 'decent shape' for 2026

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department, SRO and part-time position at the library. We were able to put in the budget a 3.5 percent wage increase to help retrain staff.”

Swadley said while some other area municipalities are going to referendum or making cuts, Stoughton is “in pretty good shape.”

“And we anticipate we’ll be in decent shape next year as well,” he said. “Anything completed by January 1 will be credited to net new construction for the following year, and we’re ahead of last year’s pace on building permits pulled. I think we’re at 79 and we were at 70 last year at this time. We’re at the upper end here in Dane County; obviously Madison has a lot, but we’ve been running second or third here for the balance of the year on our single-family homes, especially has been really,

really good.”

Spring election update

Spring elections are coming up on the horizon, and clerk Candee Christen provided an update for those choosing to run (or not run) for office next year. Up for re-election for two-year terms are Mayor Tim Swadley, District 1 alder Mike Vienneau, District 2 alder Adrienne Nienow, District 3 alder Greg Jenson and District 4 alder Jonathan Schroerlucke.

The candidate packet is now available for 2026, noting some important dates and deadlines: the first date to circulate nomination papers is Dec. 1, the deadline for council members’ non-candidacy notice is Dec. 26, and all nomination paper and forms are due back to the clerk by Jan. 6 at 5 p.m. Mayoral candidates need a

minimum of 50 and maximum of 100 signatures, while alder candidates need a minimum of 20 and maximum of 40.

Williams Drive land negotiations

Swadley gave an update on continuing negotiations on a two-lot, 27-acre parcel on Williams Drive that city officials are interested in purchasing. The city’s interest in the land, which is across from the Emmi Roth facility in the business park, came up during last year’s budget process.

The council has approved funding to look at a long-term new combined facility for city police, fire and EMS, and the Williams Drive location is a potential site, but it also could be a location for a new [Stoughton Utilities](#) site or part of an expanded adjacent business park.

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City of Stoughton

City makes \$1.25 million land purchase offer

Seeking 27.8 acres off Williams Drive for future projects

Nov 28, 2025

At the Tuesday, Nov. 24 Stoughton City Council meeting, members unanimously approved a \$1.25 million offer for purchase for 27.8 acres of the Moe family farm off of Williams Drive, adjacent to the city's industrial park. The closing date is on or before Feb. 3.

A family member is currently farming the land on a lease, and the family is asking to allow them to continue until the city starts using the land. City attorney Rick Manthe said if the family approves the city's purchase offer, the city would negotiate a new lease with the family member that would expire when the city wanted to start the project.

"There are very few contingencies," he said. "Basically, get a survey, an environmental assessment and do some testing that we feel is required to determine if we can use the property for what we want to," he said.

The city's interest in the land, which is across from the Emmi Roth facility in the business park, came up during last year's budget process. The council has approved funding to look at a long-term new combined facility for city police, fire and EMS, and that location is a potential site, as well as a potential location for a new [Stoughton Utilities](#) site or part of an expanded business park.

Closing date extended

The council unanimously approved an amendment to extend the closing date on a purchase offer on two acres of land in the city's industrial park by GIP Glacier Moraine. In July, the two sides had agreed to a closing date of Nov. 13, but the developer requested an extension to May 15, 2026. The developer must complete the first commercial building by December 31, 2027, and the second building by December 31, 2028.

Manthe said developer Ronald Grosso wants to expand his company's business incubator by adding two larger buildings with a similar concept to its others. He requested to delay the closing date until May and provide an additional \$15,000 to keep the closing date open. Construction is slated to begin next spring.

"In all likelihood it would probably close by then, because they were trying to get another property sold to finance this purchase, and I think that closed last week," Manthe said. "They wanted plenty of runway."

In response to a question from District 1 Alder Regina Hirsch, Swadley said no one else has reached out to the city about the property, which is one of two pieces available in the industrial park, including a 4.5-acre parcel.

"If for some reason it doesn't close in May, that's probably going to be the end of it," Swadley said. "I can't see you guys wanting to extend it for another year."

"I just want to make sure we're not being played along until they have money when we could actually be making money," Hirsch said.

The birds and the bees

Council members discussed the first reading of an ordinance amendment relating to keeping of animals, birds and honeybees. The change removes the annual license renewal requirement, so residents would only need to register and pay a one-time fee. It will be back for a vote at the board's next meeting.

According to the council packet, city staff dedicates several hours annually to processing the 30–40 license renewals received each year. In comparison, the city typically receives up to three new license applications annually, each with a \$25 fee.

"We just felt for the amount of time we put into it, we weren't really going to make any money anyway, but we still go out on the initial application and collect the fees and do that initial inspection," Swadley explained. "Typically, if we get a complaint from a neighbor or somebody would add on to a chicken coop, for example, we would re-inspect at that point."

FINGERS CROSSED FOR HWY 57 OPENING

Jacksonport/Baileys Harbor – Those who regularly travel state Highway 57 have endured culvert/bridge replacements over the past couple of years that have closed the highway to through traffic. That work is now slated to end, if the weather holds, on Nov. 14, according to the latest update from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (Wis-DOT).

Four drainage structures have been replaced for \$3.3 million since 2024 at Lily Bay Creek, Geisel Creek and Logan Creek, with the final culvert being done on Hibbard Creek. The road has had hard closures since 2024 at various places and times along a 17.6-mile stretch from Sevastopol to Baileys Harbor.

The final culvert at Hibbard Creek detoured traffic off the highway in Jacksonport starting on Sept. 3. The week of Nov. 10-14, crews were installing the final touches – beam guard, crash cushion and roadway signs – and finishing the restoration of the roadway.

Pending no weather delays, Wis-DOT said, the roadway will open to traffic on Friday, Nov. 14.

For complete details on the project, go to projects.511wi.gov/wis57sheb/.

CITY APPROVES \$17K IN ARTWORK PURCHASES

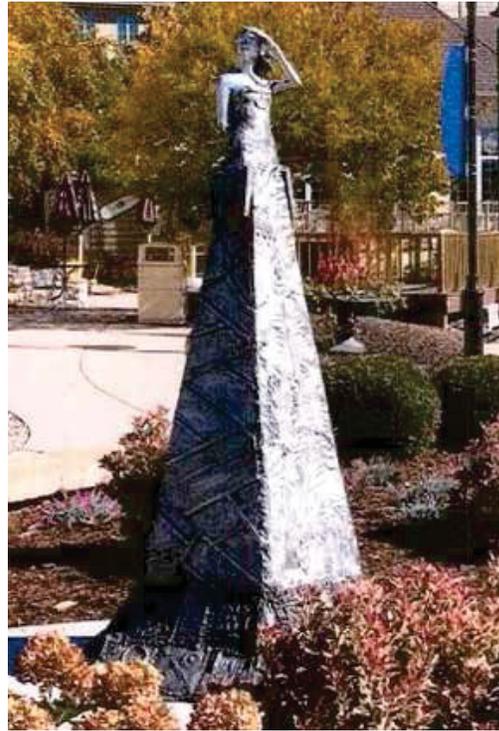
Sturgeon Bay – The purchase of two pieces of artwork to be displayed outside in the City of Sturgeon Bay was approved Nov. 4 by the Common Council for \$17,000 as part of the council’s consent agenda.

The council backed the purchase of Teresa Lind’s “Lady Leani” sculpture for \$10,000, which came from a donation from [Sturgeon Bay Utilities](#).

“Lady Leani,” which depicts Lind’s vision of a strong, independent woman standing watch over the waters of Sturgeon Bay, has been on loan to the city while on display behind Stone Harbor. The sculpture will be relocated in the city’s park system following the two-year loan period after first being installed in 2024.

Council members also approved purchasing Steven Haas’s “Crosswind

Approach” sculpture for \$7,000, with \$4,995 donated by [Sturgeon Bay Utilities](#), \$1,005 from a private fundraising campaign and \$1,000 transferred from the Local Arts Board’s operating budget.



“Lady Leani,” a sculpture by Teresa Lind, will be relocated in the city’s park system.

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“Crosswind Approach” depicts Haas’s vision of a bird landing in a crosswind. The sculpture, which will be located at Sunset Park along the new walking trail, was originally on loan by Haas and installed on the East Waterfront Promenade in 2021, before being returned to the artist in 2024.

BIG HILL PARK BIKE TRAIL CHANGES APPROVED

Sturgeon Bay – Sturgeon Bay’s Common Council approved a recommendation on Nov. 4 from the city’s Joint Parks and Recreation Committee/Board to make changes to the mountain bike trail expansion that has gone on in recent months at Big Hill Park.

The changes are in response to the public pushback over the impact of the

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STURGEON BAY UTILITIES

Regular Meeting
October 14th, 2025

President Stewart Fett called the regular meeting of the Utilities Commission to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll call: President Fett, Mayor David Ward, Commissioners Seth Wiederanders, Dan Williams, Dina Boettcher, and Gary Nault were present. Steve Christoferson was excused. Also present were General Manager James Stawicki, Water/Sewer Utility Manager Jeff Hoffman, Controller Katie Slaby and Electric Utility Manager Jason Bieri.

Ward/Williams to adopt the agenda (complete copy on file at the Utility office). Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Wiederanders/Nault to approve the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on September 9th, 2025. Motion carried.

Election of Commission Officers was