

VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS
Annual Budgets Hearing
Friday, February 6th, 2026

The Board of Commissioners opened the 2026 Annual Budgets Hearing at 6:01pm on Friday, February 6, 2026, at the Madison Town Hall Meeting Room. In attendance at the public meeting are Commissioner Mark Graffam, Commissioner Nancy Cole, Commissioner Wooda McNiven.

VDOE residents:

Robert D'Ambra	Tom Gunn	Andrew Manning
Kerry McNiven	Jane Gunn	Bob Ingram

The meeting was videotaped by Aysia Wellinghurst with Madison TV.

At 6:01pm Commissioner Mark Graffam calls the Budgets Hearing to order.

Wooda McNiven begins the hearing by reviewing the Operation and Water Systems Budget. Wooda first points out an error in the "Culverts and Basins" line item. Wooda encouraged the attendees to "bring up" any line item that they want to discuss. Wooda reviewed the major categories of the Operating Budget.

At 6:08pm Bob Ingram asked for clarification on the "Difference from Expended" column in the Operating Budget .

At 6:18pm Bob Ingram asked for clarification on the two line items for covering "Insurance Claim Deductible" line item in the Operating Budget and the Water Budget. The Operating Budget is funded from taxes; the Water Budget is funded from water fees.

At 6:25pm Bob Ingram asks if the voters pass the articles for purchasing new trucks, would the truck repair line items to maintain the old (replaced) trucks be reduced. Yes (money will be spent in 2026 until the new trucks arrive.

At 6:38pm Wooda McNiven begins the review of the 2026 Water Budget.

At 6:50pm Bob Ingram asked for clarification on the "SCADA" line item and the expense of purchasing a new SCADA computer.

At 6:51pm the review of the Warrant Articles begins.

At 6:52pm Bob Ingram asked if the warrant article for the Western Star truck purchase includes the "outfitting" of plows and spreader. It does.

At 6:53pm Tom Gunn comments on the importance of reducing the maintenance line items if the truck purchases pass.

At 6:55pm Bob Ingram comments on the wording of the articles as loans requiring 2/3 majority secret ballot voting.

At 6:57pm Kerry McNiven comments that we need to have an event that the DPW shows off the new trucks to the taxpayers, if purchased.

At 7:05pm Bob Ingram asked if the proposed Power Raking of the beaches will be done once year, or every few years. We don't know yet. We will look at Boulder Beach this Spring to learn about its first winter after the first Power Raking.

At 7:15pm Tom Gunn asked if the taxation to fund the Como PRV will be raised in one year, or multiple years. It will be one year.

At 7:17pm Bob Ingram asked where the funds go if the voters choose to close the "Medical Insurance" reserve fund. It goes into the Unassigned Fund Balance.

At 7:19pm Tom Gunn asks why the warrant article to fund the DPW 1 garage's hazardous floor drainage "Tight Tank" isn't a line item in the Budget. It is because the tank isn't pumped empty every year.

A 7:26pm Kerry McNiven asked if "perching the beaches" will interfere with the DPW's equipment handling of the swim rafts. It has to be part of the design. Tom Gunn has a perched beach at his house and explained how he takes his raft in and out of the water with his tractor.

The warrant article for Blinden Dive should say "Crack" sealing, not "Chip" sealing.

At 7:38pm Bob Ingram asks if we need Muddy Beach back-up well facility if we build a second well (B) at DPW 1. We need the Muddy Beach solution first, ASAP, at \$80K, and the DPW B well down the road, at ~\$500K.

At 7:47pm Bob Ingram suggests a brief update on the VDOE's FEMA projects and the money reimbursed by FEMA

Mark Graffam closes the hearing and adjourns at 7:48pm.

Submitted by Mark Graffam

To view the meeting on video, please click on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO65InWxbWs>