

VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS
Commissioner's Meeting
Wednesday, May 27th, 2026

The Board of Commissioners Meeting was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 27th, 2026. In attendance at the public meeting are Commissioner Mark Graffam, Commissioner Nancy Cole, Commissioner Wooda McNiven and DPW Foreman Jeff DeMartino. In attendance also were Village Clerk, Doug Prescott, Treasurer, Jane Gunn, and Bob D'Ambra.

The meeting was videotaped by Evan Woss with Madison TV.

Public Meeting

At 9:00 am Commissioner Wooda McNiven calls the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Wooda McNiven makes a motion to discuss and approve the May 27th agenda. Nancy Cole 2nds the motion. Mark Graffam suggests a non-public session to discuss resumes and applications for Officer Manager position. Mark also suggests going into recess versus adjourning for the purpose of conducting driveway inspections later in the day. And finally, Mark asks to add the Neighborhood Energy proposal to the Signature Items. **The motion to approve the agenda is passed 3-0.**

- **Approval of Minutes**

At 9:02 am, Wooda makes a motion to discuss and approve the meeting minutes of May 19th. Nancy Cole 2nds it. Nancy points out that one of the motions - reported on May 19th - was not in bold face as is customary. No other revisions are brought up. **Motion is passed 3-0.**

Approval of the Manifests @ 9:03am

- **At 9:03 am, Wooda makes a motion to discuss and approve the Operations Manifest in the amount of \$18,119.39. Nancy 2nds the motion.** Discussion follows about the various expense line items with the vast majority of the total (\$16,192.50) being for the purchase of 42 culverts. **Motion is passed 3-0.**
- **At 9:06 am, Wooda makes a motion to discuss and approve the Payroll Manifest of \$8,741.75. Nancy 2nds. The motion passes 3-0.**
- **At 9:08 am, Wooda makes a motion to discuss and approve the Water Manifest of \$6,538.28. Nancy 2nds.** Discussion centers on the Water Testing expenses and the reimbursement amount to Operations. **Motion passes 3-0.**

DPW Report @ 9:12 am

- Jeff discusses ditching, marking curb-stop valves, filling in potholes, cleaning culverts. Work-in-progress signs are old, and Jeff cites the need for some new ones, which he has ordered. Jeff called

about the heavy-duty swim raft ladder, which he will purchase and pick up. All rafts in. Big Loop culvert cleared of beaver construction. Also discussed are some trees being planted near the ditch line up on Reinach Place. Jeff will speak with contractor doing the landscaping work to ensure road ditch line is not impacted. Discussion ensues about various driveways that are still problematic.

Commissioner's Concerns/Reports @ 9:31 am

Nancy Cole

Nancy reports having met with an electrician to review work needed on cameras and security system for the office and at DPW-1 interior and exterior. Smoke detectors were found to be inoperable and need to be fixed or replaced with new units. Also, floodlights outside chem room will be fixed. A quote is forthcoming so this work can get underway. Also, a Transfer Switch at Jungfrau Pump House may be part of this work depending on what Simply Water says about when the Jungfrau pump house will get a new pump and VFD. Nancy also reports starting work on an up-to-date budget to review expenses incurred to date against approved budget.

Mark Graffam

Mark reports that transporting fill from the FEMA road work to Albany will be difficult during summer days plus road construction on Route 16. He reports a new potential site for taking fill, but this site needs to be FEMA approved. Mark will pay a site visit to check it out and will coordinate the needed approval with FEMA. A new property owner is bringing his construction equipment up from MA and has inquired if there are any work opportunities in the village. Mark states that another contractor might be needed for all the summer road work that is still yet to be done.

Wooda McNiven

At 9:43 am, Wooda makes a motion to contact Batchelder Associates in response to their quote for auditing work and inform them that we accept the quote and terms and that we'd like them to conduct our annual audits. Nancy 2nds. Motion passes 3-0. Discussion ensues about audit costs that will be about \$6,000 higher than what was budgeted for 2026 and where these funds might need to come from.

Water @ 9:50am

- As Simply Water / Ian Hayes is expected to be at next week's meeting (02JUN26) Mark mentions that the curb-stop valves found in the ditch lines (two so far) need to be relocated. This is a big job and accordingly the how and when of doing this needs to be discussed with Ian Hayes.

Signature Items

- At 9:55 am, Mark makes a motion to sign an electricity supply agreement with Neighborhood Energy that is offering a six-month rate of 0.09999 per KWH versus current Eversource rate of 0.11003 per KWH. Nancy 2nds. The motion passes 3-0.
- At 9:58 am, Wooda makes a motion to sign the letter that DPW Employee Andrew Manning agrees to commit to a three year employment term in exchange for paying and sending him to driving school to obtain a Class B Commercial Drivers License. Nancy 2nds. The motion passes 3-0.

Public Appearance/Public Comments @ 10:05 am

- Village Clerk Doug Prescott discusses some errors on MS-123 form. In addition, he reports on Amerigas personnel entering properties for the purpose of installing transmitters on propane tanks.

At 10:12 am, Wooda makes motion to end the public meeting go into a non-public session. Nancy 2nds. The motion is approved 3-0.

Submitted by
Wooda McNiven

To view the meeting on video, please click on the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/4oVzP6oeX1M?si=lf8CtJnEsB6zamJ>