

Village of Merrilan Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 12, 2026

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The Village Board met at the Merrilan Village Hall on February 12, 2026, at 6:30p.m. in person and via Google meet. In person were Chris Wruck, Jordan Powell, Jane Fehrman, Al Lunderville, Jimmy Christensen, Deputy Clerk Gween Lunderville, PW Mike Garbers, Ken Pearson, Drew Semingson, and Bill Laurent

1. President Wruck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. President Wruck Certified open meeting law requirements were met.
3. Roll Call - J Christensen, J Powell, A Lunderville, J Fehrman, C Wruck were all present.
4. Public Comment - None
5. Ken Pearson – Jackson County Economic Development Coordinator introduced himself and gave a brief personal history. There will be a Coffee and informational session on Tuesday February 24, 2026, at 8:30am to discuss Jackson County, the Village of Merrilan, and the Village of Alma Center economic development plans at the Depot Hotel and Saloon in Merrilan. The public is invited to attend.
6. ACHM Childcare Addition – Drew Semingson AC-H-M Superintendent provided an update on the 72-capacity childcare center project. The center is planned to be connected to the elementary school with a standalone entrance, allowing it to operate independently. The project is currently in the approval phase, with bids going out in February, approval in March, hiring a director in May, and construction anticipated to begin in June. Mr. Semingson also mentioned the school will be disposing of the old playground equipment and inquired if the village would be interested. Further consideration will be needed in this matter.
7. Legal- discussion and/or action
 - a) Nuisance Violations - Discussion
8. MSA - No Updates
9. Fire District - No Updates
10. Police Report - No Updates
11. Maintenance Report- Review. Garbers added an emergency call to 204 Grand Street for a water issue.
12. Clerk’s office - Report-Review
13. Vouchers- review & sign- no action
14. Delinquent List - review no action
15. Cemetery Report – Motion to approve by Powell seconded by Fehrman. Motion Carried.
16. Approval of All Minutes- Motion to approve by Fehrman seconded by Christenson. Motion Carried.
17. Approval of Financial Report- Motion to approve by Fehrman seconded by Powell. Motion Carried.
18. Approval of Operator License- Motion to approve by Fehrman seconded by Powell. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business- Discussion and/ or action

19. Waterfall-Historical Landmark - No Updates
20. Outdoor Rec Plan-Gile/Mill Park Grants - No Updates
21. All-Abilities fishing piers - No Updates

New Business- Discussion and/or action

22. WWTC/Xcel Environmental Surveys - Discussion.
23. Resolution 1-2026: Park Hours - A motion to adopt Resolution 1-2026 regarding village park hours including seasonal closures from December 1st to March 31st, was made by Fehrman and seconded by Christenson. Motion Carried. The board discussed the need for new signage at locations like Lower Lake Beach and the waterfall to enforce the park hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and prevent overnight stays.
 24. Village President – Updates provided by Village President Wruck. Nice neighbor award – No Nominations.
 25. Meeting Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Powell, seconded by Fehrman to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. carried.