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EXECUTIVE BOARD

PROJECT UPDATES

Lift station electrical upgrade completed!



Photo by Amy Cermak

The Village of North Bay completed a significant, long-awaited upgrade to the electrical system of its wastewater lift station. The construction activity associated with this project was visible around Village Hall over the past few months.

The upgrade addresses a long-standing issue dating back to 2006. While the electric utility extended three-phase power closer to Village Hall in 2006, our lift station's 20 horsepower pumps (designed for three-phase operation) have only been supplied with single-phase service until now. To compensate, the Village had previously utilized an "add-a-phase" static converter system to run the pumps.

While functional, the old system had drawbacks: it required frequent maintenance, reduced motor efficiency, made startups more difficult, and resulted in less efficient overall power usage.

The upgrade allows the Village to connect directly to true three-phase power. The project involved directional boring under the ravine to bring two of the phases across, as the third phase was already available on the south side. Now, all three phases are connected to the transformer, which converts 14,000 volts down to 208 volts for use at Village Hall and the lift station.

As part of the upgrade, the outdated "add-a-phase" equipment has been removed, and a new automatic transfer switch has been installed. Furthermore, a 35-year-old single-phase generator was replaced with a new 50 kW three-phase generator. This new setup ensures that the generator will now seamlessly take over operation of the lift station in the event of a power outage.



Photo by Amy Cermak

This new system represents a significant investment in reliability, efficiency, and long-term service for our community, helping to ensure dependable wastewater operations for many years to come.

Residents should be aware that the generator will run automatically every Monday at 4:00 PM for approximately 30 minutes as part of a routine self-check. The unit operates very quietly and may go largely unnoticed.

For more information about this project, please contact Trustee Rick Cermak at wastewater@vnbwi.gov.



Photo by Roger Mellem

New Village Hall sign pole coming soon!

The Village Hall sign was recently taken down because the repurposed wooden street light pole it had been hanging on since 2020 rotted. A replacement pole is now being designed to allow for the sign's reinstatement.

ASSESSOR | *Dan McHugh, Affiliated Property Valuations Services, LLC*

2026 BOARD OF REVIEW | The first meeting of the Village of North Bay's 2026 Board of Review (BOR) is scheduled to meet at 7PM on Monday, May 11th, 2026 at Village Hall. The BOR is scheduled to reconvene at 5PM on Monday, June 15th, 2026 at Village Hall. Additional information will be published as soon as it is available.

TREASURER | *Robert E. O'Brien*

WISCONSIN INCOME TAX FILING | When completing your individual Wisconsin Income Tax return, please indicate the Tax District on page 1 as the Village of NORTH BAY, County of RACINE and School District Number 4620 to provide the Village with valuable tax credits.

REMINDER: DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1ST | If you have not already licensed your dog(s) this year, please submit your application(s) and fee(s) by April 1st, 2026 to avoid a late fee. Racine County requires all dogs to obtain rabies vaccinations and a dog license. If you recently moved to North Bay and your dog is licensed in another community, please provide the Treasurer with a copy of your license.

[Click here](https://vnbwi.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/vnb-dog-license-with-logo-2.19.2026-1.pdf) to download and print the dog license application. The URL is:
<https://vnbwi.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/vnb-dog-license-with-logo-2.19.2026-1.pdf>

Vacation watch service requests can also be made by:

Mail: Wind Point Police Department, 4725 Lighthouse Dr, Racine, WI 53402

Email: Mail the Vacation Watch form via email

* Vacation Watch will be completed by the Wind Point Police Department. The frequency of these checks will be dependent upon call loads. Active calls for service will take precedence.

** This program is not typically intended for homes permanently abandoned/unoccupied or homes for sale or rent.

VILLAGE HALL | Clerk Dori A. Panthofer

CONTACT INFO

Visit www.vnbwi.gov/contacts/ for the list of Executive Board Members (Elected Officials), Appointed Officials and Service Providers.

VILLAGE MEETINGS | Meetings that are scheduled as of this publication appear in the Upcoming Village Meetings table below. Stand Up and Board of Appeals meetings are scheduled as needed and announced with proper notice

Meetings are held at Village Hall located at 3615 Hennepin Place. Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Village Hall and the Village website under [News and Announcements](#) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting (News & Announcements URL: www.vnbwi.gov/news-announcements/). Dates and times of meetings are subject to change with proper notice.

Village meetings are open to the public. Please note: Public Comment may only be given orally and in person. Visit the [Village Meetings](#) page of the Village website for more information.

UPCOMING VILLAGE MEETINGS

Monday, April 13th 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, May 11th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - 2026 Board of Review First Meeting 7:05 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 8th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i>
Monday, June 15th, 2026 * <i>Third Monday of the month.</i>	5:00 PM - 2026 Board of Review reconvenes 7:05 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting