

Hamlet Board Meeting Minutes

Powm Beach, Turtle Lake

August 26, 2026

11.03am

1. Attendance in person: Brandy Schwenk, Scott Sonder, Ken Williams
2. Approval of Agenda: Scott & Ken approve
3. Budget Discussion:
 - a. YTD looks good so far
 - b. \$12,000 bill coming in for tree removal
4. Dead/dangerous Trees Update:
 - a. 39 dead or dangerous trees were taken down
 - b. \$12000 flat rate for all, great value
 - c. 7 trees were missed originally, still need to come down but no rush
 - i. Ken will talk to Sakspower as some of them are near powerlines
5. Security System Quote:
 - a. \$2534.07 plus \$500 for complete security system including thermostat, wifi door lock, and 180 degree camera
 - i. Monitoring will be approx \$45/mo
 - ii. Starlink is approx \$300, then \$75/mo
 - iii. Ken to check with RM about starlink (they have an account already we might be able to piggy back onto), also asked if this helps insurance...answer is no
 - iv. Voted if we should proceed, all three of us agreed it is necessary (one major factor is that we will need temperature control for storing water and fire suppression equipment year round)
6. Fire Skid Update:
 - a. 7 guys were shown how to use it by Flaman
 - b. Flaman also has a new product they are giving us to use: fire suppression equipment that can be mounted on a side by side, no charge
 - i. Current side by side won't work with it
 - ii. Brandy suggested selling hers to the hamlet (it's an actual UTV and fully capable of handling the equipment)
 - iii. Ken & Scott looked at it and agreed
 - iv. Brandy suggested a price of \$30,000 (2024 w/1181 kms), Scott & Ken to decide
 - c. Next spring train other residents how to use both fire suppression units
7. Discussion of Emergency Plan
 - a. Our goal would be to have a sign on the maintenance shop door that listed what to do in the event of an emergency (what to do, who to call, when to ring the alarm, etc)
 - b. Step one would be call 911, then head to the maintenance shop to read the instructions

- c. Also, if you hear the alarm, what to do: if fire, pack up and prepare to evacuate, or head to maintenance shop to help out if able
- d. We're still working on this...

8. Insurance Claim Update:

- a. In the spring, during a storm, a tree fell on the maintenance shop roof and broke through. It was covered to prevent rain and debris from entering while we wait to hear from insurance
- b. Now insurance says just go get quotes on the cost to fix it
- c. If it's less than or close to \$2500, we should just fix it ourselves
- d. Nehemais is coming to quote sometime

9. Capital Plan Review:

- a. All 2025 items have been completed (except the fences in greenspace, which are being done this fall)
- b. On track to complete all 2026 items
- c. 2027: maintenance shed upgrades & expansion, start planning now (survey and design)
 - i. Building more to the north
 - ii. Budget is \$45000
- d. Start thinking of more capital projects for 2028 and beyond

10. Turtlelake Lakeshore/Watershed Survey:

- a. Scott sent photos to each of us of the presentation slides used
- b. Basic summary:
 - i. Not much inflow or outflow of our lake so the algae tends to grow more
 - 1. Although the algae growth has been minimal this year
 - ii. Lake quality is good
 - iii. We are at max capacity for boats on the lake in boatable areas
 - iv. Lake is at capacity for development
 - v. Future may include permits for docks

11. Tree Committee (planting):

- a. Scott will follow up them to see if anything has been started or planned for spring

12. Speed signs/Speed bumps:

- a. Are the new speed signs helping, we think so. Traffic seems to be slowing a little in our area
- b. New speed bumps are working well

13. Adjournment: 12.22pm