

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held September 29, 2025 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Verne Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Townsend Center, Shullsburg Post Office and Turpin's Home Town Grocery. Roll Call- Emmett Reilly, Dan Morrissey, Cheryl Mulcahy, Duane Wedige – Present; Others present- David Timmerman, James Wille and Janelle Schumacher. Those attending virtually were Paul Cousineau, Sandi Hughes, Chris Laudenslager, Lisa Singer, Joel Bailie, Bart Nies, Levi Kauffman, and Stephen Douglas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – None

Badger Mine & Museum Contents Scope of Work – Mayor Jackson introduced the project and the situation that is requiring the contents of the museum to be cleaned from smoke damage, as well as the building itself to be repaired. The Council considered proposals they had received for mitigation and content cleaning from Midwest Restoration, Century Restore Solutions, and CRDN. Paul Cousineau, sales VP from CRDN, explained the services they provide and that, if hired, they would remove the contents from the museum, inventory each item, clean and restore the items, and move them back in. Morrissey questioned where the items will be stored. Cousineau explained they have three storage locations in Wisconsin and the location would be disclosed to the City Council once the items are there, and if any member of the City Council would like access to their security cameras or would like to do a walk through they can. Morrissey commented that the city's legal counsel reviewed the CRDN work agreement and scope of work and requested two changes be made to the agreement, one in Section 3 and one in Section 11. Cousineau said he believes they can address those changes. Reilly asked again about the storage location, as well as about a monthly charge for storage. Cousineau confirmed the location would be disclosed and it is located within an hour and a half drive from here. He also confirmed there is a storage charge per square foot of space used. Jackson posed a question regarding the severity of damage done to wooden items in the museum. Cousineau described the process they use for cleaning and sealing wood products. Wedige questioned the out of town per diem cost, as well as weekend and holiday pay as described in the work agreement. Cousineau explained depending on the nature of the job, they will work weekends and holidays when a disaster has created revenue loss for a company. Lisa Singer of EMC Insurance questioned CRDN regarding the time it would take to pack up the contents and move them out. Cousineau believes 10-14 days. *Motion by Morrissey second by Mulcahy to approve the work agreement and scope of work with CRDN for mitigation and cleaning of museum artifacts, as long as the changes to Section 3 and Section 11 are made, as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

Badger Mine & Museum Building Mitigation – The Council also considered estimates for building mitigation and repairs from Midwest Restoration, Century Restore and ServPro. Stephen Douglas addressed the Council and stated ServPro created their estimate to be as transparent as possible, given the condition of the building and stated they may determine more work needs to be done as the mitigation progresses. ServPro could start as soon as possible. Singer stated that there is an area in the museum that contains the cause of origin and that needs to be quarantined, but the rest of the building can start being cleaned. Nies informed the group that the siding on the building is cedar, which is the worst type of wood for holding smoke smell. There was discussion as to whether the building should be restored or rebuilt. Nies questioned Singer regarding the insurance coverage for the project. Singer explained the estimates are based on coverage for what they can see. Morrissey further questioned EMC's position on whether the insurance policy is sufficient to cover what has been discussed so far in the meeting. Singer agreed that the plans and estimates being discussed will be covered by the insurance policy. Reilly asked if the incident would have a negative effect on future insurance coverage on a new building. Singer stated she had never seen that happen before but it would ultimately be decided by the underwriting department. The Council continued discussing options with Delta 3 regarding cost estimates for repairing or rebuilding the structure. Delta 3 offered to provide cost estimates for the various options as discussed.

At 4:33 p.m. a motion was made by Morrissey second by Wedige to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher, Clerk/Treasurer