

1       **AN ACT** *to amend* 61.32 of the statutes; **relating to:** salaries paid to village presidents  
2                   and board members.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3               **SECTION 1.** 61.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

4               **61.32 Village board; meeting; salaries.** The trustees of each village shall constitute  
5               a board designated the “Village Board of” (name of village) in which shall be vested all the  
6               powers of the village not specifically given some other officer. A majority of the  
7               members—elect shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may adjourn from time to time.  
8               The president shall preside at all meetings when present. In the president’s absence the board  
9               may select another trustee to preside. Regular meetings shall be held at such time as may be  
10              prescribed by their bylaws. Special meetings may be called by any 2 trustees in writing, filed  
11              with the clerk, who shall thereupon seasonably notify all the trustees of the time and place  
12              thereof in the manner directed by the bylaws. All meetings shall be open to the public. The  
13              board shall keep a record of all its proceedings, and if there is a newspaper published in any  
14              village, the board shall cause the proceedings to be published therein as a class 1 notice, under  
15              ch. 985. The proceedings for the purpose of publication shall include the substance of every  
16              official action taken by the governing body. If there is no newspaper published in the village,  
17              the board may cause the proceedings to be published in a newspaper having general circulation  
18              in the village, posted in several public places or publicized in some other fashion, in such  
19              manner as the board directs. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the republication  
20              of any proceeding, ordinance or other matter or thing which has already been published

1 according to law, nor shall anything herein be construed to relieve any village from publishing  
2 any proceeding, ordinance or other matter or thing required by law to be published.  
3 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 985.08 (4), the fee for any such publication shall not  
4 exceed the rates specified in s. 985.08 (1). The board has power to preserve order at its  
5 meetings, compel attendance of trustees and punish nonattendance and it shall be judge of the  
6 election and qualification of its members. The president and board of trustees of any village,  
7 whether operating under general or special law, may by a three-fourths vote of all the members  
8 of the village board determine that ~~an annual~~ a salary be paid the president and trustees.  
9 Salaries heretofore established shall so remain until changed by ordinance and shall not be  
10 increased or diminished during their terms of office.

**NOTE:** Section 61.32 provides in part that a village board may, by a three-fourths vote of all the board members, determine that an annual salary be paid the village president and trustees. Section 62.09 (6) (a) provides that salaries, with no reference to the length of their terms, shall be paid the mayor or alderpersons of a city only when ordered by a vote of three-fourths of all the members of the common council. This SECTION amends s. 61.32 to comport with the language of s. 62.09 (6) (a) by removing the requirement that the salaries of a village president and village board members be described as annual salaries. [The village language first appeared in ch. 44, laws of 1905 and the city language first appeared in ch. 326, laws of 1889, s. 30.]

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