

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: October 1, 2026

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Oakland Town Hall, 6152 S County Rd K South Range WI 54874

Board Members Present: Chairman, Pete Fornengo, Supervisors Randy Polson and Dana Dolsen, Clerk Laurie Dolsen, and Treasurer Stacy Fornengo

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: 19 Interested Citizens

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Pete Fornengo.

2. Roll Call/Quorum/Posting

Board members present: Pete, Randy, Dana, Stacy, and Laurie. Approximately 19 interested citizens were also present. The meeting was properly posted.

3. New Hire Wages and Benefits, Including Health Insurance and Retirement and Possibly Act on Both

Discussion followed on starting wages for new hires—the PD posted stated pay was between \$35 to \$39 and we are possibly looking at \$37 to start with a \$1 raise after 90 days of good performance and then \$1 after a year. The foreman position would be \$1.50 to \$2 more depending on experience. DD does not agree with those wages in addition to offering both health and pension benefits. RP shared we have well over a \$1 million worth of new equipment and we want to attract/retain qualified candidates (experienced operators) and to do that we need to offer a living wage with benefits (including PTO per the Employee Policy Handbook). New information has been received and PF has spoken with many townships who are in the Wisconsin Retirement System and all are happy with it. Discussion then followed about rescinding the previous motion to go with an IRA for retirement benefits and go with the WRS. During the discussion, unsolicited public comments were received and PF asked those present to remain quiet as the board was discussing the matter and comments were not requested yet. Insults were hurled at Pete and members of the board who tried to provide additional information to other board members. Due to the heightened discussion, 911 was called and deputies were requested to come in order to maintain peace and decorum. PF motioned to rescind the previous motion to go with a Simple IRA and to go with the WRS, RP seconded, PF and RP were in favor via voice vote; DD was opposed and did not vote; motion carried. PF then motioned to propose offering successful candidates \$37 to start with health insurance and WRS for pension; RP seconded; PF and RP were in favor via voice vote; DD did not vote; motion carried. Deputies arrived.

4. Public Comment

DD asked who would train the new employees (concerns were raised about experience with our new graders). PF shared that qualified candidates will have experience with graders and we could possibly have employees from Fabick/CAT train them on the newer features if needed. PF reminded those present that we need to move forward and begin offering qualified candidates positions so we can maintain the roads, etc. DD shared she had received an email from a concerned citizen regarding not recusing herself from previous votes regarding benefits (IRA vs WRS) and the integrity of the vote may have been compromised. She contacted the Wisconsin Towns Association attorney and then read their response. No recusal was needed.

5. Adjournment

PF motioned to adjourn, RP seconded, PF and RP were in favor via voice vote, DD no vote; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Laurie K. Dolsen, Clerk