REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 13, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Roll Call
Board members present: Pete, Randy, Dana, Stacy, and Laurie. Also present were 19 interested citizens.
3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 8th Regular Town Board and September 16th (Open and Closed), 21st, 24th, 26th, October 1st, and 8th Special Town Board meeting minutes. DD requested one correction to the October 1st Special meeting minutes. RP motioned to approve the minutes as presented with the one change, PF seconded, all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.
4. Bills
After reviewing the bills, DD motioned to pay the bills as presented, RP seconded, all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.
5. Reports

- Clerk: Reported she has paid bills, ran payrolls, is preparing for and managing the November 3 General Election, needs 2 more election inspectors approved for appointment, is working on Open Records Requests received, is going through emails, is gathering information for the tax bills, is researching and preparing the WRS retirement documents, and is preparing the budget documents from the Budget Workshops held. In the past, we have held the budget hearing and special town meeting to approve the levy and budget right before the Town Board meeting in November (November 10 this year) so they could also be approved at the regular town board meeting—posting of the hearing and special town meeting has longer time frames to be posted. It is planned to complete that again this year on November 10 at 6 p.m.; however, LD will be out of the country for a week, and the General Election is on November 3, so we may need to move it out further if the documents are not ready. DD motioned to approve two new election inspectors, RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. Two new election inspectors were sworn in—one previously and one at this meeting.
- Treasurer: Stacy reviewed upcoming rentals and asked that the damage deposit for the VFD peer support group be waived—all agreed it met the criteria to be waived (non-profit group) and will not be charged. She is also preparing for the WTA Douglas County Unit meeting later this month, is meeting with the health insurance representative; shared the MVR being requested by the insurance company (this will be added to the policy handbook for employees and also members of the VFD, and she worked on the Firstnet updates. She will also be covering for LD while she is out of the country later this month.
- Board Members: Dana welcomed the new employees. Randy shared information about the beaver removals from the boat landing—4 beavers have been removed, and the dam was also removed as best as could be. The area needs to be dredged and this is a DNR issue to resolve—we cannot dredge the lake. RP can't be at the next lake association meeting but will call Judy Peterson to follow up. Pete has also been reviewing the beaver situation on our roads. He also shared that we have started grading the roads (both employees will start full time on October 19) and has contacted neighboring townships to see if they will assist us in getting caught up with grading—some townships are available to help and some have not responded yet. Although historically townships help each other out whenever needed, DD felt for legal reasons that the board should approve other townships assisting us with our roads. DD motioned to request other townships to assist us with grading our roads, RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. PF also reported that trees were cut and removed from the roads that recently blew down in the wind.

- Fire Department: The Fire Department reported 1 medical call and 1 search and rescue call. We received a $5,000 grant for thermal imaging. Shirts sold at the Fall Fest generated $120. There is a new tower to program our radios to. The FD is continuing to research grants for the purchase of a new pumper. Fire gear is needed for the new members. The brush truck has electrical issues that are being worked on.
- Road Crew: Pete F covered this in his report.
- County Board Representative: Joe Moen was not present—no report.
- Community Events Group: The group is currently preparing for a Mistletoe Market to be held on November 20 and 21 at the town hall. The Fall Fest was a success.
- Planning Commission: They did not meet—no applications were received. Brian reminded the board they need to review and approve the revised garbage ordinance.

6. Employee Policy Handbook Updates and Resolution to Adopt/Sign

All updates have been completed for the EE Policy Handbook and DD motioned to adopt the Employee Policy Handbook as presented; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. LD will get a copy to Brian Conley and will also post it.

7. New Hire Updates

The new employees (Eric Wedan and Brian Ayres) were introduced and will start full time on October 19, 2026.

8. Request for Neighboring Towns to Help Us Get Caught Up on Road Maintenance

This was covered previously in Pete F.'s report.

9. Road Signs to be Replaced

The following road signs will need to be replaced: River Road, South Old Lyman Lake Road, and Lucas Road. Also, the stop sign going north on Old Lyman Lake Road will need to be replaced. They will be ordered and replaced when received.

10. Public Comment

Brian Conley asked that his email address be updated on the town's website as it is missing a letter—SF will update it. The Town Board elections are coming up in April 2027 (Chair, 2 Supervisors, the Treasurer, and the Clerk). The Town Chair, Clerk, and Treasurer have indicated they will not be running in the next election and the seats will be open. If anyone is interested in one of the positions, they are asked to speak to the Board. Both supervisors have not indicated if they will return either so those seats may be open as well. It was mentioned there is free training demos for the graders from Fabick/CAT and we need to look at having backup operators available to assist if either of our operators are out on PTO, etc. This will be brought up at our November Regular Town Board Meeting to discuss. A question was asked about a campground on Mabel Nelson Road—the Conditional Use Permit application will be reviewed at the next Plan Commission meeting and will then be forwarded to the board for discussion and action. A question was asked about the removal of the boulder in our ROW on Wilkinson Road and the resident has been asked to remove it. If they don't remove it, we may need to move this to legal for action.

11. Next Meeting

The next regular town board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2026, at 7 p.m.

12. Adjournment

The meeting concluded. DD motioned to adjourn, RP seconded, all were in favor via voice vote; meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. Dolsen, Clerk