

TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 13th, 2026, immediately following the special meeting of Town Board and Plan Commission at the Baileys Harbor Fire Station

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Town Chairman David Eliot at 6:00PM.

In Attendance to Establish Quorum: Town Chairman David Eliot, Peter Jacobs, Sue Tishler, Paul Kordon, and Roberta Thelen.

Also in attendance were Town Clerk Haley Adams, Deputy Clerk Katie Virlee, and Treasurer Dave Smith (via Phone).

Pledge of Allegiance

Verify Posting/Accept Agenda: Haley Adams verified the agenda was posted properly. Motion made/second Dave Eliot/Paul Kordon approve the agenda as posted. Motion Carried.

Accept Minutes: Motion made/second Peter Jacobs/Paul Kordon to accept the minutes from the June meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Accept Treasurers Report: Motion made/second Roberta Thelen/Sue Tishler to accept the written Treasurers Report as presented. Motion Carried.

Citizen Input: Suzanne Lisle inquired about materials that have been washing ashore. Chairman David Eliot directed her to Katie Krouse from The Ridges Sanctuary for additional information.

Wastewater Project Update

MSA participated by telephone to provide an update regarding increased costs associated with the 60% design of the wastewater project. The increase is related to underground wiring at the facility, which was identified later in the project.

MSA indicated that they are attempting to remain conservative with the project cost estimates. The Board discussed the importance of understanding the increased costs as the Town plans for future borrowing.

The current estimated project cost is **\$6.47 million**, plus the DNR-required 10% contingency. Treasurer Dave Smith will investigate available funding options moving forward.

Original Short-Term Rental – 8111 Harbor Lane, Unit 101

Parcel #002-520101

Motion made/second: Peter Jacobs/Paul Kordon to approve the Original Short-Term Rental at 8111 Harbor Lane, Unit 101, Parcel #002-520101.

Motion carried.

Original Short-Term Rental – 8630 Cana Island Road

Parcel #002-0311302831J

Motion made/second: Sue Tishler/Roberta Thelen to approve the Original Short-Term Rental at 8630 Cana Island Road, Parcel #002-0311302831J.

Motion carried.

Variance Application – The Ridges Sanctuary, Inc.

Application #Z-26-0356; PIN #002-03-17302842C; 8288 County Highway Q

Motion made/second: Paul Kordon/Sue Tishler to recommend approval of the variance requested by The Ridges Sanctuary, Inc. to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC).

Motion carried.

Door County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance – Proposed Text Amendment

Shipping Containers as Accessory Structures

The Board reviewed the proposed text amendment to allow shipping containers to be used as accessory structures.

Motion made/second: Paul Kordon/Sue Tishler to recommend approval of the proposed text amendment to the RPC, with a caveat that the RPC reconsider the inclusion of Recreational Commercial zoning in the regulation.

Motion carried.

Peter Jacobs voted nay.

Acceptance of Fire Department ATV

The Board considered acceptance of the Fire Department's newly purchased ATV.

Motion made/second: Peter Jacobs/Paul Kordon to accept the Fire Department's newly purchased ATV.

Motion carried.

N. Maple Speed Study

The speed study for N. Maple Road was presented to the Board. The study indicated that, on average, there was no significant speeding, with most recorded speeds below 40 mph.

A resident of N. Maple Road has requested that the speed limit be lowered. The matter will be placed on the August meeting agenda for further discussion.

Liquor License – Good Girl Gracie, 2026–2027

Motion made/second: David Eliot/Paul Kordon to approve the 2026–2027 Liquor License for Good Girl Gracie.

Motion carried.

Chairman's Report

Chairman David Eliot thanked the Baileys Harbor Community Association for the Fourth of July celebration. He also thanked the Town's Public Works employees and emergency services personnel for their work during the Fourth of July activities.

Chairman Eliot further thanked the Town Clerks for their continued hard work on the Town Hall Geothermal Project.

Payment of Bills

Motion made/second: Paul Kordon/Sue Tishler to approve the bills as presented.

Motion carried.

Closed Session

Motion made/second: David Eliot/Sue Tishler to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Sue Tishler – Aye

David Eliot – Aye

Paul Kordon – Aye

Peter Jacobs – Aye

Roberta Thelen – Aye

Closed Session Topic

- Resignation of Fire Chief

Return to Open Session

Motion made/second: Paul Kordon/Sue Tishler to return to open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §19.85(2).

Motion carried.

Recommendations from Closed Session

Motion made/second: Paul Kordon/Sue Tishler to accept Brian Zaks' resignation as Fire Chief, effective December 31, 2026.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion made/second: Paul Kordon/Roberta Thelen to adjourn the meeting at **6:54 p.m.**