

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Sept 9, 2025

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisor Adam Olson, Diane Nelson, Clerk; Amy Eliot, Treasurer, Keith Kesler, Fire Chief; and Mark Johnson and Taylor Lindsay, Streets Dept also attended. Gene Germano and Bill Cockerham were also present.

Minutes: Adam motioned, seconded by Fred to approve the minutes of last month's board meeting, motion passed.

Financial Report: The financial report showed: \$7,426.99 in checking, \$384,656.91 in the general money market account which includes \$184,112.92 in a sub-account dedicated to the town garage, \$72,544.97 in real estate tax account, \$2,807.59 in personal property tax account, \$26,959.68 in equipment account, and \$577.43 in the Grant account. Adam motioned, seconded by Fred to authorize paying the bills and accepting the treasurer's report, and the motion passed.

Town Officers Reports: Fred completed the PASER road report. He noted we should abandon the section of the river access road off Highway 2 down to the Brule as we are no longer maintaining it and no longer qualify for road aid. It will be on the next agenda. Adam mentioned the Lion's Club Storage building is being torn down and replaced by an 8x20 metal shipping container. Diane will apply for the permit.

Road Report: They've been placing gravel on River Rd per the WDNR grant and working on grading roads before winter. Iron River expressed interest in our shoulder disk. The board approved loaning it to them for a couple of weeks to see if they are interested in getting one.

Fire Chief Report: They have had 3 medical calls, 1 mutual aid call, 2 river rescues, 1 downed power line 1 vehicular accident and 1 UTV crash in the last month. Grant reports have been completed. Truck repairs were more expensive than expected as more problems were identified after tearing it apart.

New Business:

Zoning: Fred motioned, seconded by Adam to file no objection to the zoning change we applied for, motion passed.

Bartender licenses: Adam motioned, seconded by Fred to approve the licenses.

Garage Update: The project manager will be John Erickson. The project architect will be Nick Hulstrom of Washburn. An initial scoping meeting was held. The proposed timeline: Planning Phase: Aug/Sept, Schematic Design: Sept/Oct, Design Development: Oct/Nov, Construction Documents: Nov/Dec, Bidding: Jan/Feb, Construction: May-Dec 2026.

Amy has been checking on possible grant/loan funding through USDA to offset some of the costs. While we may qualify, they have very little funding and do not know what they will get in the next budget. Amy will pursue this more as even if a grant is not available to low-cost loan has a much better rate than the bank. Diane will be checking into bonding to see what kind of rate we could get.

Old Business: None

Town correspondence was reviewed. Adam motioned, seconded by Fred to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelson, Clerk