

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

DATE: July 14, 2026

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Kevin Mackie and Adam Olson, Diane Nelson, Clerk; Amy Eliot, Treasurer, Keith Kesler, Fire Chief; and Mark Johnson and Taylor Lindsay, Streets Dept, Brent Koehn, Dump Attendant, Gene Germano, Trusty Trucking, Scott Loustari, County Supervisor, and approximately 30 members of the public were also present.

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

Financial Report: The financial report showed: \$37,672.37 in checking, \$212,424.59 in the general money market account, \$2,354.22 in real estate tax account, \$61,544.77 in the capital account, \$55,068.30 in equipment account, \$578.30 in the grant account, and \$2,049,873.19 in the municipal bond revenue account. Adam motioned, seconded by Kevin to authorize paying the bills and accepting the treasurer's report; motion passed.

Public Comments: Brent Koehn read a resignation letter, turned in his keys and left. Residents then spoke on his behalf, describing how polite, friendly and helpful he was at the dump. They encouraged the board to reach out to him, which Fred agreed to do. The board explained they had not had a meeting to discuss his actions and/or any repercussions as he specifically requested that any action be in open session during a board meeting and all communication between him and the board be in writing. His resignation occurred before the discussion was to be conducted on tonight's agenda. Someone asked why the agenda mentioned possible disciplinary action and seemed to feel it was intimidating. It was explained that state statute required any possible action to be spelled out on the agenda or the board would not have that option. Having not had the opportunity for that discussion beforehand, it was unknown if disciplinary action would be pursued. Fred explained normally this type of discussion would be in closed sessions to protect the privacy of the employees, but the statute gives employees the right to hold it in open session, which is what Brent chose. When asked if the dump would be open, Taylor offered to work there on Wednesday and Fred will work there on Saturday. The board will schedule a special meeting to discuss staffing the dump and steps forward.

Discussion of Employee Issues: Cancelled as employee left.

County Supervisors Report: Scott emailed discussed new zoning form changes, new zoning administrator, his new committee assignments, the Hayward Bioplant, and possible Parkland developments.

Town Officers Reports: The board will hold a special meeting on Thursday at 9:00 am to discuss passing a resolution authorizing the board to apply for a zero/low interest loan for funding the sanitary sewer lift station project. We will add the dump staffing and lawn mowing to the agenda.

Road Report: The crew has been dealing with mowing the roadsides and equipment issues. Wentala Rd paving was discussed, the town will be paving it next, but probably not until the next round of TRIP funding is available.

Fire Chief Report: They have had 11 calls; 3 medical, 1 powerline, 1 river rescue, car accident and 2 mutual aid calls. Keith received a thank you from the camp director relating to the river

rescue. He suggested an easier route for inexperienced campers. He identified some equipment issues, well-optimizing needs, and training developments. He also indicated he received a \$7500 grant for radios.

New Business:

Zoning: Nothing needed approval.

August Board Meeting: The August board meeting will be held on Monday, August 10 as Tuesday August 11 is the partisan Primary.

Sanitary Board Appointment: Fred motioned, seconded by Adam to appoint Diane Nelson to the Sanitary Board, motion carried. Jari and Tom Keefe both resigned.

Old Business:

Garage Progress Report: A symbolic groundbreaking ceremony was held at the construction site on Saturday, June 13. See the article in the June 24 Connection.

The groundwork is being completed by Olson Bros. The project manager has been changed from Collin Nelson to Griff Ruppel, as Collin has taken a new job. Owner meetings are being scheduled for every 2 weeks starting July 29 at 9:00 am. These will be on-site meetings.

Town correspondence was reviewed. Adam motioned, seconded by Kevin to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelson, Clerk

Town of Brule Garage Groundbreaking held

The Town of Brule Board held a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, June 13, 2026 for the new Brule Town Garage on Dump Road in Brule, WI. This project was first brought up by Myron Olson, beginning back in 2018, to alleviate space issues.

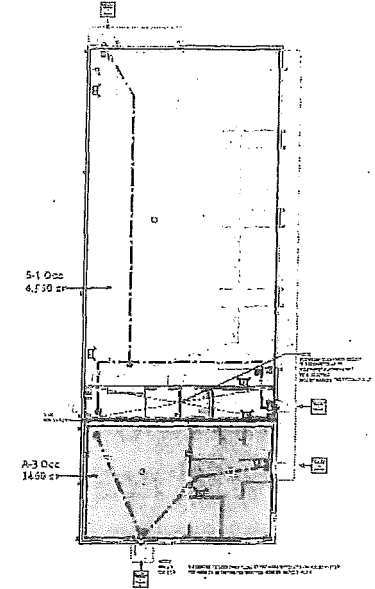
The total square footage of the garage will be 6,420 sq. feet upon completion. Northwest Builders out of Rice Lake, was awarded the contract, for an initial bid of \$1,699,339.00. There was one change order processed increasing their fee to \$1,718,264.00. This was for changing one wall to an expandable option for future possible expansion, relocating the electrical service from the back of the building to the front area for easier maintenance

and relocating the well closer to where water enters the building.

The tentative schedule includes some tree removal for the stormwater treatment infiltration basin in mid-June, followed by more leveling and excavation for footings, etc.

It is hoped to get the well installed by the end of June or beginning of July and it will take a few weeks for concrete work and curing to be complete before the building is scheduled to arrive the first week of August.

By sometime in September, the outside building work should be completed and the interior work will be the focus. The expectation is for the garage to be substantially done



Garage design drawing.

in November, at which time a grand opening ceremony will be held for the public.



The board members symbolically break ground on the Town of Brule Garage construction project. Pictured, left to right: Kevin Mackie, Fred Stoll, Adam Olson, Jr., Diane Nelson and Amy Eliot.