Minutes

Town Board Meeting
Meeting Date: **Tuesday May 13, 2025**
Time: **6:30 pm or immediately following the Board of Review**
Meeting Location: Dekorra Town Hall – W8225 County Road J

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FIXED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance.
   The May 13, 2025 Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Chair Kyle R. Knuteson.
2. Roll Call
   Present: Kyle R. Knuteson, Robb Strommen, Chris Crawford, Blake Young and Michelle Hartley. Also, present were Peggy Tomlinson-Treasurer, Holly Priske-Clerk, and 8 audience members.
3. Approval of Agenda
   ACTION: Motion (Hartley/Young) to approve the May 13, 2025 Town Board Agenda. Motion carried.
4. Approval of previous TB minutes.
   Action: Motion (Young/Knuteson) to approve the April 8, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.
5. Town Officer Reports
   a. Clerk's Report
      Written report on file in the Clerk's office.
   b. Constable's Report
      Michael Murphy reported that he has driven around checking things out, noted some cars parked illegally, people at dog park without permits.
   c. Treasurer's Report
      Tomlinson reviewed the accounts. All are tracking well. A full report is available in the Clerk's office.
6. Payment of bills
   ACTION: Motion (Young/Hartley) to approve the May 13, 2025, bills as presented. Motion carried.
7. Committee and Commission Reports
   a. Law Enforcement
      Written report on file in the Clerk's office. Lieutenant Mark Smit was present to review the submitted report. He did clarify some ATV signage discussion.
   b. Town Roads
      Palmer noted that the traffic speed signs were received and will be installed soon. A meeting was held to discuss Right of Way mowing. He noted that the roads tour was held, and they are planning for this year and next year. Hartley also noted that they created RFPs for chip sealing and crack filling.
   c. Safety Committee
      Priske noted that a meeting was held last night and there is an action item on this agenda.
   d. Parks Commission
      Written report is on file in the Clerk's office.
   e. Plan Commission
      Knuteson noted that there is an item on this agenda and a simple CSM.
   f. Ad hoc Pier Committee
      No meeting.
   g. Fire Commission
      Knuteson noted that there was a meeting held, and a workshop meeting was held to discuss the intergovernmental agreement.

8. Open Public Comments
   Donation of $25.00 from Jack and Doreen Reinwand to Parks for maintaining boat ramps.
   PCS correspondence regarding ATC authorization to rebuild existing infrastructure.
   Kim Linholm – W10933 Corning St – Regarding the fire department, he is questioning if they are seeking to buy another firetruck. Knuteson noted that over the coming years they are proposing almost $4,000,000.00 in replacement vehicles. He also noted that Lodi is putting a fire department in Harmony Grove and urges discussion of an agreement with them. He also complained that the ATV signage still isn't up on the grade and people are still getting ticketed.

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BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:

9. Wipperfurth, Ray M. – Parcel 11010-158, Oshaukuta Road/Hutchinson Road, Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, WI. Application for CSM review and rezoning of 3.41-acres to RR-1 Rural Residence to allow for a single-family residence, with 31.59-acres of the 88.02-acre parcel assigned A-1 with A-4 Agricultural Overlay zoning and a request of a driveway length exception.

Scott Hewitt was present to review the zoning request and Certified Survey Map (CSM). Knuteson noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval. Young questioned driveway layout and access for emergency vehicles.

ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Young) to approve rezoning 3.41-acres of parcel 11010-158 to RR-1 with 31.59-acres of the 88.02-acres overall to be assigned A-4 Agricultural Overlay zoning, and of a CSM dividing said 3.41 acre parcel (Grothman file No. 1224-676), with a driveway length exception to allow for a driveway approximately 1,100 feet in length, and subject to conditions recommended by the Town of Dekorra Plan Commission on April 24, 2025 with the correction of CSM of Hutchinson Rd instead of drive. Motion carried.

10. W10682 Becker Rd – Arlington Hardware – License to maintain facilities within the right of way.

Carl Rassmossen from Arlington Hardware was present to review what the project entails.

ACTION: Motion (Knuteson/Strommen) to approve the license for W10682 Becker Rd to maintain water and sewer facilities within the right of way before a ROW permit will be issued. Motion carried.

11. Ditch Mowing contract

Roger Palmer is recommending that the Board award the 2025 Road Right of Way mowing contract for $28,000.00 to Falk Trucking. He noted that Falk is the only contractor that could mow all the Town roads. Columbia County also submitted an estimate however they couldn't service narrow and dead-end roads.

ACTION: Motion (Knuteson/Crawford) to award the 2025 mowing contract for a period of one year to Falk Trucking. Motion carried.

12. Town Hall rental for Carolyn Tomlinson celebration of life.

ACTION: Motion (Strommen/Crawford) to approve the Town Hall rental for the Carolyn Tomlinson celebration of life. Motion carried.

13. Pier Permit – Jonathan Sheehy, W10588 Tipperary Road.

ACTION: Motion (Young/Strommen) to approve the 2025 pier permit for Jonathan Sheehy.

14. Outdoor Entertainment

ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Hartley) to approve the 2025 Outdoor Entertainment permit for Rock n Wool Winery and Anchor at Lakeside Bar and Grill. Motion carried.

15. Fireworks Sales permit

ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Strommen) to approve a 2025 Fireworks Sales permit for Cornellier Fireworks. Motion carried.

16. Committee appointments

procedure – Chair or board member nominates a person for a committee, close nominations, motion

to approve nomination. This could be done individually for each committee or go through and approve all nominations in one motion.

Knuteson recommends keeping Randy Crawford and himself as Fire Commission members. Hartley would like to have a five-member Roads Committee. Safety Committee with Robb Strommen as Chair and Robb Strommen as Sanitary District 2.

ACTION: Motion (Hartley/Young) to reappoint all expiring Commission and Committee members with the following changes, removal of Roger Palmer from Parks and tabling other Parks changes to June, adding Robb Strommen to Safety Committee and adding Mike Murphy. Motion carried.

ACTION: Motion (Knuteson/Crawford) to reappoint Ken Erdahl to District 1 and appoint Robb Strommen to Sanitary District 2.

17. Set the next Regular Town Board Meeting date/agenda item.

Next Board Meeting June 10, 2025. Hartley questioned if we need to search for a Town Planner and questioned progress of UD Regionalization.

18. Adjourn

Action: Motion (Crawford/Hartley) to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Holly J. Priske, Clerk-Town of Dekorra
Approved: 06.10.25