

MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF LAFAYETTE 5765 197TH ST CHIPPEWA FALLS WI 54729

Nov 17, 2025

Call To Order / Roll Call - Chair Staber called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was conducted with the following members present. Supervisor Larson, Supervisor Mathwig, Supervisor Brennan, Chair Staber and clerk Konwinski. Supervisor McIlquham was absent due to a county meeting.

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MINUTES - Motion by Supervisor Larson, seconded by Supervisor Brennan, to approve the town board minutes from November 3, 2025, and the current agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chair Staber updated the board on the town's finances. It was reported that the town had received a shared revenue payment, and the current bank account balance was approximately \$690,000. The anticipated carryover at the end of the year was \$400,000, and plans were discussed to pay off one of the town's notes in December to bring the balance closer to that amount. The monthly expense report totaled \$39,690, and the revenue report showed \$99,153. The balance at the end of October was \$346,402.02, but with recent deposits had grown to the current balance of approximately \$690,000. Motion made by Supervisor Larson and seconded by Brennan to approve the financial report and bills. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Refuge Church CSM - The board discussed a certified survey map (CSM) for Refuge Church, which would combine lots located at the intersection of North Service Rd and 166th St. and there would be a driveway on each of these roads. Motion was made by Supervisor Larson, seconded by Mathwig, to approve the CSM to combine the lots for Refuge Church as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Purchase Conference table and chairs - Chair Staber presented information about purchasing a conference table and chairs. The proposal included moving the current table to the stage in the town hall and installing a smaller table in the boardroom to create more space. There was also discussion about eventually replacing the steel-folding chairs with more comfortable options similar to the current red chairs in the boardroom. - Motion by Supervisor Mathwig, seconded by Brennan, to authorize the chair to spend up to \$2,500 on the conference table and chairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Discussion Draft 5 - The board reviewed Budget Draft 5. It was confirmed that the draft was balanced at \$3,529,328.15. There was discussion about the Tourism Commission funds, with clarification that the commission currently has approximately \$60,000 available. It was noted that \$10,000 of that amount would go to Chippewa County Economic Development for the Lake Wissota improvement project, part of a three-year pledge of \$10,000 per year, with two years remaining. The budget included \$5,000 for recreation special improvements. There was discussion about potentially blacktopping the entrance to the brush site to reduce mud being tracked into the parking lot, though concerns were raised about how this might affect the sensor pad at the entrance. The board noted that formal approval of the budget would occur on December 1 when the levy is set.

Town Communications from Board & Road Supervisors, Town Clerk & Town Chair

Supervisor Brennan reported attending a Chippewa County comprehensive plan, land use, and intergovernmental focus group at the courthouse. He represented Lafayette Township along with representatives from the Towns of Anson and Wheaton. The meeting focused on land use issues affecting townships including ambulance service, police protection, and ATV trails. He indicated the comprehensive plan was behind schedule, with follow-up meetings planned for December through March.

Supervisor Mathwig reported attending the Town Association unit meeting in Birch Creek the previous month. He noted the next meeting would be in Bloomer in January, which he plans on attending. He also inquired about the possibility of setting up online payment options for dog licenses, gate passes, and other town services, noting that many residents have difficulty getting to the town hall during business hours and increasingly prefer to use credit cards rather than cash or checks.

Scott (Tourism Commission) reported that the commission recommends the board approve using up to \$1,500 from their general use account to help fund an Eagle Scout project for garbage and recycling cans. This item would be added to the December agenda. He also announced that the Sandra Harvey recreation area dedication was scheduled for November 28 at 11 AM. Scott mentioned a special meeting with the Chippewa County comprehensive plan team scheduled for Thursday at 6 PM at the town hall, expected to last one hour. Finally, he noted that updates were needed on the UDisc digital platform for the disc golf course, as there were inaccuracies in the information about town facilities.

There was a brief discussion about the hiring of a new clerk Jami Carter who would start in January, with plans to determine specific dates for training with Laura, who would be transitioning out of her role. It was mentioned that \$20,000 had been budgeted for consulting fees, and there was discussion about setting a consultant fee of \$25 per hour for Laura at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:35

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Konwiski / Clerk

These minutes are intended to reflect the discussed topics and propositions during the Lafayette Town Board Meeting, ensuring transparency and providing a clear understanding of the deliberations and decisions made.