

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 20, 2025, River Falls Town Hall

Elected officials and staff present: Terry Kusilek, Chair; Mary Foster, Siri Smith, Brad Mogen, Supervisors; Rita Kozak, Treasurer; Sarah Meyer, Clerk; Don Rodewald, Zoning Administrator; Guests present: Mary Merta, Maureen Ash, Jerome Rodewald, Wendy DiPeso, Kendra Jaeger, Alex Theobald

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Kusilek at 7:01pm. Brad made a motion that the agenda be approved as posted. Siri seconded. M.C.

Mary moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2025, Regular Board meeting with correction. Brad seconded. M.C.

Financial Report/Fire Call Report: Treasurer Rita provided the Treasurer's Report. The current Money Market account balance is \$865,495.11. Siri moved, and Brad seconded to approve the financial and fire call reports. M.C.

Public Comments & Requests: Kendra Jaeger, N7086 820th Street, asked what concern is about enacting a moratorium? She stated that she measured the Ridge Breeze largest building on google maps and it does not reach the proposed 150,000 square feet building size threshold. Kendra also stated that she thought the moratorium topic was being brought forward to the Plan Commission and Town Board. Wendy DiPeso, W9971 701th Avenue, shared that she also believed that was going to happen. Alex Theobald, N7157 820th Street, said he was glad that the CAFO topic has been brought up and glad that the public has been involved. He asked if there are any other businesses that have triggered the 150,000 square foot threshold in the town?

Zoning Administrator Report: Zoning Administrator Don Rodewald provided the zoning report (attached). Brad made a motion to accept the Zoning Administrator's report. Mary seconded. M.C.

Plan Commission Report: Nothing was moved forward to the Board.

Discuss Impact Fees: A joint meeting with the Town Board and Impact Fee Sub-Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Review and Discuss Annual Fire Number Fee: Terry shared that the Rural Fire Association raised the fee for fire numbers from \$60 to \$85 per fire number starting in 2026. The 2026 Town budget has been adjusted to account for this.

Discuss Fall Tax Newsletter: Sarah will update the tax newsletter, and it will be approved at the November 3, 2025 meeting.

Update Town Fees and Charges: Siri moved, and Mary seconded to make changes as discussed. M.C.

Set Date and Discuss Plans for Holiday Reception: The holiday reception will be held Monday, December 15 starting at 6:00pm. Brad moved, and Siri seconded to keep the bonus the same amount as 2024 for the employees.

Discuss DNR Municipal Transport Information: Terry shared information he received about current best practices in installing and fixing culverts and ditches.

Board and Staff Communications: Two culverts were damaged on 810th Street during fiberoptic installation. Road Department employees will be present when damage is fixed. Brad shared that next year is most likely going to be a maintenance year for Roads to catch up on cold patching, fixing signage, etc. Siri complimented the work on 900th Street and 850th Street. Terry said the shouldering on 850th Street should be done soon. Mary shared that Parks had a last minute work-day at Halverson Park on Saturday, October 18. Another work-day at South Ridge Park is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22. Sarah gave an update on the David Wilkens

tax situation. Jerome said the Cemetery Committee met at Mt. Zion last week to take a look. Will be meeting with County Surveyor to figure out setbacks, etc and then will meet with landowner about possible changes.

Future Agenda items:

- Approve Agenda
- Minutes from October 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- Financial/Fire Call Report
- Public Comments and Requests
- Zoning Administrator Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Approve Final Tax Newsletter
- Discuss and Take Action on Outstanding Fire Calls
- Board and Staff Communications
- Future Agenda Items
- Audit and Pay Bills
- Adjourn

Siri moved to audit and pay bills, Mary seconded. M.C.

Siri moved to adjourn. Mary seconded. M.C. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.