

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 16, 2026, River Falls Town Hall

Elected officials and staff present: Terry Kusilek, Chair; Mary Foster, Siri Smith, Joe Mahoney, Brad Mogen Supervisors; Rita Kozak, Treasurer; Sarah Meyer, Clerk; Don Rodewald, Zoning Administrator; Guests present: Wendy DiPeso, Maureen Ash, Kristin Nyquist, Jerome Rodewald, Mary Merta, Bob Ebert, Frank During

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

Siri moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026, Regular Board meeting. Mary seconded. M.C.

Financial Report/Fire Call Report: Treasurer Rita provided the Treasurer's Report. The current available balance is \$986, 552.67. Joe moved, and Brad seconded to approve the financial and fire call reports. M.C.

Public Comments & Requests: Bob Ebert made a request to hold debate/discussion nights with the County Board candidates, possibly one a month through the year. Bob and Sarah will work together to find a time that the town hall is available.

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

Plan Commission Report: Recommendation of approval of the dwelling site review on 830th Avenue for Grant Varo. The approved site will be an alternative site than first proposed to reduce the length of the driveway across Exclusive Ag land.

Approve Non-Resident Fees for Recycling Center: Joe moved to approve new fee schedule for residents and non-residents using the Recycling Center in effect May 1. Mary seconded. M.C.

Discuss and Take Action on Ordinance 2026-1: Impact Fees: Mary move to adopt Ordinance 2026-1 Impact Fees. Siri seconded. M.C.

Discuss Possibility of a Data Center Moratorium: Don stated that the only location a data center could go would be the Moody property which is zoned industrial. Don will do more research on enacting a moratorium and the topic will be on the March 2 agenda for more discussion.

Discuss and Take Action on Committee Definitions and Details: Most committees have started working on drafting language to add to Town Code regarding their committee's roles and responsibilities. Four committees, Parks, Roads, Cemetery and Recycling will all have Code language defining information about them. Committees should be prepared to bring their information to the March 30, 2026, meeting for additional review.

Discuss and Take Action on Licensing and Permitting Processes: What triggers a permit or project to come to the Board rather than just approval by the Plan Commission? Siri and Terry will discuss with Plan Commission their roles and responsibilities. Don will put together a chart of who approves what.

Board and Staff Communications:

Rita shared that the state of Wisconsin updated the requirements for a recycling ordinance so the Town will now need to update ours. Sarah and Rita will work together to get it updated by the town attorney. Joe stated that the Recycling Center will close at noon on July 4. Sarah said that there will be several sessions of election worker training over the next few weeks. She would like to provide food options for the workers at training. The assessor has reached out to schedule Open Book and Board of Review sessions. Sarah will work with the Assessor to get them scheduled. On March 1, Sarah will pay the 2026 loan payment to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. This payment will pay off the grader loan and will be the first payment for the

tractor and truck loan. Brad may attend the AI workshop put on by UW Extension in March. The time clock at the shop broke and so Terry installed a new one.

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

Future Agenda items:

- Approve Agenda
- Minutes from February 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- Financial/Fire Call Report
- Public Comments and Requests
- Zoning Administrator Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Guest Speaker: Tom Jenkins, Rural Mutual Insurance
- Discuss Spring 2026 Newsletter
- Finalize Open Book and Board of Review Dates
- Approve Recycling Committee Appointments
- Discuss Possibility of a Data Center Moratorium
- Discuss Committee Code Language
- Discuss and Take Action on Licensing and Permitting Processes
- Board and Staff Communications
- Future Agenda Items
- Audit and Pay Bills
- Closed Session: Employee Performance and Pay
- Adjourn

Joe moved to adjourn. Siri seconded. M.C. Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm