

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 30, 2026, River Falls Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Kusilek at 7:03pm. Terry took roll call. 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: Maureen Ash, Mark Edlund, Wendy DiPeso

Joe made a motion to approve the agenda with the change to move the Forestville Vines Conditional Use Permit topic immediately following Public Comments and Requests. Brad seconded. M.C.

Mary moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026, Regular Board meeting with the addition of the name of the fire call being sent to RFA. Siri seconded. M.C.

Financial Report/Fire Call Report: Treasurer Rita provided the Treasurer's Report. The current available balance is \$775,702.67. Joe moved and Brad seconded to send the Raymond Diaz and Christopher Chavers fire calls to CSI for collection. M.C. Siri moved, and Brad seconded to approve the financial and fire call reports. M.C.

Public Comments & Requests: Wendy called to the Board's attention a publication from Minnesota about testing done on high-capacity wells that ruined local home wells. And she brought forward concerns about the energy needs of a data center. She encouraged the Board to implement a moratorium to give the Town time to review data center concerns.

Review and Approve Conditional Use Permit Modifications for Forestville Winery and Event Center, LLC; W8101 690th Ave: Don presented a brief history of the modifications made to the Conditional Use Permit. After discussion, Brad moved to make the following changes to the existing Conditional Use Permit:

- Number 10 to read "noise shall not exceed an average decibel level of 80db as measured at the property line."
- Number 12 to read "Hours of operation will be Thursday through Sunday, 11:00am to 9:00pm with lights out by 10:00pm, May 1 to October 31 with the caveat that if May 1 and/or October 31 fall on a weekend, then Thursday – Sunday are included. Operating outside these hours, days, or dates requires approval of the Town Chair and mail notification to all neighbors within ¼ mile a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. Hours of operation for a maximum of 20 events per year may be extended to 10:00pm, with lights out by 11:00pm. The Town Chair should be notified of these 20 events.

Joe seconded the motion. M.C.

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

Plan Commission Report: No recommendations.

Schedule 2026 Roads Tour: Joe moved to hold the town roads tour on April 28 starting at 9am. A bus and driver has been rented so everyone can ride together. Mary seconded. M.C.

Discuss and Approve Ordinance 2026 – 1: An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of River Falls: Tabled until reviewed by Bob Loberg and DNR officials.

Discuss Possibility of a Data Center Moratorium: Brad did some research and spoke with the Wisconsin Towns Association about the possibility of a moratorium on data centers. Past state governments have removed most options for moratoriums. The recommendation is to put language into our ordinances related to how we want it regulated. The code review committee will review the appropriate place for the language.

Resolution 2026-A: Town Board Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation

Funding Solution: Joe moved to approve Resolution 2026-A: Town Board Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution. Mary seconded. M.C.

Review and Discuss Standing Committee Ordinance Language: Each committee was tasked with updating existing language or creating new language to be put into town code or policy. The goal is to have committee standards and guidelines documented for each standing committee. More generic language will be developed that applies to all committees. Tabled until the May 4, 2026, meeting.

Discuss and Take Action on Moving Funds into Savings for Future Use: The Roads Committee would like to move \$200,000 of their 2026 budget into savings to be used in 2027 for expected expenses. A budget amendment resolution will be added to the agenda for April 20, 2026.

Discuss and Take Action on Collecting Bids for 2026 Sealcoating: Terry prepared a document laying out the details of the sealcoat project needs. Motion by Mary to put this project out for bid, with changes Item B to be optioned, add that roads may be bid, with bids being opened at May 4, at 7pm. Siri seconded.

Board and Staff Communications: Joe asked about the new resident packet that used to be sent out. He wanted to add more recycling information. This information is no longer sent in paper form and is available on the town's website. Siri reported a downed sign on 840th Street. Mary shared that the Parks Committee is looking at the Rock Branch bridge to see what solutions there may be to replace it. Sarah shared that Card Suplick passed away. The spring election is next week and it is very busy in the Clerk's office. Terry reported that the well and water pipe at the shop was rotten and is being replaced/repared. The roof at the shop is deteriorated and Terry is looking into replacement cost. The Town's assessment contract is ending this year, Terry would like the Board to consider going out for proposals for the new contract.

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

Future Agenda items:

- Approve Agenda
- Minutes from March 30, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- Financial/Fire Call Report
- Public Comments and Requests
- Zoning Administrator Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Discuss and Approve Recycling Center July 4, 2026, Hours of Operation
- April 7, 2026, Spring Election Review
- Discuss and Approve Final Spring Newsletter Draft
- Discuss and Approve Committee and Commission Appointments
- Discuss and Approve Annual Recycling Report
- Resolution 2026 – B: A Resolution to Amend the 2026 Budget
- Ordinance 2026 - 2 – Board of Review Confidentiality of Income and Expenses
- Ordinance 2026 - 3 - Board of Review Ordinance to Appoint Alternates
- Discuss and Approve Board of Review Policy on the Procedure for Sworn Telephone or Sworn Written Testimony Requests
- Discuss and Approve Board of Review Policy on Procedure for Waiver of Board of Review Hearing Requests
- Board and Staff Communications
- Future Agenda Items
- Audit and Pay Bills
- Adjourn

Joe moved to adjourn. Siri seconded. M.C. Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.