

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2026, River Falls Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Kusilek at 7:00pm. Elected officials and staff present: Terry Kusilek, Chair; Mary Foster, Siri Smith, Joe Mahoney, Jerome Rodewald; Supervisors; Rita Kozak, Treasurer; Sarah Meyer, Clerk; Don Rodewald, Zoning Administrator; Guests present: Maureen Ash, Chris Ahrens, Jody Rahn, Nathan Rahn

Joe made a motion to approve the agenda moving number 6 up to the start of the meeting. Siri seconded. M.C.

Plan Commission Report: Siri shared that the Plan Commission recommends the Town Board approve the Conditional Use Permit for the larger sign for Kinni Storage, N8180 945th Street. Mary made a motion and Jerome seconded to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the larger sign for Kinni Storage, N8180 945th Street. M.C.

Joe moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 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 \$395,233.20. Joe moved, and Siri seconded to approve the financial and fire call reports. M.C.

Public Comments & Requests: none

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

Discuss and Take Action on Contract for Town Assessment Services: Tabled to August 17, 2026, regular board meeting.

Discussion on Policy for Plan Commission Recommendations: Mary researched and did not find an existing policy. Mary made a motion that moving forward, the board policy is that if a topic is not on the agenda, action is not taken on that item. Joe seconded. M.C.

Discuss Facilities Committee Updates: Mary moved to add Brad Mogen to Facilities Committee. Siri seconded. M.C.

Consider Clerk/Treasurer Appointed or Elected Transition: Mary shared that the committee recommends moving the Clerk and Treasurer positions to Appointed positions. The Board asked that the Committee continue to meet and provide recommendations on the transition, job descriptions, and salary ranges.

Discuss and Take Action on Plans for Improvements at the Town Hall: Sarah installed a wireless HDMI system to make the three screens all show the same picture and a microphone/speaker system. She has not met with the handyman to make progress on the other options. Jerome and Terry purchased an aluminum ramp to install at the town hall. Terry will work on moving boards to reduce the step into the front door.

Discuss Plans for Town Hall 125th Celebration: The committee plans to hold the event September 24 from 5pm – 7pm. and will serve root beer floats.

Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town: After discussion with town attorney, Siri recommended the suspension of the committee. The attorney recommends that the town amend its zoning ordinances rather than enact a moratorium on hyperscale projects. Jerome and Don will work with the town attorney on ordinance amendments.

Board and Staff Communications: Sarah reminded everyone that the Partisan Primary will take place on Tuesday, August 11. 77 out of 116 absentees have been returned. She also gave a reminder that committee budget requests are due Friday, August 7. Terry updated that the Rural Fire Association is in the process of inspecting driveways and properties. Rob and Dalton replaced a culvert on 710th Avenue. The sold plow truck was picked up August 3.

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

Future Agenda items:

- Approve Agenda
- Minutes from August 3, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- Financial/Fire Call Report
- Public Comments and Requests
- Zoning Administrator Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Discuss and Take Action on Contract for Town Assessment Services
- Discuss Clerk/Treasurer Appointed or Elected Transition
- Discuss and Take Action on Plans for Improvements at the Town Hall
- Discuss Plans for Town Hall 125th Celebration
- Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town
- Review and Discuss Burn Permit Forms and Process
- Board and Staff Communications
- Future Agenda Items
- Audit and Pay Bills
- Adjourn

Joe moved to adjourn. Jerome seconded. M.C. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.