

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 8, 2026, River Falls Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Kusilek at 7:09pm. 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: Victoria Rader, Wendy DiPeso, Mary Merta, Jason Passafaro, Nathan Rahn, Jody Rahn

Joe made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Mary seconded. M.C.

Jerome moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2026, Regular Board meeting. Siri seconded. M.C.

Financial Report/Fire Call Report: Treasurer Rita provided the Treasurer's Report. The current available balance is \$652,332.76. Joe moved, and Mary 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). Mary made a motion to accept the Zoning Administrator's report. Joe seconded. M.C.

Plan Commission Report: Plan Commission recommends that the moody property easement project be sent to town attorney Bob Loberg to research the easement and give the town advice on how to proceed. Siri moved to send the existing easement to town attorney Bob Loberg for review, Mary seconded. M.C.

Discuss and Take Action on Schaar Property Clean Up at N8057 920th St: Terry reported that he stopped by the property to check in on the property today. Terry stated that he did not think that anything had changed since his last visit and no further action is needed at this time.

Short Presentation on Annexation Basics: Postponed to September 21, 2026, meeting

Discuss and Take Action on Contract for Town Assessment Services: Siri moved to sign a three-year contract with Associated Appraisal for a market update and maintenance assessment services. Mary seconded the motion. M.C.

Reschedule November 2, 2026, Meeting: Mary moved and Siri seconded to move the November 2, 2026, regular board meeting to November 9 at 7pm. M.C.

Consider Clerk/Treasurer Appointed or Elected Transition: The committee will meet on September 10 to continue discussion.

Discuss and Take Action on Plans for Improvements at the Town Hall: Ramp work on the side of the building has begun. Terry will work on hanging the United States and Wisconsin flags on the wall. Katie Pata and her family volunteered to refurbish the sign at the town hall.

Discuss Plans for Town Hall 125th Celebration: Rita and Sarah continue working on plans for the celebration.

Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town: Jerome and Don have reviewed what the Code Review Committee has updated in Chapter 17. They will also look at what the county and state is putting together.

Review Burn Permit Form and Process: Tabled to September 21, 2026, meeting.

Board and Staff Communications: Terry has ordered four signs to display on 830th Ave and 850th Ave for the next 6-9 months to notify people about upcoming work in 2027. Joe requested that signs are ordered for the Recycling Center. Joe asked about a flower roadside stand and if they need a permit. Siri reported that cars are off the road on 962nd Street. Terry said that Pierce Pepin is going to come in to 850th Ave to trim trees this fall. One culvert was replaced and one was repaired last week. Sealcoating is scheduled for later in September.

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

Future Agenda items:

- Approve Agenda
- Minutes from September 8, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- Financial/Fire Call Report
- Public Comments and Requests
- Zoning Administrator Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Select Quote for Shop Insulation
- Schedule Employee Review Sessions
- Approve Recycling Grant
- Short Presentation on Annexation Basics
- 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. Siri seconded. M.C. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.