

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 21, 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, Jerome Rodewald, Joe Mahoney; Supervisors; Rita Kozak, Treasurer; Sarah Meyer, Clerk; Don Rodewald, Zoning Administrator; Guests present: Maureen Ash, Peter Stern, Mary Merta

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

Joe moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026, Regular Board meeting with amendments as discussed. Jerome seconded. M.C.

Financial Report/Fire Call Report: Treasurer Rita provided the Treasurer's Report. The current available balance is \$661,150.06. Siri moved, and Joe seconded to approve the financial and fire call reports. M.C.

Public Comments & Requests: Mary presented communication from Cynthia Kovelli, about concern about intersection at Bobwhite and 879th and the speed of the traffic.

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.

Plan Commission Report: No action to report.

Short Presentation on Annexation Basics: Mary shared the results of her research regarding annexation and boundary agreements and encouraged the Board to become familiar with the information.

Select Quote for Shop Insulation: Jerome stated that the Facilities Committee went over the four proposals received to insulate the shop roof. The committee is requesting permission to clarify the information in the proposals and have the authority to move forward. Siri moved to allow Terry and Jerome to clarify the information in the proposals and have the authority to move forward with a bid up to \$19,500. Joe seconded. M.C.

Schedule Employee Review Sessions: Mary moved and Siri seconded to hold the employee review sessions on October 12 starting at 3pm.

Approve Recycling Grant: Mary moved to accept the application for the Recycling grant and to have Rita submit the application. Joe seconded. M.C.

Discuss Plans for Town Hall 125th Celebration: The celebration is this Thursday, 9/24 from 5pm – 7pm. Root beer floats will be served in commemorative cups and buttons will be given away as well.

Review Burn Permit Form and Process: Rita will review and bring possible form updates to the Board.

Consider Clerk/Treasurer Appointed or Elected Transition: The Committee will meet again on Monday, September 28. They are asking the Recycling Committee to review Recycling Center administrator position.

Discuss and Take Action on Plans for Improvements at the Town Hall: The Board walked out and looked at the wooden ramp in the front of the town hall. Eventually, this will be removed, and a new sidewalk will be poured to make access to the new ramp easier. Ramp work on the side of the building is nearly done. It has been discovered that the floor joists in the town hall are in very poor shape. Terry is working to get a structural engineer to visit and give advice.

Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town: Sarah asked town attorney Bob Loberg for language to add to Chapter 17. Bob needs more information about what the Board wants to allow or disallow before he can proceed with providing guidance.

Board and Staff Communications: Jerome shared that he attended the benefit for Louie Campbell's grandson on Saturday. Joe invited the Board to assist with e-waste recycling packing on October 1. Sarah gave reminders about upcoming events such as the budget workshop, Town Law Workshop and Wisconsin Towns Association Fall Workshops. Sarah has received a public records request related to the Cedar Hill Greenhouse and an issue with a building in the floodplain. Terry shared that Dalton's baby was born last week, a boy named Charlie. Terry also reported that the shop roof is being torn off this week. Chip seal is happening this week in 3 locations in the town. He also attended an economic development meeting. Terry and Sarah will be attending a meeting with City regarding the City's purchase of St. Croix Valley Natural Gas Company.

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

Future Agenda items:

- Approve Agenda
- Minutes from September 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- Financial/Fire Call Report
- Public Comments and Requests
- Zoning Administrator Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Budget Resolutions
- Discuss Clerk/Treasurer Appointed or Elected Transition
- Discuss and Take Action on Plans for Improvements at the Town Hall
- 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. Mary seconded. M.C. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.