TOWN OF RIVER FALLS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2026
Unitarian Universalist Society Building

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: Victoria Rader, Wendy DiPeso, Maureen Ash

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

Joe moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2026, Regular Board meeting. Siri seconded. M.C.
Joe moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2026, Emergency Board meeting. Mary seconded. M.C.

Financial Report/Fire Call Report: Treasurer Rita provided the Treasurer's Report. The current available balance is $665,653.00. Siri moved and Mary seconded to send the Juan Andres fire call to CSI for collection. M.C. Joe moved, and Jerome seconded to accept the financial and fire call reports. M.C.

Public Comments & Requests: Maureen Ash commented on a good job that Sarah has done getting transitioned to the UU building.

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

Plan Commission Report: nothing to report

Set Date and Discuss Plans for Holiday Reception: The holiday reception is tentatively scheduled for 12/21.
Discuss Town and Country 4H Club Donation: Siri moved that the Town donate $500 to Town and Country 4H Club for their mowing and cemetery care work. Joe seconded the motion. M.C.
Start Planning for Fall Tax Newsletter: The December 2027 newsletter will be similar to the 2026 newsletter. Indivuduals in charge of certain newsletter portions will get those to Sarah for updates.
Discuss and Take Action on Printing and Sending Tax Statements: Siri move to go with L & M postage service for printing and mailing the tax statements. Joe seconded. M.C.
Review and Update Employee Handbook: Postponed to the November 9 board meeting.
Discuss and Take Action on Town Hall Building Transition: The electricity and security system will be left on but the water will be shut off. Sarah, Terry and Joe will work on getting snow removal arranged.

Discuss and Take Action on Town Hall Building Repairs: The Facilities Committee will be discussing future plans for the town hall.

Review Burn Permit Form and Process: Rita has created a draft of a refreshed burn permit. Rita will make additional edits and bring back to November 9 meeting.

Consider Clerk/Treasurer Appointed or Elected Transition: Mary moved and Siri seconded to change the Clerk and Treasurer positions from elected positions to appointed and to put this topic on the November 9 elector meeting agenda. M.C.

Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town: Jerome and Don are working on this. A discussion took place at the last City of River Falls council meeting. The Code Ordinance Committee is working on updating Chapter 17 which may include this topic.

Board and Staff Communications:

Sarah said that Palmer Hansen and Mason Meyer will be helping set up the election on November 2. Jope moved and Mary seconded to pay Mason and Palmer $20/each to work on election setup. M.C. Siri moved to have Don haul the old tin off the shop roof away. Mary seconded. M.C. Terry reported that there were five trees down last Friday and Dalton had to come in. Stop signs were hit by a car and were down as well. The shop insulation will be installed 10/20. Terry, Sarah, Rob and Dalton moved the town hall items to the UU building earlier today.

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

Future Agenda items:

- Approve Agenda
- Minutes from October 19, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- Financial/Fire Call Report
- Public Comments and Requests
- Zoning Administrator Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Discuss and Take Action on Public Access on 950th Street
- Public Comments and Requests
- Approve 2027 Town Budget
- Set Date and Discuss Plans for Holiday Reception
- Discuss and Take Action on Town Hall Building Transition
- Review Burn Permit Form and Process
- Review and Update Employee Handbook
- Updates on Moody Property Development and Annexation
- Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town
- Board and Staff Communications
- Future Agenda Items
- Audit and Pay Bills
- Adjourn

Joe moved to adjourn. Mary seconded. M.C. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.