TOWN OF RIVER FALLS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 9, 2026
Unitarian Universalist Society Building

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Kusilek at 7:16pm. 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, Pat Singel; Linda Singel; Mary Waters; Chris Chavers; Marty Ruemmele; Kristin Nyquist; Kaufman Family; Haley Koepke

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

Siri moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 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 $597,701.84. Joe moved and Siri seconded to settle the Chavers fire call for $500. M.C. Joe moved, and Jerome seconded to accept the financial and fire call reports. M.C.

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. Mary moved and Siri seconded to request Polka Dot properties attend the November 16 Board meeting to discuss a possible zoning code violation at N8712 862nd Street.

Plan Commission Report: Siri reported that the Plan Commission has received a request from the Marzolf Company to amend their Conditional Use Permit. This will go before the Plan Commission and Town Board on November 16, 2026. A joint public hearing has been set for December 7 for a Conditional Use Permit for an additional dwelling for a child in Farmland Preservation for Dan and Kelly Horvath, N7336 County Rd W.

Discuss and Take Action on Public Access on 950th Street: Terry has visited the location, and the next-door property owner, N8204 950th Street, has planted trees, bushes and installed posts to block access to the public easement. Terry's recommendation is to remove vegetation and posts and to install a fence to keep the trail clear. Kelsey Kaufman, N8194 950th Street, spoke and offered her full support and assistance to get the easement cleaned up and accessible. Nora Kaufman, N8194 950th Street, is 11 years old and gave a statement about wanting her friends and neighbors to be able to safely access the trail and park. Mary moved to authorize Terry to act and bring in town employees to clean up right of way and install woven wire and t-post fencing to deter future planting. Siri M.C. Terry will also email Sonia Steiner, the resident at N8204 950th Street.

Public Comments & Requests: Wendy DiPeso reported that 710th has rough road patches between E and her house from large trucks and harvesting equipment. Adam Kaufman, N8194 950th Street thanked the board for addressing the issue with the public easement issue.

Approve 2027 Budget: Mary moved and Siri seconded to approve the proposed 2027 budget as presented. M.C.

Set Date and Discuss Plans for Holiday Reception: There will be no holiday reception in 2026. Jerome made a motion that holiday bonuses are still given to employees as in the past. George will be added and Jerome and Greg Smith will be removed. Siri seconded the motion. M. C.

Discuss and Take Action on Town Hall Building Transition: Terry gave an update that the furnace and well are turned off and the plumbing will be winterized. The screens have been removed~~;~~ and the board will decide next week about electricity and wifi. The Facilities committee has met twice and is trying to identify options.

Review Burn Permit Form and Process: Rita has created a draft of a refreshed burn permit. Mary made a motion to approve the updated burn permit and have it printed. Joe seconded. M.C.

Review and Update Employee Handbook: tabled to 11/16 meeting

Updates on Moody Property Development and Annexation: Don presented information and maps about the proposed development of the Moody property near Halverson Park. The board will meet Thursday, November 12 to discuss this specifically.

Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town: No updates

Board and Staff Communications:

Joe said that he would like to look at safety of area around dumpsters. Sarah shared about the November 3 midterm election. There were a record number of voters, 1,324 and overall, the day went well in the new location. Sarah also shared that she will be taking approximately 6 weeks off following Thanksgiving week for medical reasons. Terry stated that the shop has been insulated. Terry has been busy with the many large topics happening in the town right now.

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

Future Agenda items:

- Approve Agenda
- Minutes from November 5, 2026, Special Board Meeting
- Minutes from November 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from November 12, 2026, Special Board Meeting
- Financial/Fire Call Report
- Public Comments and Requests
- Zoning Administrator Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Discuss and Take Action on Requested Conditional Use Permit Modification for Marzolf Company, N8705 County Road W
- Dwelling Site Review for Erik Williams, 690th Avenue
- Discuss and Take Action on Possible Zoning Code Violation at N8712 862nd Street
- Discuss and Take Action on Public Access on 950th Street
- Review and Update Employee Handbook
- Approve December Tax Newsletter
- Review and Discuss Modifications to Chapter 11: Health and Welfare
- Review and Take Action on Contract for Online Permit Program
- Discuss and Take Action on Town Hall Building Transition
- Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town
- Board and Staff Communications
- Future Agenda Items
- Audit and Pay Bills
- Adjourn

Joe moved to adjourn. Siri seconded. M.C. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.