



Town of Rome
Nekoosa, WI 54457
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TOWN OF ROME BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Carl Hasdal called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Carl Hasdal; Supervisors Cyndee Lewis, Vito Giardino, Mark Samelstad and Tim Reppen; also present Clerk Wendy Newsom and Finance Director/Treasurer/Interim Administrator Robbie Schaub-Ruemler

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

Wendy Newsom certified that on, Monday, July 13, 2026, the Agenda for the Town of Rome Board meeting for Thursday, July 16, 2026 was posted at:

<i>Posted at the Rome Town Hall</i>	<i>12:35 p.m.</i>
<i>Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC</i>	<i>11:57 a.m.</i>
<i>Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank</i>	<i>12:05 p.m.</i>
<i>Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune</i>	<i>12:34 p.m.</i>

4. Approve the Agenda

Motion by Giardino/Reppen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Citizen Comments – During the Citizen Comment period of the agenda the Town Board welcomes comments from any town resident, not a member of the Town Board, on any item not on the agenda. Please know that pursuant to State law the Board cannot engage in conversation with you but may ask questions. The Board may refer the item to staff, a standing committee or a future board agenda for discussion and action. Each person wishing to speak will have up to 3 minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to submit a card to the Clerk providing their name, address and topic for discussion

The board will also take comment from the public on agenda items as called by the Chair, but not during Citizen Comment. Please note that once the board begins discussion on an agenda item no further comment will be allowed from the public on that issue

No citizen comments

NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED EXCEPT POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO FUTURE AGENDA:

7. Information Updates, Meeting Recaps, Recent Correspondence, Current Events, Announcements

Lewis: Visit Rome met this week and they have a busy summer this year and are looking at adding benches and other items to the Link the Lakes project.

Giardino: There is a meeting in the first week of August for the ADA piers, the design, cost and the possibility of grants.

Hasdal: The Stuff the Bus campaign runs through the 7th of August. Farmers Market is cancelled for tomorrow. The endangered species study is complete.

Samelstad: Mark Kane asked him to announce that there will be an open house on Monday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m. to put the new fire truck in service.

Reppen: Spoke regarding putting a heart monitor in at the Library, the Library is going to order portable blood pressure kits for people to check out from the Library.

Schaub-Ruemler: Updated the board regarding the temporary employee that we have let go and explained that the staff has reviewed the duties and have taken on the duties that she was doing.

8. Department and Committee Reports

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| ☐ Administration | ☐ Rome Police Department |
| ☐ EMS District/Lifestar | ☐ Rome Public Works Department |
| ☐ Lester Public Library of Rome | ☐ Public Works and Utility Committee |
| ☐ Parks Committee | ☐ Community Development Authority |
| ☐ Police and Fire Commission | ☐ Visit Rome, WI |
| ☐ Rome Fire Department | ☐ Zoning Department |
| ☐ Town Clerk | ☐ Finance Director/Treasurer |
| ☐ STR Report | ☐ Court Report |

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

9. Discussion and possible action – Approval of the July 2, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion by Lewis/Samelstad to approve the July 2, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action – Checks, Vouchers, Receipts and Journal Entries - approve checks #50681 – 50755 totaling \$974,673.04; Auto-payments totaling \$53,251.13; State / Social Security / Medicare / Withholdings totaling \$45,226.27; Payroll Vouchers V25514 – V25652 totaling \$130,616.43; Receipts #27439 - 27517 totaling \$312,726.77

Motion by Reppen/Giardino to approve as presented. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action – Presentation from Teresa Perkins, LIP Communications regarding a newsletter for the Town

Teresa Perkins from LPI Communications gave a presentation on helping the Town with a newsletter.

Tabled until information is obtained on the cost of postage.

12. Discussion and possible action – Approval of a request from the Lake Camelot Property Owners Association for a donation to the Lake Camelot Frolics

Motion by Samelstad/Lewis to approve a \$250.00 donation to the Lake Camelot Property Owners Association for the Lake Camelot Frolics. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action – Discussion regarding a community event to enhance public relations and goodwill

Supervisor Giardino would like to see an event sponsored by the Town for the residents. It was pointed out that there are many events in Town for the residents already and such an event isn't budgeted for this year.

Tabled for Supervisor Giardino to get more information.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

14. Next agenda items

- *Wake Boat ordinance*
- *Amendment to Chapter 137-4*
- *Contract for PAA*
- *Zoning items*

August 6 agenda:

- *Newsletter*
- *Solar Farm*
- *Community Event*

15. Next meeting date and time

- *July 23, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.*
- *August 6, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Reppen/Giardino to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Newsom
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Clerk