

Town of Forest Minutes of December 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Forest Town Board was held on Monday, December 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Kraus at 7:02p.m. Members Present were Supervisors Tom Loehr and Pete Brenner, Treasurer Andrew Rentmeester and Clerk Sarah Loehr.

Chairman Gary Kraus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Loehr moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Town Planning Commission, Pete Brenner moved to approve the rezoning request for Sargento Cheese Inc for land purchased along the east Right of Way of County Road G and the main Sargento building to Industrial from unzoned. Tom Loehr moved to second, motion carried.

The approval of the Certified Survey Map for Sargento Cheese Inc was tabled until the original signature pages would be available for the Chairman and Clerk to sign.

On the recommendation of the Town Planning Commission, Tom Loehr moved to approve the rezoning request from Norbert and Peter Brenner on behalf of Herman Brenner of 2 acres of land currently zoned Farmland Preservation to Residential to build one primary residence. Gary Kraus seconded the motion, motion carried.

Tom Loehr moved to approve the Certified Survey Map for Norbert and Peter Brenner. Gary Kraus seconded the motion, motion carried.

Pete Brenner moved to approve the Certified Survey Map for John and Kathy Gellings. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion carried.

The following individuals and businesses applied for renewals for their Special Use Permits for 2026 to 2028: Greg Floyd – Forest Floor Foods to operate a pickling plant on agricultural land located at N5014 Northview Rd, Eden, WI 53019; Jeffrey Rahmer to have a fabrication shop on residential property located at N4901 Church Rd, St. Cloud, WI 53079; Ken Karsten to keep agricultural animals on residential land located at W256 Cty Rd. T, St. Cloud, WI 53079; William & Tammy Bowe – B Creative Metal Art to manufacture creative metal art products on residential property located at N6622 Wirtz Lane; Mt. Calvary, WI 53057; Brian Haas to keep agricultural animals (chickens) on residential land located N6532 County Road W; Fond du Lac, WI 54937; Jonathan Pickering to keep firearms and ammunition for online sale at a residential property at N5806 Co Rd W, Mt. Calvary, WI 53057; P&Q East of Winnebago to continue nonmetallic mining, stockpile removal and land reclamation on agricultural land located West of County Rd G, North of Hwy 23, South of Chickadee Road and East of Hickory Road. Tom Loehr moved to approve the renewals of the Special Use Permits. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

Tom Loehr moved to approve the following Election workers for 2026: Kari Gempeler, Ingrid Braun, Ellen Loehr, Harry Ditter, Cathy Flood, Mary Bowe, Jeanne Floyd and Marlene Roltgen. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Planning Commission Members will be tabled until the January 2026 meeting.

There were no public comments regarding the lowering of the speed limit on Triple T Road and Poplar Road.

In regards to the budget, Pete Brenner moved to transfer \$28,000 from Capital Projects to the General Fund and to transfer \$30,000 from the General Fund to Capital Projects. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion carried.

In discussion from floor: Sarah reminded the Board that the January meeting would be on Tuesday, January 13 in order to accommodate the lawyer's schedule. Kolton Fettig, representing Fei Software Vanguards spoke about grants available to towns for cybersecurity that he would assist with application and then putting to use. He will be sharing some information by email.

Pete Brenner moved to pay the bills. Tom Loehr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bills paid as follows on December 8, 2025:

DISBURSEMENTS

Harter's Lakeside Disposal	curbside pickup	\$9,321.40	10526
A.C. Leonard Inspections	Electrical Inspections	\$150.00	10527
Fond du Lac County	Hwy Dept-Sterling	\$3,390.45	10528
Alliant Energy	town hall electric	\$140.02	10529
Weber Oil CO.	DF 392.1 gal @ 3.14	\$1,355.10	10530
Fond du Lac County	Dog Licenses	\$799.50	10531
Catalis Tax	Assessment Software	\$606.96	10532
Steven Loehr	wages	\$175.46	10533
Gary Thimmig	wages	\$184.70	10534
Randy Loehr	wages	\$738.80	10535
Andrew Rentmeester	1/4 annual salary and internet	\$2,317.87	10536
Sarah Loehr	1/4 annual salary and internet	\$3,959.38	10537
US Treasury	employment Taxes	\$1,119.22	ACH
Tom Roehl	10 plan commission meetings	\$200.00	10538
Dick Ottery	10 plan commission meetings	\$200.00	10539
Nate Sippel	8 plan commission meetings	\$160.00	10540
John Seibel	7 plan commission meetings	\$140.00	10541
Ryan Loehr	8 plan commission meetings	\$160.00	10542
Tom Schmitz	4 plan commission meetings	\$80.00	10543
Robert Wendt	2 plan commission meetings	\$40.00	10544
Mike Bowe	2 plan commission meetings	\$40.00	10545
Transfer	Capital Project Fund	\$30,000.00	ACH
TOTAL		\$55,278.86	

RECEIPTS

SWIF Datacom	Town Hall Tower Lease	\$503.87	1659
Andrew and Darcey Pipping	fire number	\$75.00	2670
Fond du Lac County	dog report	\$109.00	604534
Herman Brenner	Rezoning Hearing Fee	\$300.00	1415
Excel Engineering	Sargento Rezoning Hearing Fee	\$300.00	99970
Winfield Homes	Rick Kohlman Building Permit	\$1,480.00	8207
Fond du Lac County	Sept and Nov Specials	\$297.60	604881
Bank First	Money Market Interest	\$581.84	ACH
DB1	clear 12/17/25	\$31,721.59	
DB1 Dog Licenses	clear 12/17/25	\$10.00	
DB2	clear 12/18/25	\$53,311.52	
DB2 Dog Licenses	clear 12/18/25	\$20.00	
DB3	clear 12/22/25	\$40,828.45	
DB3 Dog Licenses	clear 12/22/25	\$15.00	
DB4	clear 12/22/25	\$40,743.68	
DB4 Dog Licenses	clear 12/22/25	\$60.00	
DB5	clear 12/23/25	\$60,058.23	
DB6	clear 12/24/25	\$42,127.40	
DB6 Dog Licenses	clear 12/24/25	\$55.00	
DB7	clear 12/26/25	\$65,254.93	
DB7 Dog Licenses	clear 12/26/25	\$5.00	
DB8	clear 12/29/25	\$89,030.35	
DB8 Dog Licenses	clear 12/29/25	\$10.00	
DB9	clear 12/29/25	\$69,566.68	
DB9 Dog Licenses	clear 12/29/25	\$85.00	
DB9B	clear 12/29/25	\$46,095.16	
DB10	clear 12/30/25	\$82,660.76	
DB10 Dog Licenses	clear 12/30/25	\$40.00	
DB11	clear 12/31/25	\$54,125.80	
DB11 Dog Licenses	clear 12/31/25	\$35.00	
DB12	clear 12/31/25	\$32,512.91	
DB12 Dog Licenses	clear 12/31/25	\$25.00	
Transfer	Capital Project Fund	\$28,000.00	

TOTAL	\$740,044.77
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Cash on Balance	\$ 1,016,730.04
General Fund	\$ 875,985.74
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 140,744.30
Bank Accounts – Other	\$ -1770.34
TOTAL	\$ 1,014,959.70

Previous Month Balance in Capital Projects	\$ 138,162.46
StratCap – Lease (deposited into general fund)	
Transfer to General Fund	- 28,000.00
Deposit from General Fund	+ 30,000.00
Bank First – Interest	+ 581.84
Total for December 31, 2025	\$ 140,744.30
Included in Total Capital Projects Amount	
Capital Projects – Bridge Fund	\$ 20,000.00

Next meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7pm.

There was no further business; Tom Loehr moved to adjourn the meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Loehr
Town Clerk

Gary H. Kraus/Chairman

Thomas Loehr/ Supervisor

Peter Brenner/ Supervisor