

Town of Rutland Board Meeting  
March 4, 2026– 6:30 pm.  
785 Center Road, Stoughton WI

This board meeting was held via Zoom and in person.

1. Call to Order and roll call. Town Chair Kent Knutson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present in addition to the Chair were Supervisors Nancy Nedveck and Jim Dorn. Supervisors Mark Porter and Sue Williams attended via Zoom. Also present in addition to the Board were Clerk Dawn George, Treasurer Kim Sime, Deputy Clerk Amanda Bartlett, Rutland IT Technician Derek Nedveck and Patrolman Chester Ace. The attendance list of others present is on file.
2. Certification and compliance with open meetings law. The Deputy Clerk verified that all notices were posted and we are in compliance with open meeting law.
3. Chief Joshua Ripp, Stoughton Fire/EMS. Chief Ripp discussed items regarding Stoughton Fire/EMS department such as staffing issues, replacing equipment, facility needs and progress with other districts.
4. Discussion and possible action on Racetrack license and 2026 schedule. Gregg McKarns from Madison International Speedway discussed the 2026 schedule and fireworks. Motion and second by Dorn and Nedveck to approve the Racetrack license, 2026 schedule and fireworks; motion passed 5-0
5. Appearance by Steve Wehrley regarding annual Badfish bike time trial event. Steve Wherley discussed the Badfish bike time trial. Motion and second by Nedveck and Williams to approve annual Badfish bike time trial event on Saturday, July 25, 2026; motion passed 5-0
6. Fireworks permit request by Dan Nipple, 4667 W Rutland Rd, Brooklyn for fireworks on June 27, 2026 with July 11, 2026 as a rain date. Dan Nipple discussed fireworks on June 27, 2026. Motion and second by Dorn and Nedveck to approve fireworks permit on June 27, 2026 with rain date July 11, 2026 at 4667 W Rutland Rd, Brooklyn; motion passed 5-0
7. Patrolman Ace's report. Patrolman Ace discussed tree trimming on Star School Road and Hill Road, working on clean up.
8. IT Director Nedveck Report. IT Director Nedveck discussed cloud sync services and the different options. He discussed working with Town Web to get 2 factor authentication.
9. Deputy Clerk- report. Deputy Clerk Bartlett discussed the new phone and phone number for the town hall. She also discussed the February 17, 2026 election which was the first election to be held in the new town hall.
10. Public Comment for items on or off the agenda. Appearance by Katie Michel who is running for Dane County Board District 37.
11. Chairs report. None
12. Planning Commission Report.  
Preliminary discussion regarding a possible CUP for a limited family business at 3454 Old Stone Road, RE: Cultivation Room. Discussion only. No Action Taken  
Ordinances to be reviewed and discussed: Speed limit, Racetrack, Amending Town ordinances and Mobile home. Discussion on the ordinances. Several typo's were corrected.  
Amendments with updates will be submitted to the Town's attorney.

PC Chair Jim Huycke discussed the items from the PC meeting on March 2, 2026. No board action.

13. Meetings attended. The board reported on meetings attended.

14. Discussion and possible action for funding of Brooklyn Fire purchase of a tender truck. Discussion on Brooklyn Fire purchase of a tender truck. The current truck is 30 years old and Brooklyn would like approval to look for a replacement. Discussion on the correct process to purchase equipment. Motion and second by Knutson and Nedveck to Brooklyn Fire to proceed with purchase of a used tender approx. costs \$250,000 and possible refurbish cost of \$50,000 - \$100,000; motion carried 5-0.

15. Discussion on RFP: looking into Consolidation of Fire/EMS services of multiple districts. Discussion on the beginning stages of Request for Proposal (RFP) for City of Fitchburg and Village of Oregon. The estimated cost for proposal is \$100,000 - \$120,000.

16. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of February Minutes.
- b. Approval of Checks and Vouchers – Discussion/Board action.
- c. Approval of Treasurer’s Report – Discussion/Board action.
- d. Budget Summary

Motion and seconded by Dorn and Nedveck to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion carried 5-0.

17. Correspondence.

- a. Bridge Inspection agreement. Discussion on the agreement. Motion and second by Dorn and Nedveck to approve 2026/2027 greater than 20’ span bridge inspection requirements agreement; motion carried 5-0.
- b. Assessor Board of Review: August 6, 2026 5:00 pm -7:00 pm. Open book will be done virtually. Clerk George will have something in the April Newsletter.
- c. Carl Walser, Chair with Town of Oregon, called Chair Knutson regarding help from Rutland’s patrolmen to service the Town Parks. Chair Knutson will respond that our Town Crew will not be able to do that.

18. New Business. None

19. Upcoming meeting dates

April 1, 2026

April 21, 2026 – Annual Town Meeting

May 6, 2026

June 3, 2026

20. Adjournment. Motion and seconded by Nedveck and Knutson; motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Bartlett, Deputy Clerk