

**TOWN OF ALGOMA
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN
April 16, 2025**

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The following were present: Supervisors Petey Clark, Teresa Van Aacken, and Dan Martin.

Supervisor Michael Brooks is absent.

The following were also present: Administrator Maggie Mahoney, Fire Chief Kevin Sawicki, Public Works Director Jason Loduha, and Clerk/Treasurer Katherine Reinbold.

The agenda was posted on April 11, 2025.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin passed on a voice vote (Supervisor Van Aacken abstained), the Board approved the minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting dated March 19, 2025.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Van Aacken, passed on a voice vote, the Board approved the April 2025 disbursements.

Steve Gohde of 3920 Highland Shore Dr. commented that his points about the private road snow removal weren't carried forward in the minutes. He wanted to note that there are EMS access concerns if the Town does not facilitate, and it would be hard for them to collect money from everyone.

Tricia Rathermel, President and CEO of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (GOEDC) spoke about University of Wisconsin Oshkosh bringing on a new chancellor. She would like to communicate with the new chancellor that GOEDC is open to collaboration. Tariffs are putting people in a tailspin. The NFL Draft is next week in Green Bay. The State budget is being worked on. Not expecting any major changes. There will be a job fair on May 7 at the Sunnyview Expo Center.

Fire Chief Kevin Sawicki reported that he accepted a new member. The fire department was able to do some training at 2100 Omro Rd. Tender 21 and Recue 21 need refurbishment. The fire department will be holding an open house on May 17.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

The Parks Committee did not meet.

Administrator Mahoney did not have any updates on the budget, the Leonard Point Road Storm Detention Pond, or the Leonard Point Road & STH 21 Roundabout. She did note that for the Leonard Point Road Reconstruction, the second public information meeting will hopefully be scheduled in late May or June, and it will go over the design elements. Oshkosh School District has decided not to move forward with the FEMA Grant. A preliminary plat for the quarry property has been submitted and is under staff review. Senator Cabal Guevera followed up after the March town board meeting with

information on the proposed bill to exempt ambulance/EMS costs from the levy limit. There will probably be some criteria that must be met. Supervisor Martin is looking for a timeline on the bill.

Clerk/Treasurer Reinbold reported that the April 1st election went well. We had 3486 voters with just over 1000 of that being absentee.

Supervisor Mike Brooks came in at 6:16 pm.

Public Works Director Loduha noted that a bid is pending for the mill and pave of Sheboygan St., Conrad St., Kewaunee St., Onieda Ave., and Sherrin St. Winnebago County is in the process of patching potholes and sweeping streets with curb and gutter. The pickle ball and volleyball courts are open. A work truck was purchased on April 10 for \$20,363.50. We will be putting on the town logo, lights, and a locking toolbox.

The monthly financial statements were presented.

There was a good discussion at the March meeting regarding private road snowplowing. The residents came with more information and brought to light different issues. Staff recommends not approving the repeal of this ordinance and we'll look at costs. No action was taken.

Supervisor Clark brought forward a concern with 184-3 A. (3). She noted many people have a fire pit that is surrounded by stone, but the ordinance mentions *the outdoor fireplace shall be an assembly of that includes a bowl, screen sides and a cover*. Chief Sawicki mentioned he would be ok with changing it to *recommended outdoor fireplace be an assembly be an assembly of that includes a bowl, screen sides and a cover*. On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved the amendment to 184-3 A. (3) in ordinance no. 2025-03 an ordinance amending chapter 184 of the code of ordinances for the Town of Algoma relating to open burning to add the word recommended and remove the word shall. On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Van Aacken, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved Ordinance 2025-03, an ordinance amending chapter 184 of the code of ordinances for the Town of Algoma relating to open burning.

On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Clark, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved Ordinance 2025-04 an ordinance repealing chapter 281 of the code of ordinances for the Town of Algoma relating to soda water beverages.

The Town of Algoma is currently under an intergovernmental contract with the City of Oshkosh along with other municipalities to provide ambulance service through 2026. In 2024, these municipalities started planning to try and put together our own service with a third-party vendor and have presented an IGA for that service. Based on information so far, it appears the Town of Algoma would have the most cost based on population. There would be less service for more money. The town could opt in later. The County agreed to conduct a feasibility study for County run ambulance and the town will participate. Supervisor Brooks is concerned about the cost due to past experiences at a county level. It could potentially cost the taxpayers more. No action was taken.

Clerk/Treasurer Reinbold spoke on how the Town currently has three different documents for hall rentals and they are not cohesive. Staff would like to temporarily suspend new hall rentals to give time to create a revised document and make sure the staffing issue is resolved. The board members had

concerns about taking away hall rentals. It was assured this is hopefully temporary and that with the small staff we have time to work on that and make sure our other work can be done as well. On a motion by Chairman Rasmussen/Supervisor Clark, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved to temporarily suspend new Town Hall rentals for the remainder of 2025.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Martin (Van Acken abstained), passed on a voice vote, the Town Board approved Bill Van Aacken and Scott Fisher to the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring in April 2028.

On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Van Aacken, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board confirmed Clerk/Treasurer Katherine Reinbold.

On a motion by Supervisors Clark/Brooks, passed on a voice vote, the Town Board confirmed Fire Chief Kevin Sawicki.

Discussion was had regarding Town Board members on commissions and committees. Daniel Martin for a term of one year expiring April 2026 for planning commission. Patricia "Petey" Clark and Mike Brooks for a term of one year expiring April 2026 for board of review.

Administrator Mahoney reported that the MS4 annual report was completed and submitted. The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) is required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to document progress and compliance with stormwater permit requirements.

Clerk/Treasurer Reinbold swore in Supervisor Michael Brooks.

On a motion by Supervisors Martin/Van Aacken, the Town Board adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Reinbold