

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Held on Monday, August 11th, 2026

The **Regular Town Board Meeting** of the Town of Apple River was called to order at 6:01 pm **Present** Chair Kerry Bryan, Supervisor Steve Mullenbach, Supervisor Michael Markee, Treasurer Marie Geist, Clerk Lisa Carlson. Public signed in on sign in sheet. Verification of public notice was affirmed by the clerk. **Motion** to approve the **Meeting Agenda** Steve/Michael. Motion carried-All. **Approval of Last Month's Minutes - Motion** Kerry/Steve to approve the **7/13/2026 TBM** minutes. Motion carried-All. **Public Input** Jason Larson from Village of Balsam Lake. East Balsam Lake sits in T Apple River, DNR wants repairs/improvements at the BL Dam. The village is working with an engineering company and in the process of getting a project plan approved by the DNR. May involve road closures. In 2028 the village will apply for DNR grant for additional work. Kerry will put Jason in touch Jim Kinlon who is looking at the White Ash dam for the Town of Apple River. Steve asked if Jason talked with the county. **Treasurer's Financial Report** presented. **Motion** Steve/Michael to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried-All. **Approval to pay expenses.** Budget and Voucher Reports provided to Board. **Vouchers presented:** Operating Budget Expenses: \$49,184.23, Monthly Payroll: \$3,855.14, Operating Budget Total: \$53, 039.37. Payments to other gov'ts: \$134.11, Permit revenue apportioned to Building Inspector: \$3,862.72. Grand Total: \$56,902.09. **Motion** Michael/Steve to approve vouchers for \$56,902.09. Motion carried-all.

General Gov't Reports: Board/Treasurer/Clerk/Plan Commission/Zoning Admin/Building & Grounds County Rep:

Board: Kerry attended the Environmental Services Committee meeting on Shoreline ordinance changes & White Ash Lake PRD annual meeting. Working on rural address signs. Also see Agenda Item "Building Maintenance Resources" next page.

Treasurer:

Clerk: On Boarded election inspector and Supervisor, responded to data center inquiry, attended County training, Compiled FAPS Invoices and cashed check images 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 & provided to Fire/Ems dept. Held election inspector training and public test of voting equipment, Met with Fire Dept, received request to have Kerry call them, request for temp closing of cemetery road, received new population estimate 1223 up by 10 from 2024 and up by 50 from 2020 (4.26%), 3 early voters, 16 returned absentee ballots to date. Prepared payroll & vouchers, prepared Expense report, Budget report. Clerk's books & Treasurer's books are in balance and also balance with the bank. Election tomorrow, meeting with NW Ins in a couple weeks for annual review.

Building & Grounds: No change. See Agenda item building maintenance resource.

Plan Commission – Nothing scheduled

Zoning: County Health extended timeline for one violation as issue is now 90% resolved (tires), considering citations for other violations. Clerk received 3 inquiries. Discussion on how to communicate to property owners the town's process for obtaining proper permits for their projects. County zoning/building inspector/zoning admin? Kerry and Janet will review what's currently on the town website, revise as needed and send to Lisa for publishing.

Department Reports: Public Safety/Public Works/Health & Human Services

Public Safety: Fire Department/Ambulance/Rural Address Signs/Building Permits

-Fire Department: Fire Chief emailed report for July 2026 to be read at meeting. Total Runs: 19. T Apple River: Medical-4, Vehicle Accident-2, Fire Alarm-2, Grass Fire-1, Total-9; T Georgetown: Medical-4, Unknown fire-2, Total-6; T Balsam Lake: Vehicle Accident-2, Grass Fire-1, Unknown Fire-1, Total-4; T Johnstown: Nothing.

-Ambulance: Nothing

-Rural Address Signs: Clerk reported there are 2 new signs ready for installation. Report is posted on bulletin board in hall.

-Building permits: Clerk collected for TAR26-20, 21, 22,23, 24; TAR26-15, 25, 26, 28 are Ready for Pickup. 3 inquiries about a permit that has not yet been received by the town – possibly TAR26-27. Permit reports are posted on bulletin board in hall.

Public Works: Roads/Driveway Permits

-Roads: Board reported that patching is in progress; discussions in progress between Geronimo/Monarch & Towns. Clerk received a report that the road sign for 145th Ave at 60th street got hit and needs straightened.

Driveway Permits: Clerk reported no new applications. (Permits report on bulletin board at town hall)

Health & Human Services: Animal Control/Cemetery.

Animal Control: 2 animal incidents.

Cemetery: Cemetery committee plans to meet. 2 mowings.

Tax Exemption renewal for Fire Truck fuel – Kerry signed as supervisor of Fire Dept.

Propane Locked Price Agreement-current proposal is acceptable.

Animal Control process discussion with Darel Hall. Discussion with Board & Darel. Darel said the board could exclude cats by posting it on the website. Lisa will publish once statement is received. Farm dog disturbances usually go first to the Sherrif's office then to Animal control services.

Renewal of ArcGIS Subscription \$700 per year – **Motion** to continue the subscription, Kerry/Michael, motion carried.

Building Maintenance Resource(s)

Michael contacted a septic professional; Kerry contacted a couple people about the back door.

160th Avenue Discontinuation discussion – Kerry looked into this and it would be illegal as lots would be land locked. Looking at other options.

Data Center Discussion – Kerry reported that there are currently no applications to the county for data centers. Kerry asked Steve Plan Commission to schedule a meeting on this topic.

Agenda Items for next town board meeting

- Building maintenance updates & resource(s)
- 160th Avenue discussion

Public Comment Janice Carlson reported deep potholes on Mains Crossing at 70th St, west side. Difficult to avoid because they aren't visible until the top of the hill is reached and it's a little late by then. Kerry will inspect.

Next Town Board Meeting Monday, September 14th, 2026 at 6 pm, Supervisor work session at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment Motion Kerry/Steve to adjourn. Motion carried-all. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully,

Lisa Carlson, Town Clerk

This draft was posted on the town hall and town website on 08/19/2026
and will be presented for board approval on 9/14/2026

Other Upcoming Events

Partisan Primary election on 8/11/2026, town hall open for voting 7am to 8 pm. See more at:

<https://townofappleriver.com/election/>

2026 Elections: <https://myvotewi.gov>

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