

Regular April Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21st, 2026

The meeting was posted on March 5th, 2026 at the Bayfield Town Hall and the town website. Chairman Robert Meierotto and Supervisors Carol Fahrenkrog, Karen Boutin, Fred Erickson, and Robert Feyen were present. Treasurer Billie Hoopman and Road Foreman Carl Butterfield were also in attendance. Clerk Kelly Faye was excused. Chairman Meierotto called the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Welcome of new Town Board Member: Newly elected Supervisor Bob Feyen was given a hearty welcome by all present.

Public Comment:

-Chuck Finn informed the Board that road work is needed on Ski Hill Road and Meyers Olson Road.

-Tom Galazen and Anne Rosenquist asked that attention be given to Valley Road. They noted the increased use of the road and the advertisement of the road to access local campgrounds. Dust control for their crops this summer is a major concern.

Items for Future Agendas: None.

Discussion and possible approval of minutes of the Town Board Meeting of March 9th, 2026: A motion was made by Fahrenkrog, seconded by Erickson, moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Receive and Place on File the Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Fahrenkrog, seconded by Boutin to approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 20th, 2026. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possibly approval of bid for the Salmo Lakewalk Trail Improvement project boardwalk materials based on the recommendation of the sub-committee: A motion was made by Fahrenkrog, seconded by Erickson, to approve the bid from Custom Manufacturing, Inc. in the amount of \$40,600, provided the language is corrected to show that all posts should be six feet. A roll call vote was taken. Fahrenkrog-yes, Erickson-yes, Meierotto-yes, Boutin-yes, Feyen – yes. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval for the Town Chairman to sign an agreement with Wisconsin Conservation Corps for labor for the Salmo Lakewalk boardwalk improvements: A motion was made by Fahrenkrog, seconded by Boutin, to approve the Chairman signing the agreement for services from WISCORPS for \$13,000. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval for Town Clerk to sign affidavit related to the town's records and Old St. Paul Road as requested by Attorney Scott Clark: A motion was made by

Boutin, seconded by Erickson, to allow Clerk Faye to sign the affidavit once it has been agreeably amended by the Town's Attorney. Motion carried.

Notice that the Town of Bayfield did not receive Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) funding for Valley Road during round one (option to really in the fall): Informational, no action required.

Presentation and discussion of proposed updates to the Room Tax Ordinance, reviewed by the Town's Attorney's Office, for possible approval at the May Town Board meeting:

Treasurer Hoopman noted that two additional amendments could be considered; to lengthen the contract time frame with the Chamber to five years and to increase the Room Tax Rate to 8%. Those amendments will be made for possible approval at the May meeting.

Discussion and possible action on proposed reaffirmation of viewpoint shared in Town of Bayfield Resolution 2024-02: In opposition to H.R.9111 in response to renewed efforts to make the Apostle Islands National Park and Preserve Act, sponsored by Representative Tom Tiffany (February 2026): A motion was made by Boutin, seconded by Feyen, to affirm their position remains the same. Motion carried with a vote of 4-yes, 1-abstain.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible approval of a request to alter an old, platted line near County Hwy. J as proposed by Peter Nelson of Nelson Surveying: A motion was made by Feyen, seconded by Erickson to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on the future of the Town of Bayfield Plan Commission: As noted at the Elector's Meeting, Plan Commission Meetings will be scheduled as needed and a new member will be added to replace outgoing member Robert Meierotto.

Notice of approved driveway permits- Stephen Nold of 37439 Apostle Bay Road (Tax ID #4287) and Wild Rice LLC (Heidi Zimmer) of 84860 Old San Road (Tax ID #36301 and 36304): Informational, no action required.

Approval of Operator License Application, if needed: None.

Notice that Demaris Brinton and Cami Smalley plan to clean the sides of Hatchery Road on Sunday, April 26 and place temporary sign along the road discouraging littering for the week following: Thank you Demaris and Cami for your community service!

Receive and place of file the Correspondence for April 2026: None.

Receive and place on file the Clerk's Financial and Budget Report for March 2026:

3/10/26-4/17/26					
DISBURSEMENTS					
Checks written	\$83,467.46				
Range	22666	22738			
BUDGETS vs. ACTUAL					
	March 2026	Y-T-D	Budget	% of Budget	
Revenue	\$ 1,502	\$ 149,165	\$ 2,126,396	7%	
Expense	\$ 65,440	\$ 279,157	\$ 2,126,396	13%	
Balance	\$ (63,938)	\$ (129,991)			

A motion was made by Boutin, seconded by Feyen to approve the Clerk's Report. Motion carried.

Chair, Supervisor and Committee Reports: None.

Upcoming Dates:

- Board of Review Meeting to adjourn to future date – April 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Bayfield Co. Zoning Dept. Public Input Session on Zoning Code Changes – April 29, 3-5pm at the Town Hall.
- Regular May Town Board Meeting – May 11, 6pm
- Dumpster Day – May 23, 7am-1pm

Adjourn: A motion was made by Boutin, seconded by Erickson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Minutes presented by Treasurer Billie Hoopman, edited by Clerk Kelly Faye.