

Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday January 27, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Boulder Junction Community Center, Boulder Lake Room
5392 Park Street, Boulder Junction, WI 54512

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL

- This Regular Town Board Meeting was noticed according to WI State Statute 19.85. Chairman Dennis Reuss called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisor Laura Bertch, Supervisor Dylan Schutt, Clerk/Treasurer Dan Driscoll and 5 guests.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA /ORDER OF THE DAY(discussion & possible action),

- MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve agenda. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3) CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS & ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

4) ITEMS NEEDING APPROVAL (discussion & possible action)

- a. Approve Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025 and Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2025 and January 14, 2026
 - o Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025 and Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2025 and January 14, 2026. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- b. Approve November 2025 Financial Statement
 - o MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve November 2025 Financial Statement. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- c. Approve January Disbursements
 - o MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve January Disbursements. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
 - Disbursements for the month totaled \$1,948,545.97. Payroll and insurance accounted for \$75,112.73 for 3 payrolls (including FD Call pay), \$379,200.01 to Vilas County, \$313,540.90 to North Lakeland, \$309,320.98 to Lakeland HS, \$35,367.16 to Nicolet College for Jan Tax settlement, \$46,340.00 To Pointon Communications for FD radios, \$8500.00 to Jamie Zeller for town Cleaning, \$651,269.60 to Associated Trust for bond principal + interest payment for roads, community center and highspeed broadband, \$1,544.19 to Associated Card, \$528.05 to Badger Heating, \$1,025.00 to Grahams Standard Service, \$1,429.50 to LVG, \$2,715.84 to MacQueen Emergency, \$2,000.00 to Municipal Group, \$1,063.95 to North Star Emergency Vehicle, \$1,426.48 to Pomp's Tire, \$3,038.66 to Republic Services (2 months), \$4,363.99 to Vilas Co Hwy, \$5,148.11 to WE Energies (2 months) and \$6,942.09 to WPS (2 months). A full list of paid disbursements can be found in the meeting agenda packet.

5) REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Update on NLDC – Abby Vogt

- Abby Vogt of the North Lakeland Discovery Center presented an update on the AIS work the center completed in Boulder Junction during the summer of 2025.
 - b. Update on Landfill Venture Group
 - Supervisor Schutt presented report. He attended last full commission meeting.
 - LDF is waiting on digging permits and USDA application
 - Bo-mag is broken again, problem with new rebuilt engine.
 - LDF looking into purchasing compactor for \$291K plus warranty
 - Will be increase in tonnage rate to \$80.00
 - Conover and Phelps submitted paperwork to leave LVG
 - c. Update on Parks Board
 - Supervisor Bertch presented report. Winter Park and the Glide have been very busy this winter. Added tractor with brush to help clear snow on Glide and hockey rink.
 - Disc Golf: a second set of baskets were ordered and have been received. Will install in the spring.
 - d. Update on EDC
 - No update
 - e. Update on Road Committee
 - No update
 - f. Update on BJVFD
 - No update
 - g. Update on EMS District
 - Chief Joling provided report. His report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.
 - h. Update on Library
 - Cherie Sanderson presented report. Her report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit B
 - i. Update on Centennial Committee
 - Cherie Sanderson presented report. Her report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit C
 - j. Update on BJCF
 - Mary Van Grinsven provided report. Her report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit D
- 6) NEW BUSINESS(discussion & possible action)
- a. Discussion & Possible action – To approve Resolution number change No 2026 R 02 a resolution authorizing 2025 budget amendments.
 - No action taken
 - b. Discussion and possible action – To approve following to EDC Committee
 - Bill Spear
 - Steve Weber
 - Steve Coon
 - Ian Brown
 - Dylan Schutt
 - Mary Jones
 - Kevin Gutjahr

- Kevin Mantz
- Nathan Keisler
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve Bill Spear, Steve Weber, Steve Coon, Ian Brown, Dylan Schutt, Mary Jones, Kevin Gutjahr, Kevin Mantz and Nathan Keisler as members of the EDC Committee. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7) ADJOURN(discussion & possible action)

- Chairman Reuss adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm

Exhibit A

Northwoods EMS District

Monthly Report – December 2025

	Date	Time	Town	Unit	Transport	Billing Level	Response
1	12/1/2025	921		91	N	Not Billed	Medical Alarm
2	12/2/2025	342		92	Y	BLS	Difficulty Breathing
3	12/2/2025	945	MW	91	N	Not Billed	Medical Alarm
4	12/3/2025	450		91	Y	ALS	Pain
5	12/3/2025	1658		92	Y	ALS	Altered Mental Status
6	12/9/2025	1031		91	N	Not Billed	Vehicle Accident
7	12/9/2025	1648		92	Y	ALS	Altered Mental Status
8	12/9/2025	1820	MW	91	N	Not Billed	Syncope
9	12/10/2025	1132	MW	91	Y	ALS	Syncope
10	12/10/2025	1133		92	N	Not Billed	Lift-Assist
11	12/12/2025	2219		92	Y	ALS	Difficulty Breathing
12	12/13/2025	1618		91	Y	ALS	Arm Injury
13	12/14/2025	852		91	Y	ALS	Fall
14	12/15/2025	601		91	Y	ALS	Difficulty Breathing
15	12/15/2025	815	MW	91	N	Not Billed	Vehicle Accident
16	12/16/2025	1317	MW	91	Y	ALS	Difficulty Breathing
17	12/16/2025	1636		92	N	Not Billed	Lift-Assist
18	12/17/2025	1321		92	N	Not Billed	Medical Alarm
19	12/17/2025	1819		91	N	Not Billed	Syncope
20	12/17/2025	2018		91	Y	BLS	Welfare Check
21	12/18/2025	1221		91	Y	ALS	Pain
22	12/18/2025	1250		92	N	Not Billed	Lift-Assist
23	12/19/2025	716		92	Y	BLS	Fall
24	12/21/2025	101		91	N	Not Billed	Difficulty Breathing
25	12/22/2025	254		92	Y	ALS	Pain
26	12/22/2025	1640		92	N	Not Billed	Lift-Assist
27	12/22/2025	1838		91	Y	ALS	Altered Mental Status
28	12/23/2025	1312		92	N	Not Billed	Fall
29	12/23/2025	1333		91	Y	ALS	Arrhythmia
30	12/25/2025	1459		91	Y	BLS	Weakness
31	12/26/2025	900		92	N	Not Billed	Lift-Assist
32	12/26/2025	1319		92	N	Not Billed	Vehicle Accident
33	12/27/2025	1153		92	N	Not Billed	Fall
34	12/27/2025	2110	MW	91	Y	BLS	Vehicle Accident
35	12/28/2025	1050		91	N	Not Billed	Fire Alarm
36	12/29/2025	1046		92	Y	ALS	Fall
37	12/31/2025	1201	MW	91	Y	ALS	Cold Exposure

Response and turnout time

Turnout time, from dispatch until responding, was under 90 seconds 80% of the time.

December average turnout time is **1.24** minutes.

Average response time for the month of **December** was **10.63 minutes**. This is from the time of 911 call received to arrival at patient. Response times are obtained through Vilas Dispatch Center.

Transport and Billing

20 of the 37 responses were transported. "Not Billed" responses included those that refused transport following medical evaluation or no patient identified. Of the 20 responses that were transported, **15 responses benefitted from Paramedic Level care**. Paramedic level care is defined as intervention beyond IV placement. Since the start of the district, **73%** of patient transport receive paramedic level intervention. **489** loaded miles were recorded.

Billing Rates	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Not Billed	5	8	6	9	11	17	14	16	14	8	19	17	144
BLS	1	3	8	5	2	8	11	7	8	6	10	5	74
ALS	7	14	14	17	11	22	18	19	14	8	8	15	167
ALS2	2	2	2	1	1	4	1	5	3	9	3	0	33

Response by Town

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Boulder Junction	6	13	14	12	10	18	13	22	15	7	17	16	163
Presque Isle	4	9	7	12	4	14	13	9	6	9	8	8	103
Winchester	2	2	1	1	3	10	5	6	10	3	8	6	57
Manitowish Waters	3	3	8	7	8	9	11	10	8	11	5	7	90
Mutual Aid Given	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	5

It is hard to believe that in a few weeks, we will mark our 1-year anniversary of operations. This could not have been accomplished without the hard work and dedication of Northwoods EMS staff, District Board members, and all the community members of Presque Isle, Boulder Junction, Manitowish Waters, and Winchester. As January 16th will mark our official one year of operations, the January report will include the Northwoods EMS District annual report for 2025.

Moving into 2026, we will be continuing to enhance our operations and service to the district. On January 7th, we kick off the first EMR course being held within the district as part of our training center. We will also be looking at creating partnerships with regional health systems to deliver a robust community program aimed at reducing readmissions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Joling – Chief Northwoods EMS District

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Library Update to the Boulder Junction Town Board

January 27, 2026

Library Updates:

- **Children's Programming Update:** Our new Homeschool Hangout has continued to draw large crowds, averaging between 30-50 each session. The Lighted Schoolhouse winter session started back up on January 12 and we have 14 students; 6 returned from fall, 3 who have done the program in previous years, and 5 new students. And Kate has already begun summer program planning!
- **Playground/Park Book Walk:** We have surrendered to Mother Nature and will not be maintaining the book walk at the park until the snow is gone!
- **Adult Programming Update:** Regular monthly programs/clubs are still taking place. We are offering a Winter Wellness program series every Tuesday morning at 11am from now until March 10th.
- **Technology:** Tuesday Tech Time transitioned to "Book-a-Librarian". The new service is by appointment only. We will provide tech help, reference services, book recommendations, research, and more. Patrons can Book-a-Librarian online, in-person, or over the phone.
- **Wintertime Curbside Pickup:** We don't want the snow and ice this winter to keep patrons away so we're encouraging wintertime curbside pickup. Patrons can call ahead with the items they want (books, DVDs, audio CDs, etc.) and we'll gather them and check them out. Then they can call us when they arrive at the library and we'll bring their items out to their vehicle.
- **Tax Season:** We have not put tax forms out on the table in the hallway yet because we are waiting for IRS forms to arrive. If patrons need any forms, we will print them off the computer for free.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

- January Art in the Library is photography by Joanne Morgan
- February Art in the Library will be artwork from the children from Homeschool Hangout
- Boulder Junction Book Club – 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
- Books & Brews Book Club – 1st Wednesday at 7 pm at Aqualand (sometimes other dates/locations)
- Mah Jongg – every Monday from 1-4 pm
- Chat 'n Craft Club – every first and third Wednesday from 10am to Noon
- Northern Waters Genealogical Society - 1st Tuesday of the month at 2 pm
- Boulder Junction Music Gathering – 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3-5 pm
- Homeschool Hangout – 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10am but times may vary
- Winter Wellness Program Series – every Tuesday at 11am from now until March 10th
- Saturday, February 7 – Dolly Parton Imagination Library Vilas County launch event from 10-noon
- Thursday, February 12 – Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:30pm
- Monday, February 16 – the library will be open on Presidents Day
- Friday, February 27 – Cherie's last day and Retirement Party
- Saturday, February 28 – Library Will be Closed for Staff Transition Day



**Boulder Junction is turning 100
and we're celebrating! Mark
your calendars now for these
2027 events:**

Town Birthday Party

March 2027



Historical Performance

July 3, 2027



Musky Jam Parade

August 7, 2027



Cemetery Walk

September 4, 2027

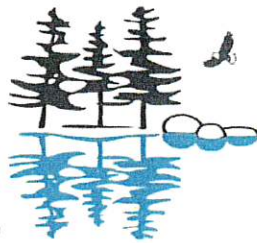


**PLUS: a history booklet, art installation, historical
marker, exclusive merchandise, and so much more!**

**Don't miss out on the celebration, mark your calendars now!
For more information, visit our website:**

BoulderJunctionHistory.org

Exhibit D



Boulder Junction Community Foundation

Our mission: To preserve and enhance Boulder Junction for present and future generations.

FIDUCIARY REPORTS TO THE TOWN BOARD January 27, 2026

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation is an Affiliate Member of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin (CFONCW) as of 1/1/2023. *In our merger, we secured the same low rate of 2% on all Fiscal Agreements with the town of Boulder Junction.* All other Fiscal Agreements (with entities other than the town) will be at the normal 5% rate.

NORTH CREEK LOOP TRAIL FUND (NCLT)

Contracts Signed: November 17, 2020 & December 20, 2022

ACTUAL COSTS:	\$1,069,411.60	Pitlik & Wick
	\$73,255.50	Town & Country Engineering
	\$6,519.13	Signage, Survey, Sitework, . . .
	\$1,149,186.23	TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$732,132.48 Foundation funds paid to town

1 OUTSTANDING BILL FOR GRAVEL REPLACEMENT COMING IN 2026.

\$14,813.53 Current balance held by Foundation

BOULDER JUNCTION BASKETBALL COURT FUND (BB)

Contracts Signed: February 13, 2024

\$84,000.00 Projected Project Costs
(\$81,000 project cost + \$3000 two benches)

\$20,000.00	Town Funds for Project
\$2,500.00	Park & Recreation Department Funds
\$47,265.67	Foundation Grant paid to town November 2024
\$9,020.90	Foundation Grant paid to town October 2025
\$11,779.26	Current balance held by Foundation

\$90,619.96 TOTAL FUNDS

TALL PINES DISC GOLF COURSE FUND (DGC)

Contract Signed: January 28, 2025

\$44,000 Projected Project Fundraising
(\$26,800 project cost + \$13,200 contingency funds for additional work)
Any residual at end of project will be placed in the Park & Recreation
Maintenance Fund)

\$6,000.00 Town commitment to the project
\$27,044.93 Foundation Grant paid to town October 2025
\$2,707.68 Current balance held by the Foundation

\$35,752.61 TOTAL FUNDS

Town of Boulder Junction Designated Fund

(Held in the Boulder Junction Community Foundation Family of Funds)

Boulder Junction Parks & Recreation Maintenance Fund

Contract signed. 12/28/24, revised 1/22/25

Fund Purpose: Funds are designated for any parks maintained by the Town of Boulder Junction. This shall include but not be limited to on-going maintenance activities for Boulder Junction Parks and Recreation facilities, funding of staff positions for Parks and Recreation maintenance or programs, or purchase of equipment for use within the Parks and Recreation facilities.

\$7,627.06 Current balance held by the Foundation (up \$2620 since December 1)

Town of Boulder Junction Designated Fund

(Held in the Boulder Junction Community Foundation Family of Funds)

Boulder Junction Bike Trail Maintenance Fund

Contract signed. 6/23/25

Fund Purpose: Funds are designated for any bike trails maintained by the Town of Boulder Junction. This shall include but not be limited to on-going maintenance activities or purchase of equipment for use on the bike trails.

\$15,277.71 GRANT from BOULDER JUNCTION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 6.23.25
\$23,922.63 Current balance held by the Foundation (up \$6700 since December 1)