

Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday July 28, 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 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 27 guests.

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

- MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve agenda and move 7a up to 4d. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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

- Lee Tshanz – Supports opening town roads to ATV traffic
- Kurt Potter – Town business owner that supports opening town roads to ATV traffic
- Dennis Duke – Supports opening town roads to ATV traffic; submitted road canvas
- Dennis Aukstik – Supports keeping town roads closed to ATV traffic, questioned road canvass

4) ITEMS NEEDING APPROVAL (discussion & possible action)

- a. Licensing: (applications on file in clerk's office)
 - Approve 2026-2028 Operator Licenses for Rachel Osep, David Obradovich and Jillian Kramer
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve 2026 – 2028 operator licenses for Rachel Osep, David Obradovich and Jillian Kramer. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- b. Approve Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026 and Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026 and Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- c. Approve March, April and May Financial Statements
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve March, April and May Financial Statements. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- d. Approve July Disbursements
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve July Disbursements.
 - July update on 2026 budget
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5) REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Update on ATV Club road canvass
 - Chairman Reuss provided report. Stated that he has a meeting set with the DNR on 6/30 to discuss ATV trail system and status of the same.
- b. Update on Wake Boat ordinance
 - Clerk Driscoll provided report. Attorney Bitar Brief was filed seeking dismissal on July 7. MW Alliance file a response at end of month, we do a "reply" on 8/7. Could expect a decision within 60 days. Attorney Bitar added that the federal

court dismissed the other federal suit for lack of standing to sue. Such result will be helpful here, but every case is different so it is possible the court could see it differently here. We'll assess the other decision and make the best argument we can in our reply brief.

- c. Update on Landfill Venture Group
 - o Supervisor Schutt provided report. Equipment is running, compactor does need a repair. LVG is looking into getting an audit completed.
 - d. Update on Parks Board
 - o Supervisor Bertch provided report. On 7/30 Dennis Duke will receive Rising Star award at the 2026 Wisconsin Governor's Outdoor Industry Awards for work on basketball court, playground and disc golf course.
 - o Disc Golf Celebration went well
 - o Next park board meeting will be 7/30
 - e. Update on EDC
 - o No update
 - f. Update on Road Committee
 - o Chairman Reuss provided report. Road project has started, 10.2 miles of road will be chip sealed and fogged. Cost is \$26,000 per mile and was included in 2026 budget.
 - g. Update on BJVFD
 - o Chairman Reuss provided report. Attended last meeting, membership is strong. FD is holding an ice cream social tonight.
 - h. Update on EMS District
 - o Clerk Driscoll read Chief Joling's report. His report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A
 - i. Update on Library
 - o Heather Sebero provided report. 40 thousand minutes completed for reading challenge, meeting goal. July art will be from Lakeland Art League. For August, it will be Holly McCormack. Summer reading program is ongoing.
 - j. Update on Centennial Committee
 - o Committee Chair Cherie Sanderson provided report. Her report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit B.
 - k. Update on BJCF
 - o Mary Van Grinsven provided report. The accounts are just about the same as last month - as we have no active fiscal agreement going on. After Dennis Docusign's the GLIDE fiscal agreement, it will go live on our website and the park board will be allowed to start to fundraise.
- 6) NEW BUSINESS(discussion & possible action)
- a. Discussion & Possible action – Approve Fire Department purchase of radio headsets using Volunteer bank account funds.
 - o MOTION REUSS/SECOND BERTCH. To approve Fire Department purchase of radio headsets using Volunteer bank account funds. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
 - b. Discussion & Possible action – Approve 2026 -2027 liability insurance and workers compensation policies
 - o MOTION REUSS/SECOND BERTCH. To approve 2026 -2027 liability insurance and workers compensation policies. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
 - c. Discussion & Possible action – Set date for Special Meeting of Electors for remaining capital funds from Broadband bond

DRAFT
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY TOWN BOARD

- MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. Set date for Special Meeting of Electors for remaining capital funds from Broadband bond for September 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- d. Discussion & Possible action – Approve use of ambulance fund 280.112 for EMS District Fund.
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve use of ambulance fund 280.112 for EMS District Fund. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED
 - Funds currently in 280.112 will be transferred to 280.104 (fire fund)
- 7) OLD BUSINESS(discussion & possible action)
 - a. Discussion & Possible action – Approve final payment to Brightspeed – High Speed Broadband Project
 - Final payment amount is \$3,110,721.05, coming in below budget by \$705,278.95. Town will schedule a special meeting of electors to discuss and decide what to do with surplus capital funds.
 - MOTION REUSS/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve final payment to Brightspeed – High Speed Broadband Project. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
 - b. Discussion & Possible action – Approve decommissioning High Speed Broadband Committee
 - No action taken
- 8) ADJOURN(discussion & possible action)
 - Chairman Reuss adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm

Northwoods EMS District

Monthly Report – June 2026

	Date	Time	Town	Unit	Transport	Billing Level	Response
1	6/1/2026	230	PI	92	Y	ALS	Back Pain
2	6/1/2026	614	WIN	91	N	Not Billed	Lift Assist
3	6/1/2026	902	WIN	91	Y	BLS	Weakness
4	6/1/2026	1234	MW	91	Y	BLS	Knee Pain
5	6/1/2026	2000	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Syncope
6	6/4/2026	2037	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Weakness
7	6/5/2026	1504	WIN	91	N	Not Billed	Medical Alarm
8	6/6/2026	1930	PI	91	Y	BLS	Fall
9	6/7/2026	0037	MW	91	Y	BLS	Laceration
10	6/7/2026	133	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Abdominal Pain
11	6/7/2026	713	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Syncope
12	6/9/2026	1338	PI	91	Y	ALS	Abdominal Pain
13	6/10/2026	2250	MW	91	Y	ALS	Weakness
14	6/11/2026	1137	MW	91	Y	BLS	Fall
15	6/13/2026	1007	WIN	91	N	Not Billed	Lift Assist
16	6/13/2026	1522	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Lift Assist
17	6/14/2026	1605	PI	92	N	Not Billed	Lift Assist
18	6/14/2026	1807	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Seizure
19	6/15/2026	432	PI	91	Y	ALS	Back Pain
20	6/17/2026	253	PI	91	Y	BLS	Fall
21	6/17/2026	804	WIN	91	Y	BLS	Weakness
22	6/19/2026	1301	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Lift Assist
23	6/19/2026	1334	MW	91	N	Not Billed	Lift Assist
24	6/19/2026	1702	MW	91	Y	ALS	Seizure
25	6/20/2026	1730	PI	91	Y	ALS	Chest Pain
26	6/21/2026	1254	MW	91	Y	ALS	Eye Injury
27	6/21/2026	1437	WIN	91	Y	ALS	Bicycle Accident
28	6/24/2026	356	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Chest Pain
29	6/24/2026	1255	BJ	91	Y	ALS	Abdominal Pain
30	6/27/2026	302	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Vehicle Accident
31	6/27/2026	1426	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Illness
32	6/27/2026	2120	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Headache
33	6/28/2026	304	WIN	91	Y	ALS2	Abdominal Pain
34	6/30/2026	1831	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Choking

Response and turnout time

Turnout time, from dispatch until responding, was under 90 seconds 80% of the time. **June** average turnout time is **1.64** minutes.

Average response time for the month of **June** was **12.48 minutes**. This is from the time of 911 call received to arrival at patient. Response times are obtained through Vilas Dispatch Center.

NORTHWOODS

Transport and Billing

25 of the 34 responses were transported. "Not Billed" responses included those that refused transport following medical evaluation or no patient identified. Of the 25 responses that were transported, **14 responses benefited from Paramedic Level care** with **one** requiring significant intervention. Paramedic level care is defined as intervention beyond IV placement. **617.1** loaded miles were recorded.

Billing Rates

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
Not Billed	7	7	7	8	21	9	59
BLS	9	4	7	5	11	11	47
ALS	6	4	11	8	14	13	56
ALS2	1	2	1	1	2	1	8

Crew / Organization Activities

NEMSD partnered with the Manitowish Waters Lions Club in providing free training and equipment for local businesses. The Manitowish Waters Lions Club purchased Life-Vac devices, following a successful deployment earlier this year, for distribution. DC Mabie provided training on the device as well as CPR for any interested staff. Additionally, all staff finalized the requirement for license renewal.

Response by Town

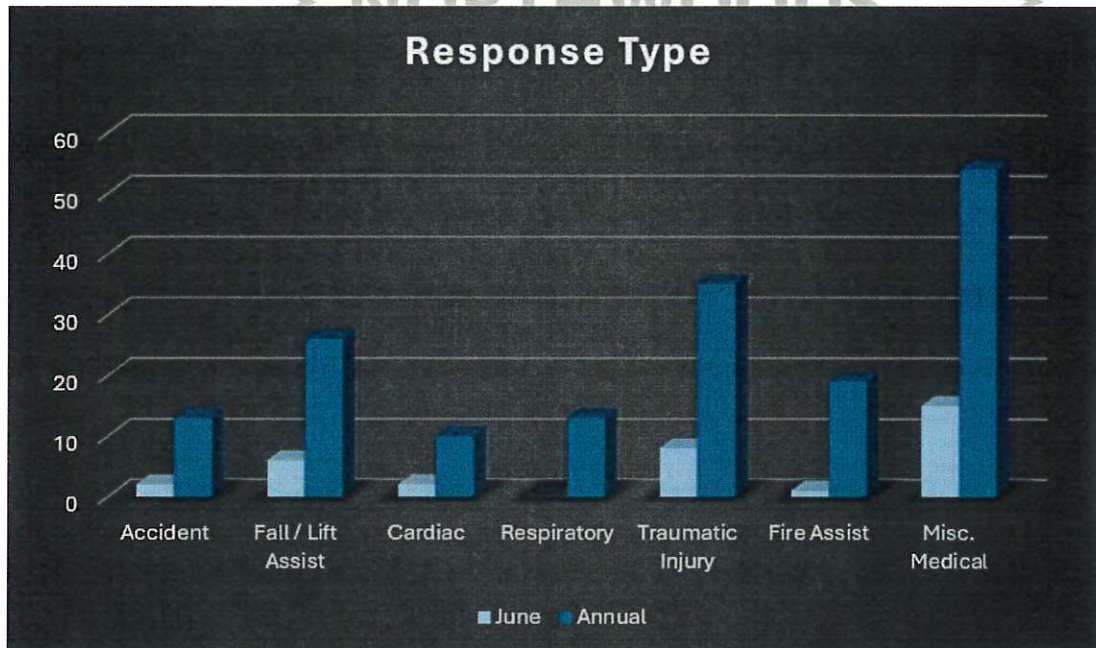


EMS DISTRICT

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
Boulder Junction	11	12	15	6	22	13	79
Presque Isle	5	1	6	6	10	7	35
Winchester	3	1	1	5	4	7	21
Manitowish Waters	4	3	4	5	12	7	35
Mutual Aid Given	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

June Events

- Provided CPR and First Aid for Trout Lake Research Station staff
- Attended North Central Regional Trauma Advisory OOH meeting
- Provided CPR training for WINMAN staff
- Completed staff license renewals



Respectfully Submitted,

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EMS DISTRICT

**Centennial Committee
Update to the Town Board
July 28, 2026**

1. The Centennial Committee continues to meet monthly. We have broken into work groups to try to get more accomplished. The 2027 deadline is approaching quickly!
2. Our primary focus right now is gathering stories and photos for the souvenir historical booklet that we will be publishing and selling throughout 2027. Tom Krause has joined the committee to help with this endeavor because he works in publishing. We need more stories and photos though! We will be posting on Facebook asking for specific types of photos we are looking for. We are gathering written, oral, and video stories.
3. Our secondary focus is our merchandising orders and online webstore. We plan to sell t-shirts and hoodies at events, at the museum, and at the Chamber office starting at Christmas Walk in 2026. The sales transactions will go through the Historical Society. We will also be creating an online website through Valley Advertising - this will provide a greater variety of merchandise without the need to maintain inventory.
4. We are still working on a date for the town birthday party in March. There are a lot of conflicts with Easter, spring break, Snowmobile Club Cabin Fever party, etc.
5. The historical performance and cemetery walk planning is underway and more details will be released later this year.
6. We have a plan for Centennial banners on the light poles downtown. The Chamber will sell the banners to individuals, families, and businesses that want to sponsor one and then they get to keep the banner.
7. We are still ironing out the logistics for the downtown art installation/competition. More details to come later this year.
8. The Centennial Committee will have a booth at the Musky Jamboree event on Sunday, August 9th.