

Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday August 25, 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 at 6:32 pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisor Laura Bertch, Supervisor Dylan Schutt, Clerk/Treasurer Dan Driscoll, Jacob Link of The Lakeland Times and 29 guests.

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

- MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve agenda with move of 6d to before 5a. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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

- Marv Thiel – Supports ATVs in town
- Carol Phillips – Against ATVs on Wildcat Road
- Kevin Mantz - Supports ATVs and requests that board hold a meeting to discuss

4) ITEMS NEEDING APPROVAL (discussion & possible action)

- a. Licensing: (applications on file in clerk's office)
 - Approve 2026-2028 Operator Licenses for Jeff Lucas, Jim Tait, Kip Decker and Phil Lewandowski
 - MOTION REUSS/SECOND BERTCH. To approve 2026-2028 Operator Licenses for Jeff Lucas, Jim Tait, Kip Decker and Phil Lewandowski. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
 - Approve Picnic License for Taste of Boulder Junction Friends of the Library event
 - Approve Picnic License for Colorama Chamber of Commerce event
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve Picnic License for Taste of Boulder Junction Friends of the Library event. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- b. Approve Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2026
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2026. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- c. Approve June Financial Statements
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve June Financial Statements. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- d. Approve August Disbursements
 - MOTION BERTCH/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve August Disbursements. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
 - August update on 2026 budget
 - Disbursements for August totaled \$426,763.32. Payroll accounted for \$29,761.02 and Ee insurance \$5364.00. Other expenses \$270,688.00 to

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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY TOWN BOARD

NWEMS for 2nd half payment for EMS District, \$2893.82 to Creative Brick, \$3,772.00 to Fire Prevention Services for fire inspections, \$1249.69 to Hicks Enterprises for fuel pump, \$2406.98 to Knitt's for FD, \$4,951.00 to Landfill Venture Group, \$2,000.00 to Municipal Group, \$5,878.50 to National Hose Testing Specialties, \$2,892.45 to North Star Emergency Vehicle, \$4,666.73 to Republic Services, \$39,889.10 to Serwe Implement for equipment rental, \$24,374.00 to Horton Group for insurance, \$4,674.32 to Town & Country Engineering for road contracts and \$3,138.25 to WPS.

5) REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Update on meeting with DNR re: ATV trail
 - Chairman Reuss suggested a public information / public hearing to get feedback on the ATV Club request to the DNR to create trails and the ATV Club canvass and request to open certain town roads. Board suggested September 29, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Clerk will create and post notice.
- b. Update on Wake Boat ordinance
 - Update from Attorney Bitar: Plaintiff filed an amended complaint, trying to beef up their allegations on standing and their federal claims. They have done this before in related case. We will be renewing the motion to dismiss, due by 8/11. As we noted recently, the federal court recently rejected their other suit on standing ground. Here, they have more plaintiffs, which increases the chances that at least one may have legal standing, but we will assess this further and make a good faith argument if we can. Even if there is standing, the federal claims should still be scrutinized by a dismissal motion.
- c. Update on Special Meeting of Electors
 - There will be a Special Meeting of the Electors on September 10, 2026 to determine what to do with the remaining surplus from the High Speed Broadband Project.
- d. Update on Town property reassessment
 - The assessor has completed the reassessment and notices will be sent out in early September. Will be looking at an Open Book and BOR beginning of October
- e. Update on Landfill Venture Group
 - Supervisor Schutt provided report. Attended full commission meeting. LVG to remain Ad Hoc TS. Equipment runs decent. Cost \$17,000 to repair compactor. Tonnage is down due to refuse being transferred out. Will conduct review next June to determine whether to be a transfer site or landfill
- f. Update on Parks Board
 - Supervisor Bertch provided report. Next park board meeting will be 8/27/2026. Park board will begin to install bricks at basketball court. Planning haunted Halloween for 10/24/2026 utilizing the disc golf course.
- g. Update on EDC
 - No update
- h. Update on Road Committee
 - Chairman Reuss provided report. 2026 road project being completed by August 28. Applying for 2 DNR grants for next year's road work (Nixon Lake Road and Day Lake Road.

- i. Update on BJVFD
 - FD Fall Fest set for September 12.
 - j. Update on EMS District
 - Chief Joling provided report. His report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.
 - k. Update on Library
 - Heather Sebero provided report. Library is currently updating collection. Summer hours will end at the end of September. Library will be closing mid November for inventory. Will be working on 5 year strategic plan.
 - l. Update on Centennial Committee
 - Will be holding a Musky Day parade in 2027. Will be held on the Saturday of Musky Days.
 - m. Update on BJCF
 - Mary Van Grinsven provided report. Her report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit B.
 - n. Update on 2nd quarter room tax
 - Clerk Driscoll provided report. Room tax for 2nd quarter totaled \$87,788.22, which is a 64.98% increase over 2nd quarter 2025. Motels accounted for \$10,863.87 and resorts and short term rentals totaled \$76,924.35.
- 6) NEW BUSINESS(discussion & possible action)
- a. Discussion & Possible action – Approve Resolution No 2026 R 06 authorizing 2026 budget amendments
 - MOTION REUSS/SECOND BERTCH. To approve Resolution No 2026 R 06 authorizing 2026 budget amendments. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE. Reuss – yes, Bertch – yes, Schutt - yes
 - b. Discussion & Possible action – Approve downgrading Boulder Junction EMT service to EMR service
 - MOTION REUSS/SECOND SCHUTT. To approve downgrading Boulder Junction EMT service to EMR service. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
 - c. Discussion & Possible action – First reading of amended UDC ordinance
 - Clerk Driscoll completed first reading of amended UDC ordinance. No further action taken.
 - d. Discussion & Possible action – Approve price changes for Boulder Junction building permits with RC Inspections
 - MOTION REUSS/SECOND BERTCH. To approve reading of amended UDC ordinance. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- 7) OLD BUSINESS(discussion & possible action)
- a. Discussion & Possible action – Approve winding down High Speed Broadband Committee
 - MOTION REUSS/SECOND BERTCH. Approve winding down High Speed Broadband Committee. VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- 8) ADJOURN(discussion & possible action)
- Chairman Reuss adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm

Northwoods EMS District

Monthly Report – July 2026

	Date	Time	Town	Unit	Transport	Billing Level	Response
1	7/1/2026	828	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Dizziness
2	7/2/2026	1951	WIN	91	Y	ALS	Dirt Bike Accident
3	7/2/2026	2056	MW	92	N	Not Billed	Seizure
4	7/2/2026	2211	PI	91	Y	ALS2	Allergic Reaction
5	7/3/2026	928	PI	91	Y	ALS	Vehicle Accident
6	7/3/2026	1249	WIN	91	Y	ALS2	Chest Pain
7	7/3/2026	1420	MW	92	Y	ALS	Watersport Accident
8	7/3/2026	2233	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Syncope
9	7/3/2026	2353	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Arm Injury
10	7/4/2026	937	MW	91	Y	BLS	Bicycle Accident
11	7/4/2026	1108	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Altered Mental Status
12	7/4/2026	1243	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Bicycle Accident
13	7/5/2026	117	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Illness
14	7/6/2026	256	PI	91	N	Not Billed	Back Pain
15	7/6/2026	1133	PI	91	N	Not Billed	Welfare Check
16	7/6/2026	1433	PI	91	Y	ALS	Weakness
17	7/7/2026	1242	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Vehicle Accident
18	7/9/2026	133	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Citizen Assist
19	7/9/2026	1328	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Lift-Assist
20	7/9/2026	1343	MW	91	Y	ALS	Allergic Reaction
21	7/10/2026	0024	PI	91	Y	ALS2	UTV Accident
22	7/10/2026	0024	PI	92	Y	BLS	UTV Accident
23	7/11/2026	1515	MW	91	N	Not Billed	Near Drowning
24	7/11/2026	2122	PI	91	N	ALS2	Unresponsive
25	7/14/2026	255	BJ	91	Y	ALS2	Difficulty Breathing
26	7/14/2026	1224	MW	91	N	Not Billed	Difficulty Breathing
27	7/14/2026	1627	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Welfare Check
28	7/15/2026	1433	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Citizen Assist
29	7/15/2026	1852	BJ	92	N	Not Billed	Citizen Assist
30	7/18/2026	122	MW	91	Y	BLS	Fall
31	7/18/2026	1022	WIN	91	N	Not Billed	Hand Injury
32	7/19/2026	549	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Fall
33	7/20/2026	949	PI	91	Y	BLS	Fall
34	7/20/2026	1933	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Altered Mental Status
35	7/21/2026	354	WIN	91	N	Not Billed	Fall
36	7/22/2026	2256	WIN	91	Y	BLS	Dizziness
37	7/22/2026	1137	MW	91	Y	BLS	Fall
38	7/24/2026	1520	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Syncope
39	7/25/2026	452	PI	91	Y	ALS	Difficulty Breathing
40	7/25/2026	800	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Difficulty Breathing
41	7/26/2026	1455	PI	91	Y	BLS	Fall
42	7/27/2026	725	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Weakness
43	7/27/2026	1005	MW	91	Y	ALS	Fall
44	7/28/2026	804	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Fall
45	7/28/2026	957	PI	91	Y	ALS	FaLL
46	7/28/2026	1014	BJ	92	Y	BLS	Fall
47	7/29/2026	105	MW	91	N	Not Billed	Lift-Assist
48	7/29/2026	1128	PI	92	N	Not Billed	Vehicle Accident
49	7/29/2026	2027	BJ	91	N	Not Billed	Fall
50	7/30/2026	551	PI	91	Y	ALS	Difficulty Breathing
51	7/30/2026	2110	BJ	92	Y	ALS2	Gunshot Wound
52	7/31/2026	1259	BJ	92	Y	ALS	Allergic Reaction

Response and turnout time

Turnout time, from dispatch until responding, was under 90 seconds 80% of the time. **July** average turnout time is **1.4** minutes.

Average response time for the month of **July** was **12 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

35 of the 52 responses were transported. "Not Billed" responses included those that refused transport following medical evaluation or no patient identified. Of the 35 responses that were transported, **23 responses benefited from Paramedic Level care** with **six** requiring significant intervention. Paramedic level care is defined as intervention beyond IV placement. **789.7** loaded miles were recorded.

Billing Rates

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Total
Not Billed	7	7	7	8	21	9	17	76
BLS	9	4	7	5	11	11	12	59
ALS	6	4	11	8	14	13	17	73
ALS2	1	2	1	1	2	1	6	14

Crew / Organization Activities

NEMSD staff was able to attend multiple July 4th events and join our communities in celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary. This proved to be an excellent opportunity for staff to meet residents and visitors. NEMSD also had the opportunity to meet with leadership from the Wisconsin EMS Association to discuss strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for rural EMS. Lastly, we were humbled and thankful to receive a donation from MW 545.



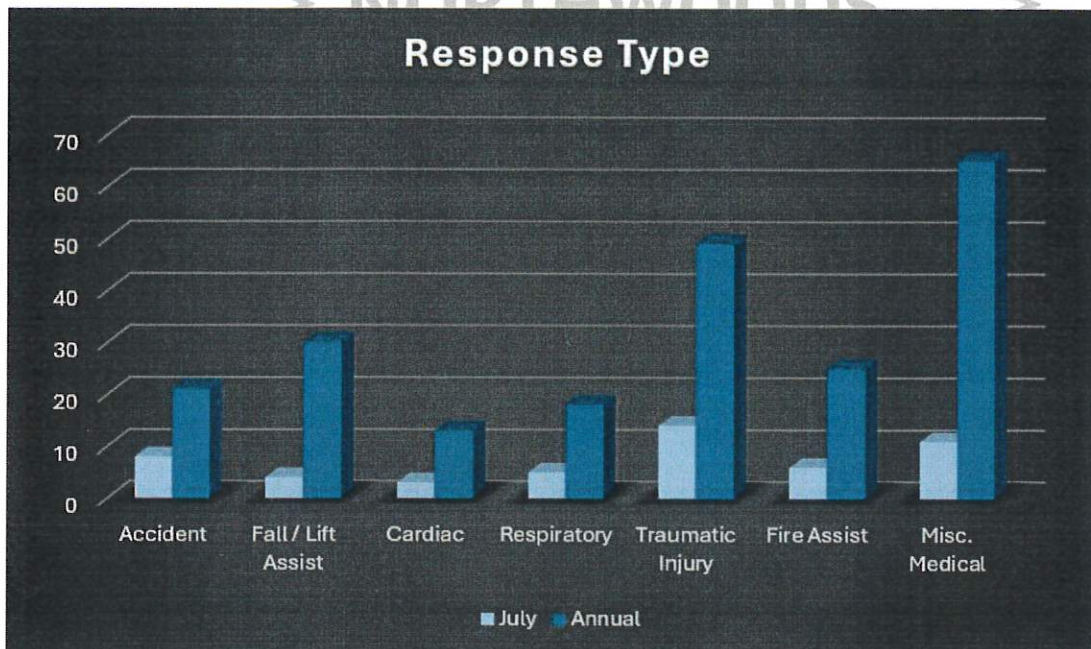
EMS DISTRICT

Response by Town

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Total
Boulder Junction	11	12	15	6	22	13	23	102
Presque Isle	5	1	6	6	10	7	14	49
Winchester	3	1	1	5	4	7	5	26
Manitowish Waters	4	3	4	5	12	7	10	45
Mutual Aid Given	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

July Events

- Provided CPR and Stop the Bleed training for members of Rainbo Lodge
- Deputy Chief Mabie conducted multiple CPR refreshers
- Attended a meeting with LDF town to discuss challenges in EMS
- Attended MW545 event



Respectfully Submitted,

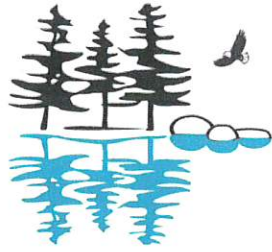
Jason Joling – Chief Northwoods EMS District

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EMS DISTRICT



Boulder Junction Community Foundation

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

FIDUCIARY REPORTS TO THE TOWN BOARD August 25, 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.*

GRANTS AWARDED in SPRING 2026:

Boulder Junction Centennial Plaques: \$7,081

Boulder Junction Park & Rec for upgrading Nichols Lake: \$5000

Boulder Junction Fire Dept - 2 sets of hands free radios: \$11,199

Boulder Junction Basketball Court: \$11,899

Boulder Junction Disc Golf Course: \$2,723

Other area grants: Chamber of Commerce, Library, WinMan, Discovery Center & Little Forest School. **Total 2026 grants to date: \$48,211**

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

Town of Boulder Junction Designated Fund

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

Boulder Junction Winter Park Improvement Fund

Contract signed. 8/4/26

Fund Purpose: Funds are designated for planned improvements for Winter Park include heated pit toilets, the enclosing of the pavilion, signage and wayfinding, and benches.

PROJECTED COSTS: \$110,000

Town Contribution: \$55,000

\$0 Current balance held by the Foundation

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.

\$10,410.66 Current balance held by the Foundation

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

\$35,593.16 Current balance held by the Foundation