

TOWN BOARD MEETING August 12, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened in open session on August 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall for the purpose of transacting business as the Town Board. Town Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Joe Havlovitz, Sup. Anthony Shibler, Sup. Nick Propson, Clerk Susan Kornely, Treasurer Bernadette Duescher and Constable Kelly Kane. Others present: Lawrence Hansen, HUB Insurance, Roadman Dan Kasten, County Supervisor James Falkowski and Jacob Heiser, Denmark News. Ten residents were present.

The agenda has been publicly noticed at one posting site and on the town website.

On a motion by Chairman Havlovitz and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve the agenda as presented with item #12 moved to #2. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve the minutes for July 1, 2025 Town Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer.

Road and Maintenance Equipment Report – present by Roadman Kasten cut trees on Pantzloff Rd, 2nd and 3rd grass cutting rounds, A/C on 3500, culverts inspection and T-post, weed eating around sign, shouldering on Hidden Valley Rd needs to be completed, cutting in October last round rental from Weier's for \$4500 per week, spraying of overpasses and stunt noxious weeds, estimates for future spraying, splitter on boom mower quote \$1000, sprayed phragmites- 12 spots, Hidden Valley Rd - tractor caused damage to the new overlay, Scott Construction has completed the road projects. In September, Scott Construction will come back and repair Hidden Valley Rd.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Havlovitz reported Sup. Propson addressed the issue on Pleasant Rd

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported July 20th, garbage was dropped off on Skarda property. Police report was filed. Cleaned up was completed by Constable Kane and Roger Schroeder.

Plan Commission Report – Clerk Kornely reported Wiltman rezoning will go before the County Board on August 19th, 5 chickens per acre for rural residential zoned properties.

Building Inspector Report - Clerk Kornely reported on Building Permits: Inspections: none. Razing: Charles Duescher- granary. Radio station building is still under review for destruction.

Utility Permit Report – Clerk Kornely had no report.

Transfer Station Report – Chairman Havlovitz reported tires have been picked up, oil was picked up, Electronics and appliance will be pick up this week.

Bridge/Culvert Reports – Chairman Havlovitz reported no culverts to report. Ayers will be doing bridge inspections this week.

Public comments and suggestions from residents of the town and other person's present.

Dave Chapman asked about the culvert on Zander Rd and Devils River Drive- hump. Kelly Kane asked about ditching and relaying the culvert. Jim Falkowski issued a proclamation on the Denmark High School girls championship.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on insurance policy renewal – Lawrence Hansen discussed coverage, Liability, deductible, auto, equipment, buildings with the Board. No action.

Discussion and action on steps involved for Town exercising Village Powers for zoning – Mike Albers spoke on Village Powers and rezoning at the town level. Board discussed its options and wants feedback from residents. No action.

Discussion and action on bids to Zander Rd culvert and ditching – Two bids were received: Tower Excavating and Ben Jensen: rebid Zander Rd (Herold Rd to CTH NN) 1-18" x 60' culvert installed and ditching 300' and Devils River Rd 1-18" x 70' and 2 end walls installed double wall plastic & 150' sloped to river. Discussion on ditching. On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve 40 hours of ditching by Tower Excavating for \$8750 before frost. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on filing for eminent domain on Radtke Rd cul-de-sac – Chairman Havlovitz discussed with three firms on current status of the cul-de-sac. The Board cannot speak publicly about the pending eminent domain. Board will have a closed session in the near future. No action.

Discussion and action on variance 003-026-002-001.00 Roger Wegner (1.5 acres) – Jesse Cain would like to buy the property and possible modify the building. The property is two acres .5 acres is the septic. On a motion by Sup. Shibler and Sup. Propson, moved to approve the variance of 1.5 acres as Small Estate. Motion passed. Letter to County.

Discussion and action on Manitowoc County EMS Association Mutual Aid Pact – No action.

Discussion and action on DOT truck report – Chairman Havlovitz reported on the DOT reports on the two trucks – 2001 IH plow truck after inspection- repairs about \$8798.70, 2004 Peterbilt plow truck after inspections – repairs about \$2900 with tires. Tires will not be replaced until next year. Board requested two more bids for repair of the 2001 IH plow truck- Koenig Repair and Dedicated Truck. No action.

Discussion and action on rust repair on plow truck – estimate Chairman Havlovitz received a quote of over \$10000 and looking for a southern box, new box fabricated- Ripon trucks \$20,000-25,000, Malvitz quote \$12,787. No action.

Discussion and action on mowing, spraying and process. Chairman Havlovitz received complaints on over trimming around power boxes and telephone poles. BrightSpeed internet box was sheared off by mower and was not marked properly. Discussion weed eating verses spraying of weeds. No action.

Discussion and action on improper hauling on Pleasant Road- no truck route – Sup. Propson received a call and then called NCL about the truck running on a non-designated route. A no truck sign was posted north of the Habeck driveway. The Board would like a no truck sign placed on CTH Z and Pleasant Road. Chairman Havlovitz will call Village of Maribel. No action.

Discussion and action on amended Ordinance 2023-04 Establishing Restricted Weight Limits in the Town of Cooperstown – No action.

Discussion and action on June 1st County deadline for violation on 12512 CTH Z (Kane) & 8823 Zander Rd (Brey). No action.

Discussion and action on full-time Town employees personal time, vacation time and flex time option – define core hours – Board discussed core hours/flex time hours. Core hours are 40 hours per week, maximum of 12 hours per day, summer start time 5 am, winter start time 7 am. Coverage for snowplowing and emergency services. Sup. Shibler will revise the hours and present next month.

Discussion and action on intergovernmental work – no action.

Discussion and action on Delmore Consulting – Full PASER Rating Service – no action.

Discussion and action on Annual Convention – October 12-14, 2025 Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells – no attendance

Discussion and action on WTA Fall Workshops – September 11th – Rock Garden- Clerk Kornely will be attending.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

Culvert and ditching contract – No action.

2025-01 Ordinance to Amend the General Code of Ordinances for the Town of Cooperstown – On a motion Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve 2025-01 Ordinance to Amend the General Code of Ordinances for the Town of Cooperstown. Roll Call Vote: Havlovitz -yes, Shibler-yes, Propson-yes. Motion passed.

Onward Accounting and Consulting LLC 2025 Contract On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve the Compilation and preparation Services by Onward Accounting & Consulting LLC for 2025. Motion passed.

Procedural Motions by members of town board

On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve all checks as presented and WTA Fall Conference check. Motion passed.

Correspondence

Future agenda: September 9th - Discussion and action on bids to Zander Rd & Devils River Rd culvert and ditching, Discussion and action on filing for eminent domain on Radtke Rd cul-de-sac, Discussion and action on Manitowoc County EMS Association Mutual Aid Pact, Discussion and action on Plow Truck report/Repair, Discussion and action on improper hauling on Pleasant

Road- no truck route, Discussion and action on amended Ordinance 2023-04 Establishing Restricted Weight Limits in the Town of Cooperstown, Discussion and action on steps involved for Town exercising Village Powers for zoning, Discussion and action on full-time Town employees personal time, vacation time and flex time option – define core hours

On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Minutes approved September 9, 2025

Susan Kornely, Clerk