

TOWN BOARD MEETING October 14, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened an open session on October 14, 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 7:00p.m.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

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

On a motion by Sup. Shabler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Shabler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve the minutes for September 9, 2025 Closed Session Meeting as presented. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shabler, moved to approve the minutes for September 9, 2025 Town Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer.

Road and Equipment Report/Bridge & Culvert Reports – presented by Roadman Kasten roads patched, guardrails weed removal, DOT repairs and report on trucks completed, ditching clean out on Zander Rd- talked about jetting out a few culverts. PASER rating is being worked on. ARIP -Hickory Grove Rd was the suggested road at 90%.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Havlovitz reported on Oct 10th received a call from Daisy Larson from Digester on hauling to fields - CTH T to Greenstreet Rd.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported no report.

Plan Commission Report – Clerk Kornely reported a Conditional Use Permit for DNR Holdings LLC was received.

Building Inspector Report - Clerk Kornely reported on Building Permits: Kane- shed, Pantzloff- garage addition, Henrigillis- bathroom remodel, Pantzloff-moving permit, Zurowski- attached garage, Crannen-shed, Selner-shed, Verlare-attached garage, Kantola-garage addition
Inspections: none. Razing: none. WTRW building will be down by end of month.

Utility Permit Report – Clerk Kornely reported two locations: 11420 Hickory Grove Rd and 17807 CYH R, Sup. Propson reported on John Lyons wants to install fiber-optics into Cooperstown. Clerk Kornely will issue an annual permit for \$100 for multiple locations on Zander Rd to CTH R as needed.

Transfer Station Report – Sup. Shabler no report.

Violation Report – Clerk Kornely had no report. Discussion on garbage dumping and the County finding the violator. Constable observed no one is living in the barn.

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

County Sup. James Falkowski stated County budget would be a 2% tax increase, County Road project 2027 BB to 147. Fred Lemens asked about exceeding the levy limit proposal and asked Chairman Havlovitz to spend down the surplus before asking for more money.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on Conditional Use Permit for DNR Holdings LLC – The property is currently zoned RR. On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson moved to approve the conditional use request. Motion passed. Clerk Kornely will send a letter to the County Board of Adjustments.

Discussion and action on Maribel Fire Department Contract- On a motion by Chairman Havlovitz and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve the .75 mil rate for the Maribel Fire Department. Motion passed and contract signed.

Discussion and action on time and material for Zander Rd & Devils River Rd culvert and ditching- Roadman Kasten gave a town estimate of \$7000 for all costs and materials. Board discussed leaving the bump and culvert as is. Discussion on extending culvert due to the corner being cut by traffic. On a motion by Chairman Havlovitz and seconded by Sup. Shibler, motioned to move ahead on culvert replacement. Motion passed. Sup Propson voted no.

Discussion and action on filing for eminent domain on Radtke Rd cul-de-sac- Board is still considering moving forward on filing for Eminent Domain and the board is still investigating. The cost and procedures are the issue the town and residents affected. No action.

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

Discussion and action on steps involved for Town exercising Village Powers for zoning – no action.

Discussion and action on Motor Cross track at 11224 Zander Rd – Rick Anschutz from Sportcomp Inc ran four events this year with no issues and is asking the Board for its blessing. Clerk Kornely reported a conditional use permit may be modified or revoked by the County Board of Adjustments if after a hearing, the board determines that the terms of the permit have been violated. The board will not access the property but will contact the police should an issue arise. The town board has had no issues in the past two years, and the track is running according to the conditional use permit. No action.

Discussion and action on Handbook core hours updated/define personal time – Board discussed a minimum of 1 hr. should be used. Clerk Kornely will update Handbook. No action.

Discussion and action on Wages for Election Inspectors- Annual Meeting request- On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve \$16 wage for Chief Inspectors and \$15 for election inspections. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on Resolution to Exceed Levy Limit- The board discussed the possible need for the resolution of \$50,000 for roads. Treasurer Duescher explained the resolution would

need to be approved prior to the budget approval if it were to be added, otherwise a loan would be the other option. No action.

Discussion and action on amending 2025 budget- On a motion by Sup Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve the addition on \$45 for the Highway Outlay account and \$7647.32 Fire Insurance Dues and Fire Dues. Motion passed.

Discussion on budget items for 2026 Budget items and set date for Budget Workshop – Meeting will be October 24th at 5:30.

Discussion and action on Ordinance Committee – Fred Lemens spoke on the Chapter creation and making to ordinances changes into the Chapters. Board will look at what other municipalities do. No action.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

2025-03 Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance – On a motion by Sup Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve Ordinance 2025-03 Responsible Unit Recycling. Motion passed. Roll Call Vote: Propson-yes, Shibler-yes, Havlovitz-yes.

2025-03 Resolution Approving Wages Effective November 1, 2025 On a motion by Sup Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve Resolution 2025-03 Approving Wages Effective November 1, 2025 for Election Inspectors. Motion passed. Roll Call Vote: Propson-yes, Shibler-yes, Havlovitz-yes.

2025-04 Resolution of Town Board Proposing to Exceed Levy Limit Via Town Meeting – no action.

Resolution 2025-05 Authorizing to Amend the 2025 Budget 2025 On a motion by Sup Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve Resolution 2025-05 Authorizing to Amend the 2025 Budget 2025. Motion passed. Roll Call Vote: Propson-yes, Shibler-yes, Havlovitz-yes.

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. Motion passed.

Correspondence

Future agenda: Oct 24th- closed session meeting 5:00 and budget session 5:30, November 11th – Public Hearing, Special Town Meeting for 2026 Budget Town Meeting: Discussion and action on filing for eminent domain on Radtke Rd cul-de-sac, Discussion and action on Wages for Employees, Discussion and action on amending 2025 budget if needed

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Minutes approved November 11, 2025

Susan Kornely, Clerk