

TOWN BOARD MEETING December 9, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened an open session on December 9, 2025, following the public hearing and special electors meeting that started 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 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

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

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

On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve the minutes for November 11, 2025 Public Hearing as presented. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve the minutes for November 11, 2025 Special Electors Meeting as presented. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve the minutes for November 11, 2025 Town Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer. Tax bills will be sent out this week.

Road and Equipment Report/Bridge & Culvert Reports – presented by Roadman Kasten IH maintenance- site glass and windshield repair, Peterbilt maintenance- alternator and batteries, sand for mixing, and snow fencing completed.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Havlovitz – no report.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported dog in yard report, dog on camera report. Dogs have not been located.

Plan Commission Report – Clerk Kornely – no report.

Building Inspector Report - Clerk Kornely reported on Building Permits: Guns- new home, Wiltman- new home. Inspections: Heideman, Luebke, Henrigillis, Zurowski, Kantola, Binish, VanLanen Razing: none. Building on the corner of Hwy R and Zander Rd has been taken down.

Utility Permit Report – Clerk Kornely – no report.

Transfer Station Report – Chairman Havlovitz discussed the excessive garbage being brought to the Transfer Site. Sup. Shibler spoke on garbage from homes in the Town of Cooperstown is acceptable but your business garbage from outside of the town cannot be brought in. Items for disposal require payment before unloading.

Violation Report – no report.

Public comments and suggestions from residents of the town and other person's present.
County Sup Falkowski may have information and will be able to speak when he arrives.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on Radtke Rd cul-de-sac update – Chairman Havlovitz gave a recap on the town requesting information from Anne Marie Verlare attorney to provide what she is requesting from the town. The town is trying to minimize the cost of any legal fees. The discussion between the two parties in question on who owns the property will need to be resolved before the town can make an offer to buy the cul-de-sac. Chairman Havlovitz stated we await our attorney's feedback as to permanently resolving this open item. No action.

Discussion and action on Building Inspectors invoice- Board discussed the October 21st invoice, payment will be made on all but two building inspections. Selner's shed does not need inspection and Felchlin's building has not been started. No action.

Discussion and action on 2026-2029 Building Inspectors Contract – On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve a payment of 50% up front on inspections in the new contract. A copy of the new contract has not been received. An email was sent requesting a new three-year contract. An email will be sent on the proposed 50% to be paid for four or more inspections, under four inspections will be paid in full.

Discussion and action on Peterbilt truck reverse controller- Roadman Kasten spoke on the issue of reverse shifting. The controller is failing and it takes several attempts to shift into reverse. Board discussed looking for a used part. On a motion by Chairman Havlovitz and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve purchase of new reverse controller if a re-fab or after market is not available on the reverse controller. Motion passed.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

Joint Powers Agreement between Manitowoc County Joint Dispatch Center and Town of Cooperstown – On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between Manitowoc County Joint Dispatch Center and Town of Cooperstown. Motion passed. Chairman Havlovitz will complete the survey information.

Resolution 2025-08 Appointing Election Officials for the Town of Cooperstown – On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve Resolution 2025-08 Appointing Election Officials for the Town of Cooperstown. 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. Motion passed.

Correspondence

Future agenda: January 13th- Contract for Building Inspector

Sup. James Falkowski spoke on the variance for the Tim Stedl property. Clerk Kornely will send an email to Planning and Zoning to include the clerk in all requests in the town for variances, condition use permits and rezonings.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes approved as amended January 13, 2026

Susan Kornely, Clerk