

TOWN BOARD MEETING January 13, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, convened an open session on January 13, 2026, 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 7:00 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: Scott Beining Building Inspector, 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. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded Propson, moved to approve the minutes for December 9, 2025 Closed Session Meeting. Motion passed.

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

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – presented by the Treasurer. Tax session is over \$1.2 mil collected. Loans balances about \$32,000.

Roadman Dan Kasten arrived at 7:04

Road and Equipment Report/Bridge & Culvert Reports – Roadman Kasten reported road break ups, Hickory Grove gravel bump, blade on IH and equipment maintenance. Sand mixture down to 1 to 5. Sup. Propson purchased the controller and it is working well. Sup. Propson and Sup. Shibler installed the controller.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Havlovitz – no report.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported chasing cattle, two horse on CTH Z, Clerk Kornely reported on fourteen mailboxes on Hwy R damaged. Chairman Havlovitz reported on dogs off Rosecrans Rd(Zahran Farm). Dogs found on Cooperstown Rd from Town of New Denmark. Request for letter to be sent to dog owner on Zahran Farm.

Plan Commission Report – Clerk Kornely – no report.

Building Inspector Report - Clerk Kornely reported on Building Permits: none. Inspections: none. Razing: none.

Utility Permit Report – Clerk Kornely reported WPS 18682 Kvitek.

Transfer Station Report – Chairman Havlovitz and Sup. Shibler – no report.

Violation Report – no report.

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

Lisa Loberger read a recap of the timeline on the cul-de-sac and purchase of land in 1994. Paul Vandembush asked about the AI Center being stopped by Town of Greenleaf. Paul Vandembush asked about dark sky during building. Scott Beining- Commercial lighting plan by zoning for dark sky. Cty Sup. James Falkowski term ends at the end of March. Two sites in Manitowoc County are being looked at for AI Center.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on 2026-2029 Building Inspectors Contract- Scott Beining – New Contract Base Fee \$250/permit, finished area \$.40/sq ft, unfinished area \$.12/sq ft, Wisconsin UDC Permit Seal \$50/permit, Inspections in excess of 8 trips \$142/trip, Re-inspection due to violation \$142/trip – Board discussed full payment of building inspections at time of issuing the building permit. On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve the 2026-2028 contract. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on pending revision to Ordinance 2022-5 – On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Chairman Havlovitz, move to make the changes to Chapter 5.07 (5) requirements. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on Road Salt - usage, current status and next delivery- Chairman Havlovitz reached out to a few vendors about the purchase of additional salt. There was a shortage in December. Greg Grotagut at Manitowoc County Highway will supply salt to the town at the contracted rate. The town was mixing at a higher percentage and is now mixing at a leaner mix 5 to 1 sand to salt. No action.

Discussion and action on County Rescue Services Contract/term June 30, 2026 – future agreement No action.

Discussion and action on Roadman Job Description review and posting – Board will review and present at next month's meeting. No action.

Discussion and action on Radtke Road cul-de-sac follow up – Chairman Havlovitz stated we have not received any additional information and no further action at this time. No action.

Discussion and action on Variance Request – Tim Stedl 10219 Schley Rd – letter of recommendation On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to send a letter of recommendation for the variance request. Motion passed.

Manitowoc County Unit Meeting January 15, 2026 Reedsville Sportsman Club – attending Chairman Havlovitz, Clerk Kornely, Treasurer Duescher and Constable Kane.

District Meeting- Wisconsin Towns Association – January attending Chairman Havlovitz, Clerk Kornely, Treasurer Duescher, February attending Sup. Shibler.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

Ordinance 2026-01 Ordinance to Amend Code of Ordinances – On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Chairman Havlovitz, moved to approve Ordinance 2026-01 Amend Code of Ordinance. Roll Call: Sup. Shibler- yes, Sup. Propson-yes, Chairman Havlovitz- yes. 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: February 9th- Discussion and action on pending revision to Ordinance 2022-5, Discussion and action on Road Salt - usage, current status and next delivery, Discussion and action on Roadman Job Description review and posting, Discussion and action on Ordinance Committee, Discussion on AI Center

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes approved February 10, 2026

Susan Kornely, Clerk