

TOWN BOARD MEETING May 12, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County Wisconsin, convened an open session on May 12, 2026, 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: Roadman Paul Nelesen and Jacob Heiser, Denmark News. Seven 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 April 14, 2026 Town Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Propson, moved to approve the minutes for April 22, 2026 Closed Session Meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – Treasurer Duescher – no issues.

Road and Equipment Report/Bridge & Culvert Reports – presented by Roadman Nelesen more culverts to review, tree cutting/trimming started, patching of roads about 75% complete, shouldering areas due to plowing season, and #3 truck maintenance. Discussion on road ditching repairs with matting.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Sup. Propson spoke with haulers. Chairman Havlovitz spoke with haulers - but they have not been calling in.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported a small dog outside of fenced in area. Dog from last month is still at the Manitowoc Humane Society. Constable Kane reported the citation to Schilke has not been paid.

Plan Commission Report – Clerk Kornely – no report.

Building Inspector Report - Clerk Kornely reported on Building Permits: Dekeyser – storage shed, Brouchoud – deck, Quick – deck & 3 season room, Anderson – new home. Inspections: none. Razing: none.

Utility Permit Report – Clerk Kornely – no report.

Transfer Station Report – Chairman Havlovitz reported first pick up from COM2 has been completed. COM2 will take additional items that are currently on the list.

Violation Report - Clerk Kornely – no report.

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

None.

Public Hearing

Discussion and action on 2026 Road Bids Board opened the bids from Scott Construction and Fahrner. Scott Construction bid: Project #1: Hidden Valley Rd (Rosecrans Rd to Marshek Rd)– cold mix wedging in various spots - \$147,968, Project #2: Hickory Grove Rd (Keehan Rd to Kvitek Rd)– cold mix wedging in various spots - \$20,980, Project #3: Nachtwey Rd (Zander Rd to townline) - wedging and 2" of new cold pack asphalt - \$34,496, Project #4: Marshek Rd (Fisherville Rd to Greenstreet Rd) – chipseal - \$27,408, Project #5: Lakeview Dr cul-de-sac – chipseal \$16,256. Fahrner bid: Project #4: Marshek Rd (Fisherville Rd to Greenstreet Rd) – chipseal - \$16,982, Project #5: Lakeview Dr cul-de-sac – chipseal - \$15,253. Fahrner bid two project- chipseal only. On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to accept the bid from Scott Construction for \$247,108. Motion passed. LRIP funds will be applied to the Hidden Valley Rd project - \$ 32,069.24.

Discussion and action on Ambulance Service Proposal and Agreement - County Rescue Representative – Nathan Riehl, Director of Medical Operations. County Rescue is operating at a loss, auto re-new of contract in 2022, re-looking at how to keep County Rescue around and strong. Fee structure 5-year annual increase, lost Bellevue and Howard stations, station currently in New Franken and Denmark, funded by patient revenues and municipal rates. Avg costs \$25 to \$50 per capita. Discussion on 5-year agreement and auto-renewal of 5-year contract. Discussion on termination of agreement. No action.

Discussion and action on Roadman Job posting – Paul Nelesen has been hired.

Discussion and action on County Code Ch. 8 Moratorium on Data Centers – No action.

Discussion and action on Chapter 5 additional AI Data Center criteria – No action.

Discussion and action on County Board of Adjustment 1 yr review of Conditional Use permit for Karl Lindgren – Chairman Havlovitz will be attending the County meeting on May 18th. Sup. Propson and Sup. Shibler have received no complaints. No action.

Discussion and action on WisDOT Ag Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) Round 2- Chairman Havlovitz stated we will be focus on Rosecrans Road. Board will set a date to meet to discuss hiring an engineering consultant. No action.

Discussion and action on 2026 town construction and chip sealing – government corner positions-Chairman Havlovitz will submit road projects to County. No action.

Recap of Town Road School 2026 – Clerk Kornely gave on Spring Road School conference: Welcoming remarks, WISDOT Secretary Update, 6-20' small bridge program, WI legislative review- policy and budget, Grants, TRI, TRID or TRIS projects, Pavement preservation, USDA Rural Development, Asphalt presentation, Pavement preservation, WISLR.

Discussion on Manitowoc County Unit Meeting – May 21st attendance – Chairman Havlovitz, Treasurer Duescher, Constable Kane

Dates for Open Book and Board of Review- June 1st and June 22nd – Chairman Havlovitz will not be in attendance.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

Ordinance 2026-07 Ordinance to Amend Code of Ordinances – On a motion by Sup. Propson and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve Ordinance 2026-07. Roll Call: Havlovitz-yes, Shibler-yes, Propson-yes. Motion passed.

Ambulance Service Agreement – No action.

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: June 9th – Liquor Licenses, Operator Licenses, Discussion and action on Ambulance Service Proposal and Agreement, Discussion and action on Chapter 5 additional AI Data Center criteria, Discussion and action on WisDOT Ag Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) Round 2

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes approved June 9, 2026

Susan Kornely, Clerk