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TOWN BOARD MEETING September 8, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County Wisconsin, convened an open session on September 8, 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. Michael Luebke, Clerk Susan Kornely, Treasurer Bernadette Duescher and Constable Kelly Kane. Others present: Roadman Paul Nelesen 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. Luebke, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Luebke and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve the minutes for August 12, 2026 Town Board Meeting with spelling correction. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer's Finance Report – Treasurer Duescher reported being loan free. Money will be transferred from State Fund to General Fund to cover bills for September.

Road and Equipment Report/Bridge & Culvert Reports presented by Roadman Nelesen – patching, tree trimming, gravel haul in- stockpile for shouldering, equipment maintenance, will begin final mowing. Chairman Havlovitz spoke on LRIP submission, and we are waiting on LRIP funds reimbursement.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Havlovitz reported no report of hauling.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported chickens at large in Cooperstown and a dog call on Zander Road.

Plan Commission Report – Clerk Kornely – no report.

Building Inspector Report - Clerk Kornely reported on Building Permits: Andy & Kathy Pantzlaff- new home and shed. Inspections: none. Razing: none. Letter sent to Cooperstown Mercantile Apartments LLC regarding the remodel pending.

Utility Permit Report – Clerk Kornely – no report.

Transfer Station Report – Chairman Havlovitz reported Redemption has not responded to phone call for pricing for appliance disposal. A company in Whitelaw called Third Gen Salvage LLC will be taking our appliances, and town will haul them.

Violation Report – Treasurer Duescher reported the money was received from Schilke's on the dog fines. A letter was sent to the property owner on Greenstreet Road on her two dogs that have not been licensed.

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

Lorri Havlovitz spoke on UTV/ATV on Manitowoc County Roads. She reported on statistics for deaths and injuries. Manufacture recommendation for off-road only, requirements of UTV/ATV. Manitowoc County Highway Committee approved the draft ordinance, and the draft ordinance will be presented to the County Board for approval. Nancy Weber questioned Tennessee Appraisal Revaluation and Maintenance Assessment.

Public Hearing

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

Discussion and action on WisDOT Ag Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) Round 2/3 – REL responded via email ARIP funding will become available in the late summer/early fall of 2027. The town will work on future ARIP and LRIP funding. No action.

Discussion and action on sale of grader and purchase of grading attachment – demonstration was cancelled with Road Groom Manufacturing. No action.

Discussion and action on disposition of extra plow equipment at transfer site – Paul spoke with Roger about a blade that belongs to none of our equipment. Put out for bid or scrap. No action.

Discussion and action on estimates on fabrication on Peterbilt box- Paul spoke with AH Stock Manufacturing. On a motion by Chairman Havlovitz and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve \$909.40 for fabrication for the Peterbilt box. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on bat infestation and potential remedy in shop – Paul spoke on the placement of one-way doors so the bats can exit and no return. Estimate of services to remove bats and repair the building \$3900 by Bat Specialists of Wisconsin. On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Luebke, moved to not exceed \$4000 and will look for an additional estimate. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on steps involved for Town exercising Village Powers for zoning – Chairman Havlovitz spoke on pulling out of County Zoning, setting up a 5-member zoning committee and 3-member board of adjustment. The town would have to present a resolution to the county informing them of withdrawal, creating a zoning ordinance and zoning board. The board will host a public hearing on October 21st @ 6:00 p.m.

Discussion and action on Operator's License- A letter was sent to Crazy Dave's Lucky Lady for payment of one approved operator license, 2 pending certification that have not been received and one pending court action. No action.

Discussion and action on Town Hall event usage – Sup. Shibler opened the town hall to take a picture and locked the building after the photo. Town hall usage for town business, elections, election training, and board meetings. Clerk asked why the town was not invited if the trophy was presented to the Town of Cooperstown. Chairman Havlovitz stated it was not a town event. Clerk asked why they had to come inside of the town hall if it was not a town event.

Discussion and action on Board's duties – Discussion on hauling contact- if Nick Propson receives a call he will forward to Chairman Havlovitz for response. It was discussed that, Sup. Luebke would take over Transfer Site oversight. No action.

Discussion and action on 2027 Town Budget Considerations: Fall Road Review for 2027 budget estimates, Wages for 2027 Budget and Evaluations, shop parking lot replacement – 2027 budget, town hall floor refinishing - 2027 budget, Revaluation and Maintenance Assessment

Manitowoc County Unit Meeting- September 17th – Newton Town Hall- Clerk will be attending.

WTA Annual Convention – October 4-6th – Stevens Point Monday and Tuesday- Sup. Luebke and Clerk Kornely will be attending.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements

2026-03 Resolution - Town Board Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution- No action.

2026-04 Resolution Authorizing the Town Board to Amend the 2026 Budget – On a motion by Chairman Havlovitz and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve Resolution 2026-04 Authoring the Town Board to Amend the 2026 Budget. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote: Chairman Havlovitz-yes, Sup. Shibler-yes, Sup. Luebke-yes.

Contract for 2027 Revaluation and Maintenance Assessment – Tennessen Appraisal LLC – The bid was \$40,000. No action. Additional quotes for 2027 Revaluation and Maintenance Assessment will be requested.

Procedural Motions by members of town board

On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Luebke, moved to approve all checks as presented. Motion passed.

Correspondence

Future agenda: October 13th – Discussion and action on Chapter 5 additional AI Data Center criteria – fire protection language, Discussion and action on sale of grader and purchase of grading attachment, Discussion and action on disposition of extra plow equipment at transfer site, Discussion and action on bat infestation and potential remedy in shop, Discussion and action on steps involved for Town exercising Village Powers for zoning, Discussion and action on 2026 Election Security Subgrant Program -generator, Discussion and action on Resolution 2026-03 Transportation Resolution, Discussion and action on Resolution to Exceed Levy Limit, contingency fund for 2027 budget, set date for budget hearing and elector's meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Minutes prior to approval

Susan Kornely, Clerk