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TOWN BOARD MEETING October 13, 2026
The Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown, Manitowoc County Wisconsin, convened an open session on October 13, 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 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Joe Havlovitz, Sup. Anthony Shibler, Clerk Susan Kornely, Treasurer Bernadette Duescher and Constable Kelly Kane. Others present: Roadman Paul Nelesen and Jacob Heiser, Denmark News. Five residents were present. Sup. Michael Luebke arrived at 7:03.

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. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Luebke, moved to approve the minutes for September 8, 2026 Town Board Closed Session Meeting with spelling correction. Motion passed.

On a motion by Sup. Luebke and seconded by Chairman Havlovitz, moved to approve the minutes for September 8, 2026 Town Board Meeting with spelling correction. Motion passed.

Reports
Treasurer's Finance Report – Treasurer Duescher reported budget is on target.

Road and Equipment Report/Bridge & Culvert Reports presented by Roadman Nelesen – mowing: first pass completed- second pass after crops are off the fields, shouldering on Nachtwey Rd and Hidden Valley Rd completed, low shoulder signage is down. Box repair and lights on #4 worked on, intersection sweeping completed after roads were sealed. Kocian Rd gravel maintenance and asphalt repair as needed with loader. Manitowoc County dispatch call on carcass.

Industrial Waste Hauling Report – Chairman Havlovitz reported Daisy from NLC Energy called about hauling on Hwy Z and running back empty on town roads.

Constable Report – Constable Kane reported on a call about a dog in cage found in ditch. Dog taken to Humane Society. Constable meeting had a demo on taser usage. Reported on 141 Speedway complaint on noise.

Plan Commission Report – Clerk Kornely – no report.

Building Inspector Report - Clerk Kornely reported on Building Permits: Puls-new home, Chvala-ag, Hafkey-new home, Hafeman-remodel/addition. Inspections: none. Razing: none.

Utility Permit Report – Clerk Kornely reported on WPS requesting for 12340 Zander Rd.

Transfer Station Report – Chairman Havlovitz reported Ed Radandt expressed issues with large rolls of paper in Paper bin. A saw has been issued to Transfer Site to cut up the large rolls.

Violation Report – Chairman Havlovitz reported on 9/25-9/26 complaint at 141 Speedway loud music and went into the early hours. Manitowoc County Board of Adjustments meet this morning on the complaints that were received about the Conditional Use permit for 141 Speedway.

Public comments and suggestions from residents of the town and other person's present.
Mike Albers spoke regarding the inclusion of first and last names in the meeting minutes. He also discussed withdrawing from County Zoning, potential issues that could arise between neighbors, and the possibility of increasing the town's legal budget. Rick Kornely discussed the Annual Meeting conversation regarding having the grader ready with the front plow attached. He also addressed the Denmark News coverage of the previous month's meeting, specifically the wording regarding "juvenile delinquent," transparency, and a letter to the editor in the local paper that referred to the clerk as a "geriatric delinquent."

Public Hearing
Discussion and action on Chapter 5 additional AI Data Center criteria – fire protection language
Chairman Havlovitz presented additional wording for Chapter 5 B – Data Centers. No action.

Discussion and action on ATV/UTV County Ordinance – Chairman Havlovitz discussed speed, tires, and DUI. Much of the Sheriff's proposed language in the County's original draft was removed from the submitted ordinance. The County Highway Committee will review the ordinance again before submitting it to the County Board. Clerk Kornely asked County Executive Tyler Martell to send to all Manitowoc County communities the original draft, the submitted ordinance, and the new draft for review before County Board consideration. No action.

Discussion and action on sale of grader and purchase of grading attachment – Board discussed grader and getting ready for winter. Roadman Paul will be descaling the blades. Board will assess again in spring. No action.

Discussion and action on disposition of extra plow equipment at transfer site – Chairman Havlovitz advised the Board we should just scrap out. On a motion by Chairman Havlovitz and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to scrap out the extra plow blade at the Transfer Site. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on bat infestation and potential remedy in shop – Quotes from Bat Specialist of Wisconsin and Werner Pest & Oder Control Services. On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Luebke, moved to approve Werner Pset & Oder Control Services bat exclusion and proofing. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on Town exercising Village Powers to withdraw from County zoning-Chairman Havlovitz spoke with Town of Franklin and noted that the Town of Newton both have their own town zoning. Town of Franklin uses internal and external resources to review zoning changes. No action.

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Discussion and action on 2027 Revaluation and Maintenance Assessment – bids On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Luebke, moved to approve 2027 Revaluation and Maintenance Assessment from Tennessen Appraisal LLC for $40,000. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on 2026 Election Security Subgrant Program -generator/power pack On a motion by Chairman Havlovitz and seconded by Sup Shibler, moved to purchase power packs not to exceed $1250 from Sprinter. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on Resolution 2026-03 Transportation Resolution – Board reviewed the suggested changes to the resolution. Board will review changes at next month's meeting. No action.

Discussion and action on Town Board Coverage/Plan Commission Appointment – On a motion by Chairman Havlovitz and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to appoint Mike Luebke as town board member to the Plan Commission. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on Building Inspector's documentation/files- Clerk Kornely gave a recap on requirements of building inspection regarding documentation and the 7-year retention of records. New home plans must be retained for 4 years. A letter will be sent to building inspector regarding these requirements. No action.

Discussion and action on Resolution 2026-05 Proposing to Exceed Levy Limit via Town Meeting The board reviewed the amount to propose to exceed the levy limit for the town's 2026 levy. The board chose $50,000. 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 Board reviewed Pleasant Rd (Schley Rd to previous repair) Northeast Asphalt $79,000, Zander Rd (CTH R to Nachtwey Rd) Northeast Asphalt 3" $163,000 Manitowoc County 4" $206,000. Town Hall Parking Lot Northeast Asphalt $37,000. Hot oil and black chipsealing $30,000 per mile. Pantzlaff Rd culvert $7,000. Town Hall floor refinish -Joski Flooring $5292.

WTA Annual Convention – October 4-6th – recap Sup. Luebke spoke on Maximizing Your Road funding, Four Towns, One Community- shared revenue/expenses with other communities, USDA Rural Develop, Rustic Road, Clerk Kornely recapped Fire Protection Service Fee – fee verses budget item, Building Inspector 101 retention of records for 7 years, Legal Cracker Barret and Election Training for Clerks.

<u>Ordinances, Resolutions and Agreements</u>

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

2026-05 Resolution of Town Board Proposing to Exceed Levy Limit Via Town Meeting - $50000. On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Chairman Havlovitz, moved to approve 2026-05 Resolution of Town Board Proposing to Exceed Levy Limit Via Town Meeting. Motion passed. Roll Call Vote: Luebke-yes, Shibler-yes, Havlovitz-yes.

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Contract for 2027 Revaluation and Maintenance Assessment – Tennessen Appraisal LLC On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded by Sup. Luebke, moved to approve the contract from Tennessen Appraisal LLC for the 2027 Revaluation and Maintenance Assessment for $40,000. Motion passed. Contract signed by Chairman Havlovitz.

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: November 10th 6:30 Public Hearing, Special Electors Meeting, Town Board Meeting – Discussion and action on Chapter 5 additional AI Data Center criteria – fire protection language Ordinance Update, Discussion and action on ATV/UTV County Ordinance, Discussion and action on bat infestation, Discussion and action on Town exercising Village Powers to withdraw from County zoning & Discussion and action on Building Inspector's documentation/files, Adoption of 2027 Final Budget, pursuant to § 60.40(4). Discussion and action on 2026 Newsletter

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Minutes prior to approval Susan Kornely, Clerk

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