

April 16, 2025 Town of Dewey Board Meeting

Note: These are the proposed Minutes that will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

430 Dewey Drive-Stevens Point WI 54482

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman King at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Verify Open Meeting Notice & Roll Call: Open meeting notice was verified. Chairman Maurice King, Supervisor LeRoy Pukrop, Supervisor Dennis Meis, Clerk Angela Lochinger, and Treasurer Lori Kolodziej were present. 8 town residents and/or visitors were present.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting of March 12, 2025: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the minutes of March 12, 2025, as presented. Chairman King seconded. Supervisor Meis abstained, as he was not in attendance. The motion passed 2-0, with 1 abstention.

Citizens wishing to address the Town Board: None

Supervisor Comments/Concerns: Supervisor Pukrop discussed scheduling dust control earlier this year.

Update on the request for a zoning change for property at 3066 and 3068 Sunset Dr. from C-1 to C-4: Chairman King updated the board on Derrick Zagrzebski's request to rezone 4.09 acres at 3066 and 3068 Sunset Dr., Stevens Point, WI (Parcel ID #014250726-04.12), from C-1 Neighborhood Commercial to C-4 Highway Commercial for mini-warehousing development, noting the Plan Commission's concerns about C-4's intensive uses; Portage County Planning and Zoning is seeking approval to update all zoning districts within 18 months, potentially allowing mini-warehousing in C-1 or agricultural zones, and Chairman King will follow up with Mr. Zagrzebski and the Plan Commission.

Discussion/Action on the Plan Commission recommendation for a Special Exception Request for property at 1000 County Road DB for a Veterinary Clinic: Dr. Sandra Pumper presented her special exception request for Rolling Paws Pet Care LLC, a mobile veterinary practice for dogs and cats, at 1000 County Road DB (Parcel ID #014250702-10.07), a 1.57-acre parcel; Chairman King noted the Plan Commission's recommendation for approval, conditional on verifying the well and septic systems' sufficiency for commercial use, which Dr. Pumper confirmed is graded appropriately.

Supervisor Meis motioned to recommend approval of the special exception request to Portage County Planning and Zoning, with the condition that the well and septic systems are sufficient, as recommended by the Town of Dewey Plan Commission. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Action on Resolution No.2 – 2025, a resolution to request that Portage County consider a Recommendation to improve safety on County Road DB between I-39 and the Marathon County line: Chairman King read Resolution No. 2 – 2025, which requests that Portage County consider reducing the speed limit to 45 mph on County Road DB from the I-39 interchange to County Road C in Marathon County due to increased traffic, development, and safety concerns.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve Resolution No. 2 – 2025, a resolution requesting that Portage County consider a recommendation to improve safety on County Road DB between I-39 and the Marathon County line, and to forward the resolution to both Portage and Marathon Counties. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3–0.

Review price quotes for granite, road base material and equipment rates for 2025: The board reviewed and discussed price quotes received for granite, road base material and equipment rates for 2025. Quotes will be filed for use throughout this construction season.

Discussion/Action on adoption of the Town of Dewey Mitigation Plan: Chairman King noted that the Town of Dewey Mitigation Plan, approved in December 2024, requires a formal adoption letter as requested by Portage County Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Weinert for state and federal compliance; he presented a draft letter confirming the plan's adoption within the Portage County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve adoption of the Town of Dewey Mitigation Plan and to provide the letter of confirmation to Portage County Emergency Management. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3–0.

Discussion/Action on updates to the Town of Dewey Fee Schedule: Supervisor Meis motioned to approve the Town of Dewey Fee Schedule with revisions reflecting the updated wages. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Action on having North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission do the 2025 road ratings for the Town of Dewey: Following discussion about the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission handling the town's road ratings the past two years, Supervisor Pukrop motioned to have the Commission conduct the 2025 road ratings. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion on preparing an Employee Health and Safety Plan: Chairman King discussed a Health and Safety Plan the board will develop this year, following increased awareness about workplace safety. A Wisconsin DSPS representative recently presented to Portage County towns and offers safety audits to improve training and procedures.

Update on the process of updating the Town of Dewey Ordinances: Chairman King distributed draft updated ordinances to the board, clerk, and treasurer. They will begin the review at the town meeting on May 5, 2025

Clerk/Treasurer Reports: The board reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer reports for March, noting that the reports balanced.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to accept the Clerk and Treasurer reports as presented. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Chairperson's Report on town work and activities: Chairman King reported that safety inspections were completed on the Peterbilt and 1-ton trucks. He met with Worden Enterprises to discuss drainage improvements on Torun Road, including ditching, installing culverts, and replacing poor sub-base material to improve drainage before blacktopping. He also worked with the DNR to update parking lot addressing on Torun Road North.

Town staff have been cutting brush, grading, removing winter equipment, taking down snow fencing and road limit signs, and completing sign reflectivity testing.

Chief Lepper noted that the town's insurance does not cover private vehicles used for town business. However, it was recently found that an independent agent does offer this type of coverage, and he and Chairman King plan to look into it further.

Correspondence: The board reviewed correspondence.

Meeting Dates & Agendas:

- **Open Book:** Monday, May 12, 2025, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, by telephone only. Call 715-848-9300 to speak with Assessor Todd Pauls.
- **Board of Review:** Monday, May 19, 2025, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Dewey Town Hall.
- **Town Board Road Inspection:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 8:00 AM, departing from Dewey Town Hall.
- **Town Board Meetings:** Monday, May 5, 2025, and Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 6:30 PM, Dewey Town Hall.

Approve and Pay Bills: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve and pay the bills as presented. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment: Chairman King adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.