

June 18, 2025 Town of Dewey Board Meeting

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

Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 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. 3 town residents and/or visitors were present.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting of May 21, 2025: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the minutes of May 21, 2025, as presented. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Citizens wishing to address the Town Board: None

Supervisor Comments/Concerns: Supervisor Meis brought up crack filling and asked about granite from the Town of Guenther for the shared section of Birch Drive. He also inquired about a town employee's light-duty restrictions due to a hand injury.

Update on "Public Access" property: Chairman King reported that the Town of Dewey's Public Access parcel on Bay View Drive, established during the 1977 Bay View Estates subdivision, complies with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 236, requiring public access to navigable waters. He sent a letter to neighboring property owners clarifying the parcel's status and met with owners to discuss removing a private boat dock. The town's attorney confirmed the legal basis for removal, and Chairman King is checking with the Wisconsin DNR for enforcement guidance.

Discussion/Action on timeline for removal of private property from the Public Access property: Supervisor Meis motioned to postpone setting a timeline for removing private property from the town's Public Access parcel until Chairman King consults with the Wisconsin DNR. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Action on liquor, beer, operator, tobacco and vaping licenses: Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the liquor, beer, and operator license applications for Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Bullheads Bar & Grill, and Sunset Bay Grill as presented, and to approve the liquor and beer license for Funny Farm Bar & Grill contingent on receiving payment. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion on granite project on Birch Drive east of Haymeadow Drive: The board discussed the town completing a granite project on Birch Drive east of Haymeadow Drive using three town trucks and possibly hiring a former employee to grade the 0.3-mile section over several days to save costs. The work would add a 3–4 inch granite lift in the area where culverts were installed a few years ago, leading up to 4022 Birch Drive, to address potholes and washouts from rain. The board had originally planned to seek bids but is now considering doing the project with town staff and equipment.

Discussion on purchasing a trailer for hauling portable equipment: The board discussed looking around to purchase a used trailer to haul equipment like blacktop saws, compactors, and snow fences, avoiding wear on employees' personal trailers. A 10x14 trailer without brakes, suitable for outdoor storage, was proposed.

Update on applying for a grant through the DNR for tree trimming: Chairman King said the Wisconsin DNR grant application opens July 1 and is due October 1. He suggested town employees create a list of main roads needing tree trimming, prioritizing high-traffic areas before side roads.

Work on the preparation of an Employee Health and Safety Plan: Chairman King provided a draft Employee Health and Safety Plan, based on the Town of Eau Claire's approved plan, which the board reviewed and agreed is a really good start. The board suggested updates and discussed employee safety training options.

Clerk/Treasurer Reports: The board reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer reports for May, 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 town employees installed new road signs and cleared brush around several signs. Granite was added to Oakwood Drive to address standing water in two areas, and they are repairing washouts west of Sunset Drive. Chairman King also began the process of obtaining a DNR culvert permit for a replacement on Oakwood Drive. The town tractor and grader were sent out for repairs — the tractor is experiencing power loss, and the grader's AC compressor repair is estimated to cost between \$3,500 and \$6,200.

Correspondence: The board reviewed correspondence.

Meeting Dates & Agendas: A public hearing on proposed ordinance updates is set for July 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., with the next Town Board Meeting scheduled for July 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., both at the Town of Dewey Town Hall.

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

Adjournment: Chairman King adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.