

**Town of Dewey
Town Plan Commission
Dewey Town Hall
430 Dewey Drive – Stevens Point – WI 54482
Monday February 9, 2026, 4:30 p.m.**

- 1) Public notice was given:

Roll call was take:

Present: Kathy Girolamo, Rhonda Hollfelder, Jennifer Laskowski and Sandy Meis
Absent: Doug Evica

- 2) Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm and Kathy led the Pledge of Allegiance

- 3) Discussion/Action on the minutes from the meeting of November 5, 2025

Motion: Jennifer made the motion to accept meeting minutes as written, seconded by Rhonda
– Motion Passed: 4-0

- 4) Introduction of new Plan Commission member

New member Jennifer Laskowski was introduced as a 30-year resident of the town replacing Maurice King on the Planning Commission board.

- 5) Correspondences

New State legislation was introduced “Wisconsin Act 68” that will affect our subdivision ordinance and will need to be reviewed and updated prior to July 1, 2026.

- 6) Presentation by representatives of the Portage County Planning & Zoning Department regarding the request by Chopper Farms LLC for a 20 year extension of the Board of Adjustment Appeal No. A06-21 conditional use permit to operate a non-metallic mine.

John Oberthaler and Chris Mrdutt presented the updated plan for the mine. John read a letter he submitted to the board and Chris highlighted the process and some of the items on his staff report. State statute changed to ensure that any conditions are reasonable, measurable and enforceable.

- 7) Discussion/Action on Recommendations on the request by Chopper Farms LLC for a 20 year extension of the Board of Adjustments Appeal No. A06-21 conditional use permit to operate a non-metallic mine. Parcel number 014-25-0701-11 is located at SW1/4, SW1/4, Section 1, T25N, R7E, Town of Dewey, Portage County, Wisconsin.

There were 14 residents in attendance at the meeting and voiced the following concerns:

- Concerns regarding problems with the well water (black and grey grit), air in line and water in basement.
- Rocks on road from truck leaving the pit.
- Noise pollution; such as crushing, hydraulic rock splitting.
- Extending the hours to Saturday.
- Mental health and well being.
- Gate not being closed and locked.
- Depth of mine.
- Concerns of the mine affecting their property values
- Originally told it would take the mine 20 years or less to get what they needed out and then it would be reclaimed to a “beautiful lake”.
- Several concerns regarding it going against the Comprehensive Plan
 - Goal of the town:
 - Future land use is to maintain or improve the current quality of life and rural character in the Town.
 - Objectives of town:
 - Work to reduce conflict by considering neighboring land use.
 - Ensure newly developed or redeveloped areas are consistent with the comprehensive plan.
 - Section 2.5
 - Ensure well-planned residential development which maintains a high quality of living environment, enhances property values, avoids conflicting land uses, minimizes impacts on the natural environment and preserves the rural atmosphere.
 - Section 8.4
 - Land Use goals:
 - Number 1: Maintain rural character of the Town of Dewey.
 - Number 2: Protect the Town’s natural resources and Number 3 Maintain a comprehensive plan that provides for orderly, planned growth.
 - Objectives: Allow for development in appropriate areas to maintain the Town’s tax base.

- The Town of Dewey 2021 comprehensive plan is consistently clear, that the towns priority, are protecting groundwater, preserving rural character and ensuring land use does not diminish the quality of life.
- One resident had no concerns or issues.

8) Schedule next meeting: February 11, 2026 at 4:30 pm

9) Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn and continue discussion on February 11 by Rhonda and Seconded by Jennifer – Motion carried 4-0

Please be advised that a quorum of Town Board members may be present at this meeting.