September 16, 2026 Town of Dewey Board Meeting

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

Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2026
430 Dewey Drive-Stevens Point WI 54482

Verify Open Meeting Notice & Roll Call: The open meeting notice was verified. Chairman Maurice King, Supervisor LeRoy Pukrop, Supervisor Dennis Meis, Clerk Angela Lochinger, and Treasurer Lori Kolodziej were present. 6 town residents and/or visitors were present.

Call to Order: Chairman King called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m., following the public involvement meeting on the Dewey Drive road project. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes from the meetings of August 19, 2026 and September 3, 2026 Sunset Drive Quarry visit: Supervisor Meis motioned to approve the August 19, 2026 minutes as presented. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the September 3, 2026 minutes as presented. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Citizens wishing to address the Town Board: None.

Supervisor Comments/Concerns: None.

The Pioneer Road agenda item was delayed until later in the meeting to allow interested parties additional time to arrive.

Discussion/Action on Acknowledgement of the legal opinion of the town attorney dated June 4, 2026 regarding the Status of Way Laying North of Gated Area – Pioneer Road: This item was taken up after the operator license applications. Chairman King read the following statement provided by the town attorney:

"We (the Town Board) are not acting by resolution, as we further consider the entire matter. Rather, we continue to acknowledge the legal opinion of our attorney dated June 4, 2026 and will rely on it until further notice. We note that case law and changes to relevant statutes may cause others to reach different opinions that they feel are justifiable. We urge all interested parties to consider either a private solution to the situation, or seek a court's declaratory statement on the matter, pursuant to Section 806.04, Wis. Stats."

Following discussion, Supervisor Pukrop motioned to include the statement read by Chairman King in the meeting minutes. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Action on updated Town of Dewey Local Disaster Plan: The board reviewed updates to the town's Local Disaster Plan. Supervisor Pukrop motioned to approve the updated Town of Dewey Local Disaster Plan as presented. Supervisor Meis seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Action on the sale of items to stay with the 6x6 fire truck chassis: Fire Chief Brian Lepper explained that the truck chassis is provided through a military surplus program administered by the Wisconsin DNR and is not owned by the town. Chief Lepper reported that the DNR agreed to assist with advertising the truck with the town-owned equipment installed. The board noted that the equipment had originally been purchased through the fire department budget.

Chairman King motioned to authorize the sale of the equipment for $3,000 or best offer as determined by the fire chief, with proceeds remaining in the fire department budget. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Action on sale of 8 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units that would include the bottles and harnesses: Fire Chief Brian Lepper reported that the previously approved sale of 4 SCBA units did not proceed, leaving 8 units available for sale. The sale would include the bottles and harnesses. The masks would be retained for fire department use.

Chairman King motioned to authorize the sale of the 8 SCBA units for $200 each or best offer as determined by the fire chief, with proceeds remaining in the fire department budget. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Action on health insurance coverage for new town employee: The board discussed providing health insurance reimbursement for Rick Hetzel as part of his overall compensation. The board also discussed reviewing the arrangement during employee evaluations in March.

Chairman King motioned to provide $500 per month in health insurance reimbursement, with any amount not used for health insurance to be reported on a Form 1099 at year-end. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Action on Operator license applications: The board reviewed the operator license application and background check information provided. A provisional license had already been issued.

Chairman King motioned to postpone action on the application until he had an opportunity to fully review the background information. Supervisor Pukrop seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Clerk/Treasurer Reports for August: The board reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer reports for August, 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 culvert installation and riprap work were completed. One culvert on Birch Drive was reset following heavy rain, and an adjacent deteriorated culvert was identified for replacement. An additional culvert was installed on Oriole Lane to improve drainage. Town employee Rick Hetzel completed his CDL training and passed the required testing. Town employees continued grading, shoulder maintenance, brush cutting and fallen tree removal. Work on the sand and salt shed also continued, with the first row of blocks placed and a crane planned for placement of the remaining rows.

Correspondence: The board reviewed correspondence.

Meeting Dates & Agendas: Upcoming Town meetings will be held at the Town of Dewey Town Hall on:

- Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Town Board Meeting

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 6:28 p.m.