

Town of Dodge

Annual Meeting - April 21, 2026

Residents in attendance: Kara Wener, Joseph Wener, Dave Kujak, Dan Lilla, Becky Tiedje, Ken Frahm, David Frahm, Charles Kulas, Jessie Bawek, Dave Kramer

Chairman Lilla called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chairman Lilla asked if public notice requirements were met for the meeting; Clerk Wener affirmed public notice requirements were met.

Right to Borrow Money: Discussed the right to borrow money in case of emergency. David Frahm made motion to authorize the town to borrow money in case of emergency. Joe Wener seconded. Verbal vote. Motion carried.

Co-aid Road Petition: Lilla noted the town petitioned the county for just over \$13,000 with a town portion of more than \$19,500. Typically, the town sees an additional \$1000 added as a bridge petition. This is in line with last year's amounts. Currently, the town has roughly \$150,000 available for projects.

Projects and Road Updates: Chairman Lilla - 2026 road projects to be conducted include a double chip seal coat of Pine Creek Ridge Road, which is an LRIP project and has 50% funding from the state to complete it. The board will be reviewing roads and identifying minor projects for the summer/fall and determine whether brush cutting or spraying is necessary. The town was awarded an LRIP grant for overlay on Glodowski Road with 70% of cost coverage from the grant and this project will be completed in 2027.

Broadband Update: Chairman Lilla – Noted all broadband grant funding for the Town of Dodge area had been awarded to a satellite provider. The preference for awarding grants to funding to applications featuring wired connection changed upon the new federal administration.

Fire Department: Ken Frahm provided the following update:

- Truck with high pressure unit was purchased. This truck will be able to pull the UTV with trailer to avoid personal vehicle use.
- New turnout gear was purchased for a few firemen and will be replaced on a rolling basis. Cost per set is roughly \$3400.

First Responders Update: Jessie Bawek provided the following update:

- The first responders are holding a calendar raffle fundraiser must be purchased by June 1
- Two new first responder have been added over the course of the year
- Several grant funds were received in 2025

Arcadia Ambulance Service Update: Kara Wener, Town Rep on the Arcadia Ambulance Board, was given the floor. The following updates were provided:

- A new ambulance has been ordered with delivery anticipated in 2027
- The town has made it's fifth loan payment on the facility as part of our dues payment

- Retention and hiring of EMT's has not been an issue; it is believed the new facility has helped to attract new employees and retain old. Suspect future issue.

Sanitary District: Charlie Kulas provided the following update:

- 2025 the district turned a small profit and reserves increased
- 2027 the well inspection will be required, per DNR, this has the possibility to result in some major cost

Garbage and Recycling: Lilla noted the Spring clean up will be held on Saturday, May 9; no tires, appliances, or demolition will be accepted and there is a \$15 charge for mattresses and couches. Supervisor Kujak noted STCSWC can accept electronics and appliances from town residents.

Town Financial Report: Clerk Wener made sure copies of the Town financial report were shared with all in attendance. Floor was opened for questions.

Open Book/Board of Review: Lilla noted open book will be held on April 22 from 7:00-9:00 pm and Board of Review will be held on June 1 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Other topics: Chairman Lilla asked for any other topics. Hearing none, Chairman Lilla asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ken Frahm made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dave Frahm. Verbal vote motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm