

December 10, 2025 - Town of Eau Claire Board Meeting - APPROVED

Attendance

Elected Officials Present: Chairperson Kurt Drexler, Supervisor Wayne Trelka, Supervisor Leif Erickson

Appointed Officials Present: Deputy Clerk Susan Skrzeczkoski

Elected Officials Excused: Clerk Stacy Martin, Treasurer Sue Stroik

Others Present: Roger Skrzeczkoski Sr., Jeff Stashek, Larry Raikowski, Carrie Drexler, Mary Erickson, Bill Kiggins, Roger Dobbs, Karen Dobbs, Bonnie Fredrickson, Mark Fredrickson, Kathy Metzler, Brenda Kochanowski

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Drexler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Minutes from the following meetings were read:

- a. November 12, 2025, Proposed 2026 Budget Public Hearing & Special Town Meeting of Electors

Motion by Supervisor Trelka to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Erickson.

3 ayes (Supervisor Erickson, Supervisor Trelka, Chairperson Drexler) / 0 nays. Motion carried.

- b. November 12, 2025, Town Board Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Erickson to approve the minutes. Seconded by Chairperson Drexler.

3 ayes (Supervisor Erickson, Supervisor Trelka, Chairperson Drexler) / 0 nays. Motion carried.

- c. November 19, 2025, Special Town Board Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Erickson to approve the minutes but add a caveat that the lowest bid must be accepted pending all conditions are met as per the bid. Seconded by Supervisor Trelka.

3 ayes (Supervisor Erickson, Supervisor Trelka, Chairperson Drexler) / 0 nays. Motion carried.

3. No Treasurer's report was prepared prior to the meeting.

4. Chairperson Drexler noted the following Plan Commission items:

- a. 13 x 40 awning added to an existing structure at 3073 County Road G
- b. 24 x 28 garage addition at 2958 County Road G
- c. replacement of 3' culvert with 4' culvert on Lake Road

5. The following election officials were appointed for the next two-year term (2026-2027): Mary Erickson, Kathy Metzler, Katrina Moscinski, Clifford Altmann, Bonnie Fredrickson, Karen Dobbs, Virgilia Solinsky, Roger Skrzeczkoski, Sr., Teri Harcrow, and Marge Wojcik.

Motion by Supervisor Erickson to approve the election officials for 2026 through 2027. Seconded by Supervisor Trelka.

2 ayes (Supervisor Trelka, Chairperson Drexler) / 0 nays / 1 abstain (Supervisor Erickson). Motion carried.

6. Currently, all election officials are paid \$13 per hour. The Board decided to increase the wage to \$15 per hour, with chief inspectors receiving \$16 per hour because of their added responsibilities.

Motion by Supervisor Erickson to raise election official wage to \$15 per hour. Seconded by Chairperson Drexler.

2 ayes (Supervisor Trelka, Chairperson Drexler) / 0 nays / 1 abstain (Supervisor Erickson). Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Trelka to raise chief election inspector wage to \$16 per hour. Seconded by Chairperson Drexler.

2 ayes (Supervisor Trelka, Chairperson Drexler) / 0 nays / 1 abstain (Supervisor Erickson). Motion carried.

7. A wage increase for Town employees was discussed, considering that there has not been a raise in employee wages in two years. Supervisor Trelka initially wanted to conserve funds and forgo raises for 2026. To show appreciation and retain the Town's employees, Supervisor Erickson feels it is necessary to increase wages. Chairperson Drexler agreed.

Motion by Supervisor Erickson to give a 3% raise to all Town employees, effective January 1, 2026. Seconded by Chairperson Drexler.

3 ayes (Supervisor Erickson, Supervisor Trelka, Chairperson Drexler) / 0 nays. Motion carried.

8. The Board reviewed the updated carpet replacement quote from Carpet City and confirmed that there is money in the budget for replacing the soiled 25-year-old carpet in the Town Hall with new carpet squares. The Board would like to know who will dispose of the removed carpet.

Motion by Supervisor Erickson to approve the quote from Carpet City to replace the carpeted floorspace in the Town Hall with new carpet for \$8,940.02. Seconded by Chairperson Drexler.

2 ayes (Supervisor Erickson, Chairperson Drexler) / 1 nay (Supervisor Trelka). Motion carried.

9. Regarding the agenda item to discuss purchasing more tables and chairs for Town Hall renters to use, Clerk Martin prepared a quote for the Board to review but was not present to answer questions. The Board decided not to purchase additional tables and chairs for hall renters at this time and will revisit this item during a future meeting.

10. Chairperson Drexler notified those present that the Town's current finance software (Marge) was having technical issues. Clerk Martin was not present to provide answers to the questions and statements raised, so this item will be discussed in a future meeting.

11. Announcements and Dates to Remember:

- a. The Lake Road culvert will not be delivered to the Town Hall; it will be delivered to the job site. Bids for the Lake Road culvert will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting, date to be determined.
- b. Next Town Board Meeting is January 14, 2026

12. After hearing questions and concerns from the public –

Motion by Supervisor Erickson to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Chairperson Drexler.

3 ayes (Supervisor Erickson, Supervisor Trelka, Chairperson Drexler) / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Stacy Martin, Town of Eau Pleine Clerk