

January 14, 2026 - Town of Eau Pleine Board Meeting - APPROVED

Attendance

Elected Officials Present: Chairperson Kurt Drexler, Supervisor Wayne Trelka, Supervisor Leif Erickson, Clerk Stacy Martin, Treasurer Sue Stroik

Others Present: Bill Kiggins, Gary Egan, Mary Erickson, Jeff Stashek, Larry Raikowski, John Becker, Roy Skrzeczkoski

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

2. Minutes from the December 10, 2025, Town Board Meeting were read.

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

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

3. Chairperson Drexler moved to place the Treasurer's report on file.

4. Chairperson Drexler noted the following Plan Commission items:

- a. Rezoning 40 acres at 3165 Victory Road; Plan Commission will meet on February 11, 2026, at 5:30 PM

5. Chairperson Drexler gave an update on the Lake Road culvert project. Three bids came in last week and were reviewed by the Portage County project engineers. The project will begin at Lake DuBay drawdown sometime between March 2-14, 2026. Asphalt replacement must occur prior to August 2, 2026. Town payments to Portage County will only be made for completed work.

Motion by Supervisor Erickson to accept the bid on Lake Road culvert replacement from Merrill Gravel & Construction Co. for \$191,382.75. Seconded by Supervisor Trelka.

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

6. Supervisor Erickson spoke to Kafka in Merrill about the potential material and equipment cost to apply dust suppression to the Town's roads. The Board discussed the option of the Town purchasing a trailer to apply the dust suppression chemicals. Roy Skrzeczkoski notified the Board that there is a pelletized form that can be applied. The Town may explore the option of sharing application costs and equipment with the Town of Carson.

7. Shaw's Wrecking Yard LLC has recently been purchased by Burrows West. Supervisor Trelka stated that nothing should change with the Town's recycling center as a result of the change of ownership.

8. The Board will set the date for the year-end review of the Town's finance records at next month's meeting.

9. Clerk Martin noted that during the April 15, 2025, Annual Town Meeting, the electors improperly set the 2026 Annual Town Meeting date to April 18, 2026. Per Wisconsin Statute 60.11, the annual town meeting must legally be held on the third Tuesday of April or within ten days thereafter. Clerk Martin was advised by a Wisconsin Towns Association lawyer that because of the improperly set date, the annual town meeting for 2026 must now be held on the third Tuesday of April: April 21, 2026.

10. As of today, the Board is taking bids for an old metal desk located inside the town hall that is no longer used. Any person interested in taking ownership of the desk must submit their sealed bid to the Town Clerk by the start of the 6:00 PM Board Meeting on February 11, 2026, during which time the bids will be opened.

11. Announcements and Dates to Remember:

- a. The Town is going through a large amount of sand because of icy roads. The road supervisor will ask the Town of Knowlton if they would be willing to apply brine and use their belly plow on Lake Road because of severely poor road conditions.
- b. The Town tractor will be paid off this year. At next month's meeting the Board will discuss a capital plan.
- c. Next Town Board Meeting is February 11, 2026

12. After hearing questions and concerns from the public –

Motion by Supervisor Erickson to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Trelka.

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

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