

April 8, 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, Mary Erickson, Jeff Stashek, Larry Raikowski, Susan Skrzeczkoski, Roger Skrzeczkoski Sr, Kathy Metzler, Les Metzler, Roger Dobbs, Karen Dobbs, Dave Erickson, Bonnie Fredrickson, Mark Fredrickson, Gary Egan, Joel Ponshock, Peter Albert, illegible signature

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

2. Minutes from the March 11, 2026, Town Board Meeting were read.

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

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

3. After noting the total for the March ending balance should be \$57,551.56, Chairperson Drexler moved to place the Treasurer's report on file.

4. The Plan Commission met prior to this Board meeting and discussed the Rezoning Request from Michael Helmuth, Parcel ID # 016250626-10 (2977 County Road G), in which the property owner is requesting the following: (1) Amend the Future Land Use Map to change 5 acres from L3 Limited Agriculture/Mixed Use to Industrial; (2) Rezone 5 acres from A4 General Agriculture to Industrial; (3) Grant a Special Exception to operate a truss manufacturing facility. The Town Plan Commission approved the applicants request and the process will move forward to post the 30 day notice for the public hearing to take place prior to the May 13 Board meeting. Additionally, a permit application was approved for a camper located at 4740 Blackberry Lane.

5. Treasurer Stroik suggested that at the Annual Town Meeting on April 21 we make the decision to allow Portage County to start collecting the Town's property taxes rather than the Town Treasurer. The first year this would occur would be in 2027, and the cost for the Town that year would be a base charge of \$575 plus \$1.90 per parcel. The Treasurer's pay should also be cut in half to offset the cost. The Town cannot receive payments by cash or credit card, but Portage County is able to take these payments.

6. Country Wireless has not removed their internet tower behind the town hall since they were notified to remove it in August 2025.
Motion by Chairperson Drexler to utilize the Town's lawyer to have Country Wireless remove their internet tower behind the town hall at their expense. Seconded by Supervisor Erickson.

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

7. Announcements and Dates to Remember:

- a. Lake Road Culvert project update: trees were removed from project site on April 8, 2026; start date window is currently July 6 - 13, 2026; contractors will incur a \$945 per day penalty if the project is not completed by August 1, 2026
- b. Chairman Drexler will look into LSSIP program money available for culverts
- c. A new, non-corrosive dust suppression option will be presented at the next Board meeting
- d. Reimbursement for labor and equipment costs to plow snow and remove downed trees during the March and April winter storm events will be applied for through the Wisconsin Disaster Fund Reimbursement program
- e. Open Book is April 13, 2026, from 8:00-10:00 AM
- f. Annual Town Meeting is April 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM
- g. Board of Review is April 30, 2026, from 5:00-7:00 PM
- h. Spring Cleanup at Recycling Center is May 9, 2026, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- i. Next Town Board Meeting is May 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM

8. After hearing questions and concerns from the public –

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

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

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