

Elected/Appointed Officials Present: Chairperson Kurt Drexler, Supervisor Wayne Trelka, Supervisor Leif Erickson, Clerk Stacy Martin, current Deputy/incoming Treasurer Wendi Erickson

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Chairperson Drexler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The Town Board reviewed and discussed all items contained within the draft 2027 proposed budget in preparation for the October 14, 2026 Board meeting and the November 11, 2026 public hearing on the proposed 2027 budget. Town finance management was a significant topic of discussion, and Workhorse software was reviewed as the best option presented by Clerk Martin. The Board determined that there are five items that require funding beyond what the current town budget provides: \$10,000 for accounting software/computer upgrades/IT security, \$15,000 for dust suppression, \$45,000 for LRIP road improvement (Ridge Rd and Plum Ln), \$40,000 for road crack and chip sealing, and \$27,500 for the increase in fire/EMS services. A resolution of the Town Board proposing to exceed the levy limit by \$137,500 will be drafted and officially presented for Board approval at the meeting on October 14, 2026. The town electors will need to endorse this resolution to exceed the levy limit at the November 11, 2026, public hearing in order for it to pass.
3. At 9:50 am: **Motion by Supervisor Erickson to 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