

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF
THE TOWN OF IXONIA
October 21, 2025**

1. Call to order and roll call: Chairman Brian Derge called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Supervisors present included Dave Kester, Amy Rinard and Dan Rupnow. Rick Ziegler was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public comment -- None

4. Chairman Derge read the following notice: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Ixonia will convene, upon passage of the proper motion, into Closed Session with staff, pursuant to §19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats.: Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically with regard to a potential lease of the Ixonia Fireman's Hall.

Rinard made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:01 pm. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Town Board will reconvene into open session pursuant to SS. 19.85 (2): Rinard made a motion to reconvene into open session at 6:16 pm. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding closed session business: Kester made a motion to accept the Malow Haase proposal for leasing Fireman's Hall on a 2-year contract with updated insurance list and the first year monthly rental rate will be \$1,000 and the second year will be \$1,500. Rinard seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

6. Town Board 2026 Budget Workshop: The Town Board and department heads went through the budget worksheet. Clerk Lesser indicated that the increase to the general government budget section is due to the purchasing of a new ballot tabulator for elections and the purchase of the required number of 4 electronic poll books. Lesser also informed the Board that health insurance was a contributing factor to an increase in the budget, raises were estimated at a 5% increase. Interim Fire Chief Sauer discussed his budget and indicated that they were

keeping the budget minimal for reasons of understanding the process and the potential of hiring a new Chief. There was an increase due to budgeting for law enforcement protection. There was discussion of contracting with the Village of Lac La Belle or the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. The amount incorporated into the budget was to cover the cost of the contract amount with the Village of Lac La Belle due to it being higher. Lesser also explained that the increase is also contributed to the hiring of a full-time Fire/EMS Chief. Superintendent Degner indicated that his budget was lower this year due to a decrease in engineering and road construction. Park Supervisor Beaudette went over his area of the worksheet. Transfer Site manager Dave Schilling went over his area of the budget worksheet and explained that again, the 2026 transfer site revenues and expenditures balance out and there is no obligation to the taxpayer for operating the site.

Lesser explained that the budget is balanced, largely due to the LNG plant money coming in from the state, and the final disbursement of the SLRF funds to compensate an additional Fire/EMS full-time position.

7. Adjourn: Rinard made a motion to adjourn at 9:19 pm. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Jo Ann Lesser, CMC, WCMC

Clerk/Treasurer