

**MEETING MINUTES OF
THE TOWN OF IXONIA
December 8, 2025**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: Chairman Brian Derge called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was completed and Supervisors present included Dave Kester, Amy Rinard, Dan Ruppnow and Rick Ziegler.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2025, November 17, 2025 & November 24, 2025: Rinard made a motion to approve the minutes from November 19th, November 17th and November 24th as presented. Ruppnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
4. Public Comment – Persons wishing to speak will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the board: None
5. Treasurer's Financial Report: November 2025: Rinard made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Ziegler seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
6. Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and/or Jefferson County Supervisor Report: Bruce Degner mentioned the quarterly legislative breakfast was held this past Friday (12/5). State Representatives mentioned Assembly Bill 559, which regards utility payments from operations like the LNG Plant. It has moved out of committee and is now with the legislature. Degner reported that the County's City and Village representatives were concerned about housing and the demand that continued growth of industry will place on the lack of available housing. The Towns that were represented listed concerns regarding EMS staffing and coverage. Degner also reported that the EMS committee will be meeting this week and they will be breaking down one community (Ixonia), just as an exercise, to find out what it would cost for full-time coverage. Kester questioned Degner about Assembly Bill 7, Degner didn't know anything about it but he stated he would look into it.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Update on Kem Tech's industrial waste: Attorney Riffle gave the update on the industrial waste issue with Kem Tech. The options available to them is to put a plug in the line which there would be no access to the wastewater system, another option is at their expense, to install sampling manhole. Staff are recommending plugging the line. The town conducts the process of capping the line and bills it back to the property owner.
8. New Business:
 - a. Consider and possible action regarding the 2026 fee schedule, Resolution 2025-9: Changes suggested by department heads were reviewed. Under the fire department section, the suggested changes to how fire inspections are charged were modified. Ruppnow made a motion to implement \$50 an inspection for commercial property over 50,000 sq. ft., \$75 an inspection for commercial property over 100,000 sq. ft., and \$100 per inspection for commercial property over 200,000 sq. ft. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-1. All other department recommendations were accepted without change. Rinard made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-9 the 2026 fee schedule with changes as recommended. Ruppnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
 - b. Consider and possible action regarding Resolution 2025-10, approving the Lake Country Municipal Court Budget for 2026: Ziegler made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10 accepting the Lake Country Municipal Court budget for 2026. Rinard seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
 - c. Consider and possible action regarding Resolution 2025-11 Parking restrictions: to include no overnight parking: Highway Superintendent Degner is requesting the change, after researching it was found that the overnight parking restriction was removed from the resolution in 2021, and by approving the resolution presented it is putting back into effect. Rinard made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11 reinstating the overnight parking restriction. Ziegler seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-1.
 - d. Consider and possible action regarding approving the 911 joint powers agreement with Jefferson County Sheriff's Department: Rinard made a motion to approve the 911 joint powers agreement with Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. Ziegler seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

- e. Consider and possible action regarding approving James Fleming as a new paid on call firefighter: Rinard made a motion to approve the hiring of POC volunteer James Fleming as a firefighter. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
- f. Consider and possible action on appointing Election Workers for the 2026-2027 election cycle: Rinard made a motion to approve the election worker list as presented for the 2026-27 election cycle. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
- g. Consider and possible action regarding Resolution 2025-12 Budget Amendment for 2025 road projects in the amount of \$146,102.00: Highway Superintendent Degner explained that after holding a meeting with the Town Engineer, there is a reduction in the amount that is needed due to the cost of the project coming in lower than the actual bid amount. The resolution amount should be changed to \$39,256. Kester made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-12 amending the 2025 budget for road projects in the amount of \$39,256. Ruppnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
- h. Discussion and possible action regarding the plan of operation for Anderson Auto and Truck; property owner is DMA Property Management located at W1204 Marietta Avenue: Supervisor Kester explained that the Plan Commission recommended approval. Dean Anderson explained that he purchased the building due to leasing in his current location but now he is also purchasing that location as well. Anderson explained that there will only be outside parking for when customers are dropping off or picking up their services vehicles. Ziegler made a motion to approve the plan of operation. Rinard seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
- i. Discussion and possible action regarding transfer site profits being designated at the end of each year: Dave Schilling stated that the transfer site operates under its own fees and is not a burden on the taxpayer. Schilling is requesting that the excess revenues from the transfer site be designated for the transfer site's future improvements which would be to connect to the wastewater system and install bathroom amenities for the employees working at the site. Schilling stated that the profit for 2025 is already \$19,800. Derge made a motion to approve designating the transfer site profits at the end of 2025 into the new equipment fund for future building upgrades. Ruppnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
- j. Discussion and possible action regarding Christmas Tree lighting event: Park Supervisor Andrew Beaudette explained that WE Energies donates \$500 towards the project and then the people who do the decorating are volunteers, the staff that worked on decorating donated their time as well. The other problem that was noticed was that all the lights on the tree were damaged when the hailstorm came through last spring. The lights were approximately \$800. It was mentioned that it would be nice to plan an event for next year. No decision was made by the Board on this matter.

9. Staff Updates

- a. Clerk/Treasurer Lesser: Lesser reported that property tax bills will be mailed out early this week. Lesser also reported that Jennnifer Lenz the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer has submitted her letter of resignation, her last day will be December 17th.
- b. Highway Superintendent Degner: Degner informed the Board that WI Surplus has paid the town for the items sold on their site. A check in the amount of \$7,637 which includes the sale of the transfer site trailer. New dugout roofs were installed, and snow plowing has begun.
- c. Fire & EMS Interim Chief Sauer Monthly report – November 2025: Interim Chief Sauer explained that the number of calls for November were 25.

10. Upcoming Meetings:

- Plan Commission – December 22, 2025 @ 7 pm
- Ixonia Fire Dept. Officer's Meeting – January 7, 2026 @ 6:30 pm
- Park and Recreation Meeting – January 5, 2026 @ 5 pm
- Town Board Meeting – January 12, 2026 @ 7 pm

Clerk/Treasurer Lesser reviewed the upcoming meetings and times.

11. Closed Session:

Chairman Derge read the following notice: You are hereby notified that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Ixonia, following all regular business, will convene into closed session. The purpose of the meeting and the fact that the Board intends to convene in closed session for the below-delineated purposes. Upon motion duly made and seconded and acted upon by the majority of the members present as required under §19.85(1)(a), Stats., the closed session will take place which may be attended by the Town Board and staff.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Under §19.85(1)(c), Stats. Specifically, Wastewater Operator, Clerk/Treasurer, Fire/EMS Chief

Kester made a motion to enter into closed session at 8:26 pm. Rinard seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Town Board chose to adjourn the meeting from closed session at 9:31 pm on a motion by Rinard and seconded by Ziegler. Motion carried, 5-0.

Jo Ann Lesser, CMC, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer