

THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2026

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: Chairman Brian Dere called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Supervisors present included Dave Kester, Amy Rinard, and Dan Rupnow. Rick Ziegler was absent.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: All those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Special presentation: Conduct oath of Office and pinning of New Fire/EMS Chief Calvin Sauer: A formal presentation was made by Josh Nettersheim, oath of office was performed by Clerk/Treasurer Lesser, pinning was performed by Calvin's wife. Acceptance speech was given by newly appointed Fire Chief Calvin Sauer.
4. Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2026, January 29, 2026: Kester made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
5. Public Comment – Persons wishing to speak will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the board: Jeff Heft introduced himself, indicating that he has signed up to be an election worker.
6. Treasurer's Financial Report: January 2026: Kester made a motion to accept the reports. Rinard seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
7. Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and/or Jefferson County Supervisor Report: Bruce Degner reported that the State Assembly will vote February 10th on the LNG bill, then it will go to the Senate, if it passes it will go to the Governor for signing and then to Department of Revenue for final approval. Degner reported that the town's share would be approximately \$550,000.

Degner also reported that there will be a storm spotter training at the fairgrounds that the public can attend, reservations are needed but there is no charge.

8. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Consider and possible action on Amendment #1 to Engineering Services Agreement, water reclamation facility operational assistance: Rinard made a motion to postpone this item until the next meeting. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
 - b. Consider and possible action on approving bids for rental of town land: Bruce Degner explained that in his bid, the price would be higher if the town were willing to a three-year lease. Rupnow made a motion to accept the Degner Homestead bid to farm the 210-acre parcel of town owned land for a three-year lease. Rinard seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
9. New Business:
 - a. Consider and possible action on request from Sean Osborne and Silver Circle Sports Events LLC to hold the Burrito Biathlon on September 6, 2026: Rinard made a motion to approve the request for the Silver Circle Sports Event, Burrito Biathlon on September 6, 2026. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
 - b. Request by Steven Simons for a conditional use permit to install a fence within the right-of-way on his property located at N8290 American Street, parcel #012-0816-2231-001: Rinard made a motion to approve the variance request for the split rail fence for Steve Simons. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
 - c. Consider and possible action regarding request from Andrew Deering to remove Lot 1 CSM 14962 CS105/190-1192 from the utility district. Property owners are Terry & Craig Holtman. Site is located at the corner of Marietta Avenue and State Highway 16, parcel 012-0816-2121-001: It was noted that the Town Engineers are opposed to the request. Applicants were not present at the meeting. Rinard made a motion to deny the request from Andrew Deering. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
 - d. Consider and possible action on recommendation from Plan Commission to set up a 7-person committee to review and revise Chapter 26 of the municipal code – subdivisions and other development: Supervisor Kester explained that there is a need to review chapter 26 of the municipal code, to verify that it's up to date with

the town's needs and would like to have a sub-committee review the chapter for updates. Rinard made a motion to approve a seven-person sub-committee review chapter 26 of the municipal code. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

- e. Consider and possible action on Memorandum of Understanding between Town of Ixonia and Oconomowoc School District for use of Fireman's Park: Peter Mark explained that there are no changes to the agreement. Kester made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with the Oconomowoc School District and the Town of Ixonia for the use of Fireman's Park. Rinard seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- f. Consider and Possible action regarding Kem Tech disconnection to the sanitary sewer: There are still a lot of unanswered concerns on this issue and there was no formal action taken. Rinard made a motion to postpone until further notice or until the next meeting unless a special meeting is needed in order to meet with Town Engineers. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- g. Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2026-1 Recreating the Lake Country Municipal Court and Successor Agreement for Operation of the Lake Country Municipal Court: Attorney Riffle explained that there is a new municipal member wanting to join the court which will require Town approval, Village of Palmyra. Kester made a motion to approve ordinance 2026-01 to recreate the Lake Country Municipal Court successor agreement. Rinard seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- h. Consider and possible approval of Resolution 2026-1 to adopt the Lake Country Municipal Court Budget for 2026: Rinard made a motion to approve resolution 2026-01 adopting the Lake Country Municipal Court Budget. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- i. Consider and possible action authorizing publication to bid 2026 Town road projects: Public Work Superintendent Degner explained that the 2026 road projects cost is estimated at \$618,000. Kester made a motion to approve bidding for the 2026 road projects. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- j. Consider and possible action on appointing Election Worker Jeff Hoeft for the 2026-2027 election cycle: Rinard made a motion to approve Jeff Hoeft as an election worker for the 2026-2027 election cycle. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- k. Consider and possible action on applying for a Bingo/Raffle license for the playground equipment fundraisers: Peter Mark explained all that goes into applying and maintaining a bingo license. There was concern about the added workload to the Clerk's office staff. No formal action was taken by the Board at this time.

10. Staff Updates

- a. Clerk/Treasurer Lesser: Lesser reported that the new hire in the office will begin on February 23rd, tax collection has concluded for 2025 and will begin preparing for the April 7th Election.
- b. Public Works Superintendent Degner: Degner reported on publishing for crack filling services within the town, working with Oliver on the new highway shop and will be presenting the plan to the Board soon.
- c. Fire & EMS Chief Sauer: Sauer reported a problem with the program that produces the run reports. But he was able to share that the month of January there were 35 calls, some were double calls where both ambulances were called out at the same time.

11. Upcoming Meetings:

- Plan Commission – February 25, 2026 @ 7 pm
- Ixonia Fire Dept. Officer's Meeting – March 4, 2026 @ 6:30 pm
- Park and Recreation Meeting – March 2, 2026 @ 5 pm
- Town Board Meeting – March 9, 2026 @ 7 pm

Meeting dates were reviewed.

12. Adjourn: Kester made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm and seconded by Rinard. Motion carried, 4-0.

Jo Ann Lesser, CMC, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer