

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
THE TOWN OF IXONIA
August 17, 2026**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: Chairman Brian Derge called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Supervisors present included Dave Kester, Dan Rupnow and Rick Ziegler. Tom Carey was absent.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Minutes: May 7, 2026, May 11, 2026 & June 8, 2026: This item was postponed to the next meeting.
4. Public Comment: Joni Rupnow of W5069 Genz Road; asked that the Board create an official policy on the stipend for board and commission members.
5. Treasurer's Financial Report: July 2026: Kester made a motion to approve the report as presented. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
6. Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and/or Jefferson County Supervisor Report: Bruce Degner reported on the latest information from the EMS Committee. They are having discussions about a possible levy increase to offer financial support to EMS departments within Jefferson County. The amount each department receives would be based on population, size of area and equalized value. Degner also talked about the special meeting being held on September 24th at 7 pm in Watertown to discuss this possibility. Degner stated that the amount received from the levy increase would be for wages only and that each municipality would be required to prove it was used for increased personnel and their wages.

Chairman Brian Derge called for a moment of silence to honor Perry Goetsch and his long-time commitment to the Town of Ixonia as Chairman of the Board, Chairman of the Plan Commission, and as a Supervisor on both as well.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding permission to bid for the new Public Works facility: No discussion or decision was made at this time. This item will be placed on a future agenda.
- b. Discussion and possible action clarifying policy of stipend payments to Board/Commission/Committee members: Ziegler made a motion to leave the stipend policy as is. No second was made; therefore, the motion died for a lack of a second. Kester made a motion to approve the stipend policy as presented in the packet. Rupnow seconded the motion. Kester motioned amending the original motion to include the amount of the stipend would be \$30 per meeting, to place a timeline on submission of stipends to 30 days and included staff into the policy for meetings when appointed to committees at a pay of \$30 per meeting. Derge seconded the amended motion. Motion carried, 3-1.

8. New Business:

- a. Request by Mehrabi Family Trust to rezone split existing house parcel from remaining land at N8697 Hustisford Road, parcel 012-0816-1831-000: Kester made a motion to approve the lot split. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- b. Request by Jon & Kessia Boche for conditional use to allow for Accessory Dwelling Unit in existing A-1 zone at W1201 County Road CW, parcel 012-0816-0323-001: Kester made a motion to approve recommendation to Jefferson County zoning. Ziegler seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- c. Resolution 2026-6 Budget amendment; move remaining road loan fund from fund balance to contracted road repair in the amount of \$200,899.90: Ziegler made a motion to approve resolution 2026-6 amending the 2026 budget for contracted road repair. Kester seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding request for payment #2 from Kartechner Brothers LLC for \$71,717.97 2026 road project: Ziegler made a motion to approve payment #2 to Kartechner Brothers LLC in the amount of \$71,717.97. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

- e. Discussion and possible action regarding final request payment #5 from Kartechner Brothers LLC 2025 road project in the amount of \$23,073.90: Kester made a motion to approve payment request #5 from Kartechner Brothers LLC in the amount of \$23,073.90 for the 2025 road project. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- f. Discussion and possible action regarding request to create a dog kennel impound area inside building #2: Superintendent Degner explained the reason for creating the holding pen area at the old sewer treatment plant on Elmwood Avenue. The temporary holding area will be used when humane society is not open or until such a time when the animal can be transported to the facility or the owner can come pick it up. Estimated cost is \$700 to \$1,500. Kester made a motion to approve the building of a holding area for lost dogs at building #2 at the old wastewater treatment plant on Elmwood Avenue not to exceed \$2,000. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- g. Discussion and possible action regarding quotes for window and door replacement at town hall: Degner recommended Hometown Glass due to the lower quote. Kester made a motion to approve the quote from Hometown Glass to replace the two windows on the west side of townhall and the back entrance door. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- h. Discussion and possible action regarding request to list various town items for sale: Kester made a motion to approve the selling of various town items on the Wisconsin Surplus site. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- i. Discussion and possible action regarding the 3-year contract with Stryker agreement for annual maintenance on Stryker owned equipment used by fire department personnel in the amount of \$27,017.25: Chief Sauer explained that the contract is for vehicle repairs and includes the annual maintenance service. Derge made a motion to approve the 3-year contract to Stryker for \$27,017.25. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- i. Consider and possible action regarding the hiring of Willam Bergum and Cole Nemitz as paid-on-call Firefighter/EMS personnel: Ziegler made a motion to approve the hiring of William Bergum and Cole Nemitz as paid-on-call firefighter/EMS pending the results of the pre-employment drug testing. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- j. Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2026-7 Order for Special Election for Municipal Court Judge for Lake Country Municipal Court: Kester made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-7 order for special election for Municipal Court Judge for Lake Country Municipal Court. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.
- k. Discussion and possible action regarding appointing Mark Alexander and William Millot as election workers for the 2026-2027 election cycle: Kester made a motion to approve Mark Alexander and William Millot as election workers for the 2026-2027 election cycle. Rupnow seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

9. Staff Updates

- a. Clerk/Treasurer Lesser: Lesser reported voter turnout for the primary election on August 11th. Lesser explained that Badger Books was used (electronic poll book) for the first time and said how simplistic the workload was after the election and how well received it was by the election workers and voters.
- b. Public Works Superintendent Degner: Degner explained that the new hire Chris Woodard started and it has been an easy transition, and the department is fully staffed. Working on replacing a culvert by the pulling track, tar/crack filling being completed, has attended a virtual meeting with one of the new developments coming to Ixonia regarding utility work, has another one next month.
- c. Fire & EMS Chief Sauer: Chief Sauer reported that July was another busy month for the department, with 42 calls. Year-to-date is 240 calls, that is 25 calls over last year at the same time. Projection call volume for 2026 is to be 15.8% higher than 2025.
- d. Utility: Degner informed the Board about replacing mounts and baring's on the clarifying ditch, it was under warranty. Halted operations of receiving septic haulers until repairs are complete. Will be attending a pre-construction meeting for the berm project in September.

10. Upcoming Meetings: Lesser reviewed the upcoming meetings.

- Plan Commission – August 25, 2026 @ 7 pm
- Ixonia Fire Dept. Officer's Meeting – September 2, 2026 @ 6:30 pm
- Park and Recreation Meeting – September 8, 2026 @ 5 pm
- Town Board Meeting – September 14, 2026 @ 7 pm

11. Adjourn: Kester made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm and seconded by Rupnow. Motion carried, 4-0.

Jo Ann Lesser, CMC, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer