

TOWN OF LEON

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Date: March 11, 2026

Subject: **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Ryan Selbrede, directly following the Special Meeting.

The following board members and staff were in attendance:

Chairman-Ryan Selbrede, Supervisor II-Nate Abbott, Supervisor I-Jim Olson, Clerk-Carrie Nilssen, Patrolman-Bruce Peterson.

Additional attendees:

Donna Justin, Amy Lopez, Neil Schaitel, Sam Russ, Colin Burns-Gilbert

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- a. Supervisor II – Nate Abbott made a motion to approve the February 11, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor I – Jim Olson. All Ayes, motion to approve passed.

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- b. Sam Russ, Superintendent of Sparta Area School District gave a presentation on the upcoming referendum. The school district is asking voters to approve a \$1.8 million dollar per year for the next three years. He reported the school district has declining enrollment and over ¼ of the students have an education plan. Sparta is a district of Poverty. He provided a flyer to further explain the referendum.

Donna Justin – Above Quota Liquor License

- c. Discussion was held on Event Venues and their ability to apply for an Above Quota Liquor License. Justin Trails has submitted their application to the State. If awarded by the State, this license would give Justin Trails the ability to sell alcoholic beverages similar to the Cotter Pin and the Leon Country Tavern. The Town of Leon Board would set the annual fee associated with this type of license and any other relevant guidelines. Years ago, when Neil Schaitel, owner of the Cotter Pin, applied for a Reserve Liquor License, the fee was \$10,000. However, Neil told the Board he was comfortable if the Board set the annual fee for the Above Quota Liquor License at a much lower amount.

Public Comment

- d. Donna Justin spoke about the Little LaCrosse Watershed, Coon Creek and the Land Conservation efforts to mitigate flooding. She said there is money available to help fund these projects. She invited the Board to attend the upcoming Thursday, March 26, 2026, meeting from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Justin Trails. There will be a pot-luck before the meeting.
- e. The annual 4-H Chili Feed was a huge success.
- f. The Community Center inquired about the possibility of applying for a weight limit variance to allow a concrete truck to access the property to pour some concrete steps.
- g. The 4-H club will provide road cleanup again this year.
- h. The Spring Tire and Large Item Drop Off will be April 8 and April 11, 2026.
- i. Amy Lopez provided kudos to Patrolman Peterson for his efforts in keeping the roads plowed. She said there is a noticeable difference between the Town of Leon vs. the Town of Sparta on Ideal Road.
- j. Amy Lopez indicated there is an issue on Jargon, which the Town will look at.
- k. The Town Board discussed passing a resolution to support a comprehensive and sustainable transportation funding solution. Supervisor I – Olson provided some bullet points to be added to the resolution to tailor it more towards the Town of Leon.
- l. Monroe County Planning and Zoning Committee will be holding a public hearing on a proposed amendment change on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report

- m. Clerk - Nilssen presented the Financial Report for February 2026. Checking account ending balance \$25,461.82. Money Market ending balance \$942,125.74. Supervisor II – Nate Abbott made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Supervisor I – Jim Olson. All Ayes, motion to approve passed.

Patrolman's Report

- n. The new tractor/mower needs a battery disconnect installed.
- o. The contact person for the tractor/mower changed positions, but the service commitment stays the same.
- p. The work on Manhattan and LaCrosse has been completed.
- q. Weight Limits went into effect on March 4, 2026.
- r. There was a traffic accident on Ideal Road within the Town of Sparta, however the police officer called us instead.
- s. Bid Notices for Road Materials and the LRIP Project have been posted.
- t. The trees within the ROW have been removed.

Clerk's Report

- u. Clerk – Nilssen presented the AR and AP Transaction List for February 2026. Supervisor II – Nate Abbott made a motion to approve the Transaction List for February 2026 as presented, seconded by Supervisor I – Jim Olson. All Ayes, motion to approve passed.
- v. The 2026 Budget to Actual comparison was presented and discussed.
- w. The clerk was asked to call the Assessor to obtain the Open Book and Board of Review dates.

Adjourn

- x. Supervisor II – Nate Abbott made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm, seconded by Supervisor I – Jim Olson. All Ayes, motion to adjourn passed.

Minutes provided by:
Carrie Nilssen
Town Clerk