MINUTES
Special Town Board Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 3:30 pm
Linn Conference Room
W3728 Franklin Walsh St. Zenda, WI 53195
Held in-person Only

Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Present at roll call were Supervisors Zimmerman, Livingston, Leith, Palmer - (virtual), Chairman Weiss – (virtual) also present were Clerk Morris and Administrator/Treasurer David Zimmerman.

Consider a motion to convene into closed session:

Leith/Livingston motioned to go into closed session according to WI Statue 19.85(1)(c) at 3:34. Motion Carried

> Closed session according to Wisconsin Statues section per 19.85(1)(c) - considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of public employees.
> I. Employee performance and wages

Roll Vote: Zimmerman-yes, Livingston-yes, Leith-yes, Palmer-yes, Chairman Weiss-yes

Motion to reconvene into open session:

Livingston/Leith motioned to reconvene into open session. Motion Carried.

Discussion and possible action on the following:

Livingston/Leith motioned to adjust the pay of Dan to $30.15 and Louie to $34.50 an hour effective start of the work day on November 2nd. Motion Carried.

2027 Town Budget Workshop:

David said that the skid steer has been removed from next year's budget as the Town has already purchased it. He added $42,000 for the Reassessment Sinking Fund, Board of Review charge back for $1735, and Parking Lot Maintenance for $7000. He asked Lieutenant Strohm to make a conservative estimate regarding law-and-order violations and his estimate was $21,000 for income. David also added $18,000 in short term interest for the levy limit worksheet. That with the $2.9 million loan would have taken the mill rate to 1.72. Lowering the amount of the loan by $18,000, took it down to $2,882,000 and that brought the mill rate to 1.71. The daily interest for a $2,882,000 loan is $480.83. We are planning on having this loan from December 2nd through January 4th. This is a total of 34 days and should amount to $16,331 in interest. He rounded it up to $18,000. The state aid grant for recycling should be $10,600 not $1,600. This was a typo. He submitted this grant again this year. He also added $9,000 to contingency. The new budget total is $12,494,902.33.

Chairman Weiss was asking about the Reassessment next year. They should be paid the standard amount for a maintenance year in 2027, as the full reassessment isn't until 2028.

Chairman Weiss asked if the Board members were ok with this budget going to the newspaper for publication. Supervisor Zimmerman said that she doesn't like getting budget updates right before they are to meet on it. Supervisor Leith wants to hear about the contingency fund overall. She said they removed $64,000 out of the Capital Outlay and that was supposed to go into that and David just added $9,000. He said that the contingency fund is now at $72,983.50. When they removed the skid steer then they were able to add the other items he had previously mentioned as well as the estimated $20,000 in violations and lowered the overall loan amount which took money from contingency as well as the reassessment. Supervisor Livingston said that he has read over the budget twice and he feels that it is nicely done. Supervisor Leith thanks Mr. Zimmerman for taking some of her recommendations to clean up areas of the budget. She also had a question on the amount of money that they put in the Fire Department. She understands that the comptroller from Lake Geneva said to just add 4%. She wondered where that number came from. Chairman Weiss assumes from their union contract and the increase in wages. She said that they have been putting extra money into the Fire Department because it was based on five staff on and they have been operating at three staff on shift. David said that he just received the Q3 invoice and for three quarters of the year they have exhausted 52% of the budget. We have used $1,008,633.52 of the FD budget. The City of Lake Geneva bills us for actual hours worked. The admin fee has been on par with last year. They budgeted the court for a quarter of the year, earlier it was not in the budget. Chairman Weiss talked about the lag effect when the court moves to the County. Supervisor Leith talked about the fact that the Town is already making payments for the upcoming Zenda Rd project. David has said that the Town's 20% will be $382,000 and change orders are quite likely. There are a lot of singular unknowns. Supervisor Leith wants to make sure that everything is getting paid out of the proper pot. David said that bidding for Zenda Rd goes out December 8th, so they won't know that expense until then. Clerk Morris said that she breaks down all the invoices and describes what is being paid for on each entry.

Leith/Livingston motioned to adjourn at 4:22 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Linn Clerk