

Summary of Town Board Minutes

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TOWN OF MANITOWOC MEETING 2/9/26

In attendance:

Joe Stanzel

Trapper Dan

Susan Meyer

Bob Meyer

Mike Hansen

Steve Klinker

Randy Levendusky

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance ; **agenda approved motion made by Supervisor DiMarco and seconded by Supervisor Thiel Jan 15 minutes approved motion made by Supervisor Thiel and seconded by Supervisor DiMarco. **

Major operational topics: **ATV/UTV rules, road projects & culvert inspections, water/main/ditch flooding issue, email (.gov) / IT solution approved** (Sprinter), and **dog license process changes**.

Decisions: **approved Sprinter email quote** (one-time **\$650 + \$288/yr**), county highway bill for plowing **~\$4,145** noted, and plan to repave one road estimated **\$150,000**.

Key dates/events: ****WTA Meeting Feb 28 ****, **WI Asphalt Pavers Association March 12**, **County Unit Meeting Mar 19**, **annual convention Oct 4–5**.

ATV/UTV rules & plow concerns

ATV/UTV observed on 18th and 19th Streets; one instance of a child passenger reported.

City prohibits ATVs within city limits.

Town roads in Manitowoc County currently allow ATVs; county and state highways have different rules due to speed/restrictions.

State law prohibits using an ATV plow to push driveway snow across the road.

Road repaving, lining & contractor process

Repaving scheduled within the next couple of years; striping planned after repaving.

Local estimate for repaving that road is **\$150,000**.

Contractor will cut pavement to set pitch (typically **2–3 ft**) and can resurface up to **7 ft** off the road; cut location may be constrained by culverts.

Email/IT service decision (Sprinter)

Motion was made by Supervisor DiMarco, seconded by Supervisor Thiel, and carried to select **Sprinter** for email.

Cost: one-time fee **\$650** and yearly recurring **\$288** for **5** email addresses.

Only Constable Shavlik will not receive an email address.

Water main / drainage / hydrant flooding

Water flowed down the east side of **26th Street** from Bernard Wazny property, mushroomed around hydrants, then returned toward the driveway.

City crews collected samples and checked for fluorides, found **no main leak**; **city engineering** and **MPU** were notified; county was also contacted.

Neighbors discharged water into the ditch during extreme cold; surface ice built up, blocked drainage, prevented basement pumps from discharging, and created a risk of water flowing over the road and forming hazardous skating surfaces and damaging the fire hydrant.

Area is a former wetland; no similar issues for **15–20 years** before the water main installation; private alteration of drainage is illegal, so responsibility likely falls to the city for the new main.

Existing drain tile (installed by Paul Miller) was deteriorating; one house had a stream under the house and recurrent basement backups.

Dog license process & enforcement

Mailing dog licenses costs **\$1** each and generates no revenue; post office objects to current mailings.

Postal machine jams occur with mailed tags; licenses will be issued in person starting next year to avoid mailing problems.

In-person licensing planned **January–March**, typically one hour before the annual meeting or on a

Saturday; explanatory letter will accompany next year's tax notices.

Failure to renew or notify when a dog is gone triggers a county red flag and enforcement visits, resulting in a **\$35** fine for unlicensed dogs.

Current year licenses were mailed; owners must notify the office if a dog dies to prevent enforcement actions; in-person process begins next year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM by Chairmen Blahnik