

Summary of Town of Manitowoc March Meeting

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Meeting called to order 7 PM

Present:

Jeff Blahnik

Cody Thiel

Matt DiMarco

Andrew Shavlik

Jeri Gilbert

Kristen Schmidt

Randy Wagner

Shane Powalisz

Steve Klinkner

Mike Hansen

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda Motion made by Supervisor Dimarco, seconded by Supervisor Thiel.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes motion made by Supervisor Thiel, seconded by Supervisor DiMarco.

Financial Reports approved and signed

Overview

- **Generator donation committed** by Kohler
- **LRIP / engineering study** required for Primrose Road and grant windows are time-sensitive (deadlines approaching).
- **Garbage contract proposal** from Waste Management to consolidate pickup to one weekday (Mondays) – will be presented at the annual meeting for public feedback.

Road funding resolution & state lobbying

- Adopted Road Funding Resolution on **March 9, 2026** urging the Governor and State Legislature to enact comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding.
- State transportation aid remains insufficient; many communities funded below **year 2000** levels in real dollars; consequences included increased borrowing, deferred projects, imposition of local vehicle registration ("wheel tax"), and grant-application administrative costs.
- Resolution demanded: adequate reliable revenue growth; prudent use of general-purpose revenue and bonding; adjustment of transportation user fees to sustain purchasing power; funding for reconstruction, preservation, and safety; clerk directed to transmit the resolution to the Governor and district legislators.

Generator donation & installation budget

- Joe Stanzel of Silver Creek contacted **Kohler**; **Kohler committed to donate the generator**.
- Installers are not Kohler-contracted/approved; group will handle installation responsibility.

IT / Sprinter billing & email issues

- Cody paid Sprinter for email set up. Need to get everyone signed up this month

Garbage pickup contract proposal

- Waste Management proposed consolidating garbage pickup to **Mondays** for both sides.
- Current schedule: south **Mondays**, north **Thursdays**.
- Contract concerns: service historically went to bid in **late August/early September**; members requested competitive bids and noted past vendors charged for cart repairs and returned months late after multi-year deals.

Dog licenses, postage & permit fees

- Licenses contain metal tags and cannot be processed through regular mail; require manual sorting and a hand stamp.
- Hand-stamp cost **\$0.79** plus postage; total mailing cost ≈ **\$1.50** per license.
- Proposal to raise the dog license fee to cover mailing/handling costs; recommend adding a buffer (≈ **\$0.50**) and preparing an itemized cost list.
- Enforcement delegated to the constable for unlicensed/straying/barking dogs; to benchmark fees and fines by surveying nearby towns (Newton, Two Rivers, Manitowoc Rapids) and noting example fine **\$50** for barking dogs).

Next meeting April 13, 2026, 7 PM