

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
MAY 12TH, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Tony Baumann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Tony Baumann, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Tim Mueske and Scott Oberg in attendance.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Matt Leder to accept minutes of April 15th, 2025, Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of May 12th, 2025, is \$1,118,797.51. After checks issued on May 12th, 2025, for \$21,014.86. Balance as of May 12th, 2025, \$1,090,107.99. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve as read, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the vouchers as presented, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

ROAD REPORT

Road limits are off, left a few posted due to frost was still coming out in shaded areas.

Duginski Rd., Tony talked with John Manderfield about his driveway permit and that included a culvert on the end of his driveway. After talking with him, he agreed and will have one installed later this year.

Lincoln Dr., Tony met with American Asphalt, first layer of pavement will be installed in the next few weeks.

Tony met with Lincoln County Highway Dept., they are going to start spray patching for us soon, starting with Wood Duck & Duginski. They will bill us monthly for this.

We will hopefully start grading next week.

Tony met with the Town of Schley to discuss cost sharing on Holdorf Rd.

Tony met with the Town of Birch to discuss cost sharing on Olivotti Rd.

Matt Leder talked about the culvert on Spring Lake Rd. Tony will talk to Ryan about this.

Tony received memo from North Central WI Regional Planning Commission about scheduling of WisDOT road rating services for 2025.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

We had 2 new tires put on the front of the Dodge truck.

We will be removing the snow wing from the grader within the next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed the mowing of roadside grass and brushes, JJ's Brush Cutting sent in a bid. The cost per hour to mow roadside grass will be charged \$75 per hour and will be cut with a disc bine mower making an 8-foot or 9-foot pass, which is mounted on a boom on a John Deere tractor. The boom mower can reach back to the right-of-way. The cost for cutting roadside brush for the Township will be charged at \$90.00 per hour. The brush will be cut with a John Deere tractor with a 24-foot boom mower with a 5-foot head. Matt Leder made a motion to approve this bid, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Remediation plan for the Old Ward Paper Mill, waiting to hear back from the DNR. Tony talked with the Water Dept. for the City of Merrill, they are pumping the water out and it goes to the water dept. and gets treated.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking Regulations are needed because of what is going on at the end of Memorial Dr. Signs are not enforceable only an ordinance is enforceable. We will have one ready to be approved at the June meeting.

The recycling ordinance needs to be updated; we will update it and have it ready to be approved at the June meeting.

Compliance assurance plan (CAP), we will have that also ready to be approved at the June meeting.

Opened bids for lawn mowing at the Town Hall.

Amelse Service LLC - \$225/per time

Reliable Laen Care & Landscaping - \$125/per time

Cutting Edge Yard Care - \$120/per time

R&A Property Services LLC - \$120/per time

Tim Mueske made a motion to approve the bid from R&A Property Services LLC as they are in the Town of Merrill, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

BOR of review; Darrel Dengel and Tim Mueske will attend the meeting along with Chairman Tony Baumann, Clerk Mitzi Flegner and Assessor Todd Anderson.

Chain of Command for Emergency, Tony will need cell phone #'s and will also contact some companies with heavy equipment.

Discuss quote from Peterson Brothers to repair turn around at the end of Prairie River Ave. Supply, place and compact crushed road base for estimated cost of \$1,475.00. Darrel Dengel made a motion to accept the quote, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

The cancelation policy for the rental of the Town Hall will be amended and approved at the June meeting.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to return the security deposit of \$450 to Makala Ocampo, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Ryan King will be paid every 2 weeks.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for non-metallic mining at W5401 R.O.W. Rd for Brad Plautz, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve the check to John Geiss for rescinded taxes for Parcel 014-3207-323-9980 from 2023, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve the Fireworks Permit for Mark Latzig, starting 7-4-25 and ending 7-6-25, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve Chairman Tony Baumann and Clerk Mitzi Flegner to attend training, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tony and the Clerk received a complaint from Lincoln County Health Dept. about a health hazard on Moritzville Ave.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Pophal stated that there is an issue with the culvert on River Bend Dr., it was looked at and Tony will talk to Jason Lemmer about it. It is the East intersection on G.

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk

