

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
AUGUST 11TH, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Tony Baumann called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 Darrel Dengel to accept minutes of July 14th, 2025, Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of August 11th, 2025, is \$1,120,481.89. After checks issued on August 11th, 2025, for \$32,556.52. Balance as of August 11th, 2025, \$1,083,965.36. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve as read, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

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

ROAD REPORT

JJ Brush Cutting has completed the mowing of the township roads. If anything is missed, please let us know.

Lincoln County Highway Department did spray patching for us, since it came in lower than expected, they will also spray patch from Hwy K to Hwy 17 north of G, except north Memorial Dr.

The township is going to purchase some signposts (6) from the highway department to check pricing.

Chairman Tony Baumann and Supervisor Matt Leder met with American Asphalt on the roads behind gold metal trailer about repairs to the roads. They also looked at the intersection of Hwy K/Duginski/ Lake Pesobic about a possible fix for shoulder repair.

Tony and Matt also looked at Swamp Rd. and spoke with Mr. Duginski.

Discussed repairs that need to be done for Anna Road.

Lincoln County Highway Department is going to do some shoulder repairs on the corner of Doering & Duginski roads. The shoulder is higher than black top causing a wash out. This should prevent flooding onto Duginski Road.

Todd Neiter, who lives on Hwy K between Duginski Road and Prairie motel, contacted Tony about putting in a 2nd driveway. This is a county road.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Ryan has been keeping track of the fuel used in the grader. The township should be able to get the taxes on this fuel back. Tony and Mitzi will investigate the process.

Ryan is also going to get the trailer out, to see what we want to do with it.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed Kingdom Hall wanting to rent the hall for Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings for 3.5 hours starting Thursday Oct. 9th through Sunday Nov. 23rd. Kingdom Hall proposed to pay \$1500 rental fee + \$500 deposit fee for the

use of the microphone/video equipment. Matt Leder made a motion to approve the above proposal, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Discussed changing the fees for the day before and after rental of the town hall. There are many people that want to come in and set up/decorate the hall the day before their event, already in the afternoon. Motion was made by Darrel Dengel to approve changing the fees for the day before to \$75 from noon-midnight, and the day after 7 a.m.-noon for \$50, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Discussed needing a hot water pressure washer. Tony presented different options. Motion was made by Darrel Dengel to go with the pressure washer from Mech Maxx model HPW40H, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Discussed culvert that needs to be replaced on Duginski Road near Hwy. K near the railroad crossing, it was decided to move forward with Peterson Brother's to replace it.

There is a North Central WI Regional Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday August 20th at 5:30 p.m., the other townships that are attending, their chairman will be attending. Tony will be attending also.

Tony announced that we need another member of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Discussed brush/cutting in the fall, will move forward with that.

Anna Road was discussed under Road Report.

Swamp Road was also discussed under Road Report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tony and Mitzi received calls from Barb Schwartzman about the Johnson property on Hillside. Logan Muenchow now owns the property, has paid all the back taxes. If it is not cleaned up within a month, the Board will need to discuss and follow through with getting this property cleaned up.

Tony has a driveway permit, but there were no stakes placed yet as to where the driveway is going.

Lokemoen boat landing, the new dock is in. We are going through the process of putting in a dry hydrant there and at the end of Memorial Drive.

Mitzi will be attending the WTA Convention; the schedule and events are in the WTA August magazine.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lyle Eggersgluess asked about when the work will be done on his road. Tony told him 5-6 reflective posts will be placed on the corner. The problem with moving his road, then it would have to be done for everyone. They did have it surveyed, but Tony suggested that they get an abstractor to look at it. The township cannot afford to spend \$25,000 to re-do a road without any legal proof.

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.
The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk