

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Tony Baumann called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 August 11th, 2025, Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of September 8th, 2025, is \$1,169,658.18. After checks issued on September 8th, 2025, for \$18,528.82. Balance as of September 8th, 2025, \$1,150,219.72. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve as read, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

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

ROAD REPORT

Chairman Tony Baumann reported that Lincoln Drive should be getting done this month.

Anna Road, waiting for work at Kingdom Hall, American Asphalt is waiting for a waiver on their parking lot, where soft spots were found.

Met with Mrs. Strassman on Riverview Road 3 times. She wants the township to pay for the culvert replacement on the private (shared) driveway. She was informed that because this is a private driveway it is the landowners' responsibility.

Spray patching will continue by Lincoln County Highway Department.

Culvert was installed on Duginski Rd, along with ditching done by John Manderfield driveway. Also, shoulder work is completed on Doering Drive & Duginski Road.

Township has purchased reflective markers for Culvert locations.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Township purchased a new pressure washer.

Garber tool made pins for the snow truck plows.

The trucks will be going next month for the annual DOT inspection.

OLD BUSINESS

American Asphalt sent in an estimate for Duginski Road. Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve the estimate of \$5,715 for option #1 culvert patch and radius patch on Duginski Road, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

The estimates for Wood Duck Lane and Prairie Crest Lane will be worked into the budget for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss & Approve driveway permit for Gary Randall.

Discussed driveway permit for Todd Sutton. The driveway has not been staked out yet, this will be put on Old Business for next month.

Discussion on the Assessor's contract. Motion made by Darrel Dengel to put the assessor's contract out for bid, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Monday October 20, 2025, the Board will meet at 5:00 P.M. to prepare the budget.

Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve resolution 2025-04 that the sum of \$5,000 be transferred from the Town of Merrill Cash flow reserve to the shop & garage supplies account, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Discussed Ordinance 2011-05 Town of Merrill Driveway and Highway Access Permit Ordinance. The Board will look at it to see if any changes need to be made. We will discuss this again next month.

Discussed and presented the Board with the Decision-Making Process for Roads flow chart and qualification plan. The Board thought that it looked fine and would be added to the Town of Merrill's website.

Supervisor Scott Oberg spoke about the changes that were made to the utility permit application, and why. Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve the changes, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Hillside Drive property. The property was sold on June 23, 2025. Logan Muenchow paid the back taxes that were owed. It is now owned by Schwarzkoff Properties LLC based out of Dunnellon FL. As of September 23, 2025, it will be 90 days that the property has been purchased and should have been cleaned up. The Board recommended that we have our lawyer draft a letter to Schwarzkoff Properties LLC and Logan Muenchow regarding the problem.

Motion made by Scott Oberg to approve sending the Clerk to the WTA Fall workshop in Rhinelander September 18, 2025, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Tony Baumann discussed the City of Merrill Sewer Service Area Plan 2025-2050 that he attended on August 20, 2025. The City of Merrill expansion plan is projected to be about 90 acres, this is to include sewer service to Little Florida Trailer Court and the proposed Industrial Park located on the north side of Highway G, which the city had purchased back in 2017, and subsequently annexed that into the City of Merrill. The Town of Merrill's Board reviewed the plan with regards to the impact on the township of Merrill and at this time, due to the following reasons (but not limited to) the City of Merrill's lack of transparency, cooperation, and sharing of information, the Board instructed Chairman Tony Baumann at this time to vote no on the Sewer Service Area Plan 2025-2050.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Hartwig spoke about wake boats. There are 4 entities-Town of Harding, Town of Merrill, Town of Scott and City of Merrill would need to agree on the same ordinance, with the regard to use of wake boats on Lake Alexander. Lincoln County Board is also working on this topic. Greg Hartwig will keep the Town of Merrill Board informed of the progress.

Rob Baumann N2228 Moritzville Ave., received a letter from Lincoln County Land Services regarding the 5 chickens he keeps on his property. He has been informed that this is a zoning violation, Lincoln County Board members that were in attendance are going to try to work with Rob Baumann and Land Services to resolve the problem.

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk