

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
OCTOBER 13TH, 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 Darrel Dengel to accept minutes of September 8th, 2025, Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of October 13th, 2025, is \$1,158,451.86. After checks issued on October 13th, 2025, for \$52,389.13. Balance as of October 13th, 2025, \$1,105,477.73. Motion by Matt Leder to approve as read, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

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

ROAD REPORT

Chairman Tony Baumann reported that Lincoln County Highway Department is done spray patching the roads in the Township that we asked them to do.

JJ Brush cutting will be doing brush cutting later this month and/or early next month.

Lincoln Dr., American Asphalt is doing shouldering work today.

Holdorf Road, Town of Merrill & Town of Schley are doing cost-sharing. Ditching is being done in preparation for the installation of fiber cable to be installed later this year or next year.

Gibson Lake Road and Blueberry Road we received phone calls from landowners about turnarounds. Tony called REI & MSA, which are companies that can do some of the prep work. Rough estimate is \$2500-\$5000 per turn around. Tony would need a Board member to meet with the landowners.

The intersection of Lake Pesobic Road & Hillside Drive needs to be addressed about the standing water at the intersection. Tony and Ryan will investigate this.

Tony received a few phone calls about Swamp Road and the condition of the road. Tony is looking into this; he also talked to Ryan about it. Ryan stated that the turnaround at the end needs improvement due to the layout & size of the road, it is hard to turn around the equipment with the condition it is in.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion was made by Darrel Dengel to approve the driveway permit for Todd Sutton, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Darrel Dengel to approve the changes made to Ordinance 2011-05(B), which also include a price increase, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Darrel Dengel to approve the Town of Merrill Driveway/Highway Access Permit, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Due to the deadline missed by the Town Board and the accessor, we are locked into a 1-year contract for 2026 with accessor Todd Anderson, with a cost of living adjustment. Motion made by Darrel Dengel to rescind the motion made at the September 8th, 2025, meeting to put the accessor's contract out for bids, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Matt Leder to approve Monday November 10, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. for the Special meeting of Electors & Public Meeting, with the Town Board meeting to follow, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

The recommended mailbox installations should be on the back or sent along with the tax letter.

Motion was made by Darrel Dengel to approve the liquor license for Dustin Welch "The Rustic Red Barn", 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Discussed the placement of mailboxes, we will use the notice of recommended mailbox installations from the county. This will be sent along with the tax letter and given out along with the driveway/highway access permit.

Motion was made by Darrel Dengel to approve the driveway permit for Rebecca Heller, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Darrel Dengel to approve the driveway permit for Matt Leder, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

WTA Lincoln County Unit Meeting is Thursday October 16, 2025, at 6:30 dinner/7:00 meeting at the Rock Falls Town Hall.

Monday October 20, 2025, 5:00 P.M. is the Town of Merrill Budget Planning Meeting.

We received an email from the WI DOT saying they will correct the spelling to Lake Pesobic Road.

Tony talked with and has emailed the WI DOR about annexed property tax payments.

There is a Municipal Clerk Elections training at the County building on Wednesday October 29, 2025, from 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. The Chairman and Supervisors are encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Howard Peck, Brad Peck and Greg Duginski spoke about their concerns with Swamp Road. Since the town has been receiving road funding for the entire 1.25 miles of Swamp Road, Darrel said that the town would add gravel to the areas needing immediate attention and Tony said that when the brush mowers come, we will send them in to remove the brush in the ditches. The board said that Ryan will take care of road spoil from grading. The board agreed to add the formal request to November's meeting agenda so they can decide if they want to survey the road so they can investigate creating a turnaround that would legally be the town's (instead of only having legal right to use the 50 feet of access that they have now with the current turnaround).

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.
The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Amanda Herdt, Deputy Clerk