

Town of Onalaska
Town Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2025

1. Chairperson Paula Przywojski called the Town Board Meeting or order on May 13, 2025 at 6:10 p.m. at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall N5589 Commerce Road. Present: Chairperson Paula Przywojski, Supervisors Frank Fogel, Luke Marcou, Emy Monroe and Betty DeBoer. Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Mary Rinehart was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Motion by Fogel/DeBoer to approve the agenda with moving items 5, 9, and 10 to immediately follow agenda approval. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **County Board Report:** Kristi Tweed introduced herself and made herself available to the board if needed. Tweed advised she was appointed to replace Kevin Hoyer. She indicated she is on the Neighborhood Revitalization and Grant Review Committees. Dave Balduzzi addressed the board reporting on the former county farm land in West Salem. Balduzzi advised he is the County Board Representative to the Lake Onalaska Rehabilitation District.

9. **Motion to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation pending easement and stormwater action:** Motion by Marcou/ Monroe to enter Closed Session. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 6:17 p.m.; Przywojski: yes, Fogel: yes, Monroe: yes, DeBoer: yes, Marcou: yes

10. **Upon proper motion and vote, the Board may reconvene in open session and may act regarding item discussed in closed session:** Motion by Monroe/ DeBoer to enter open session. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 6:39 p.m.; Przywojski: yes, Fogel: yes, Monroe: yes, DeBoer: yes, Marcou: yes. No Action taken.

3. Public Comment: None

4. **Correspondence:** Rinehart read a letters and emails received from the Town of Campbell Clerk/ Treasurer regarding their incorporation proceedings. An email from La Crosse County Solid Waste that will accept street sweepings along with the guidelines and costs. A letter from Universal Truck advising of possible tariff ramifications on current and future orders. An email from the Lake Onalaska Protection & Rehabilitation District will be meeting on May 20, 2025 at 4:30 pm at Red Pines followed by a social was read.

Also, an email from La Crosse County Sheriff John Siegel, reiterating that although they do not have the ability to have someone dedicated to separate ATV/UTV/Golfcart infractions, they will enforce rules of the road if a deputy encounters a violation.

6. Chairperson Report: Chairperson Paula Przywojski will have office hours on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Przywojski reported she and Rinehart has also met with the Onalaska Fire Dept and LAPC. She will be attending LAPC meetings. Przywojski reported that the WTA Road School was a valuable resource and much was learned.

7. Administrative Report: Rinehart reported the Federal SAMS registration updates have been completed for the forthcoming year. Federal Land Access Grant (FLAP) will be opening this spring. LAPC has agreed to assist with the application for funding.

8. Consent Agenda: (All items listed are considered routine or have committee recommendation and will be acted upon in one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered on the Regular Agenda) : A. Approve minutes of April 8, 2025 meeting, B. Approve bills and finance book, C. Approve Brice Prairie First Responders use of town picnic tables and generator for Rockin' the Prairie event, D. Approve purchase of second set of mower blades for Toro mower: Motion by Fogel/ Marcou to approve consent agenda items A-D as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda Items

Items Relating to Public Works Department

11. Shop Report: Shop report presented by Casey Schlagel. A written report was provided. Morale is improving within the shop team members. Sweeping has started; however, the sweeper air conditioning unit needs service and possible repair. Shouldering in the Wildwood Valley addition is underway. The pot holes on McCurdy Road have been patched. Chipping remains on schedule. Residents were reminded of the pile size limitations, and noncompliant piles are not being picked up. Clean-up of dead or diseased trees is taking place in the parks, adding wood chips to play areas, repair of play structures such as swings will continue. The Toro has 3000 hours and may need consideration for replacement. Request was heard to start upgrading tools within the shop.

12. Discussion regarding sale of obsolete equipment including, but not limited to truck 10: No action. This will be considered following the scheduling of a board tour of the shop.

13. Discussion regarding La Crosse County quotes for wing blade replacement: Motion by Fogel/Marcou to accept quote from La Crosse County for wing blade replacement. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of replacement chipper blades:

Motion by Monroe/ Fogel to accept quote from Jeff DeBoer for replacement of chipper blades; and purchase possible needed hardware. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion regarding quote for Angle Broom attachment for Bobcat: No action. This will be considered following the scheduling of a board tour of the shop.

16. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of a hydraulic angle blade for Bobcat: No action. This will be considered following the scheduling of a board tour of the shop.

17. Discussion and possible action on purchase of tow-behind tank sprayer: Motion by Marcou/ Monroe to accept the Tractor Central quote and purchase the tow-behind tank sprayer. Motion passed unanimously.

18. Discussion to approve purchase of 2 quad loads of rock for road use: Motion by Monroe/ Marcou to approve purchase of 2 quad loads of rock for road use. Motion passed unanimously.

19. Discussion regarding delivery and customization of salt truck included but not limited to possible configuration change order: Motion by Monroe/ Fogel to approve discussion regarding the customization and reconfiguration of salt truck. Motion passed unanimously.

20. Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) allowing Closed Session for the consideration of employment promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility: Motion by Monroe/ DeBoer to enter into Closed Session. Motion passed unanimously at 8:03. Roll taken; Przywojski: yes, Fogel: yes, Monroe: yes, DeBoer: yes, Marcou: yes.

21. Motion by Fogel/ Marcou to return to open session. Motion passed unanimously at 8:16 p.m. Roll taken; Przywojski: yes, Fogel: yes, Monroe: yes, DeBoer: yes, Marcou: yes.

22. Discussion on those items discussed in closed session: Motion by Monroe/Fogel to approve the compensation adjustments discussed in closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

Items Relating to Shoreline Committee

23. Discussion regarding recommendation to accept Schafer's Marine Services to move the signs at Mosey Landing: Motion by Monroe/ DeBoer to approve recommendation to have Schafer's Marine Services move the signs at Mosey landing. Motion failed 0/5. Motion by Marcou/ Monroe to have crew complete the work. Motion passed unanimously.

24. Discussion on regarding recommendation of installation of signage at Fred Funk landing: Motion made by Monroe/ Marcou to approve recommendation to purchase 5 signs as laid out by the shoreline committee. Motion passed unanimously.

25. Discussion regarding recommendation for appointment of Committee Chairperson as liaison to the Lake District: Motion by Monroe/ DeBoer to approve recommendation for appointing The Shoreline Committee Chairperson to be a liaison for the Lake District. Motion passed unanimously.

Items Relating to General Government

26. Discussion regarding installation of ADA doors in town hall: Motion by Monroe/ Marcou to install ADA doors in the town hall office as proposed by Glass Service Center Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

27. Discussion regarding waiving of shelter rental fee for Cub Scout event on May 18, 2025: Motion by Monroe/ DeBoer to waive shelter rental fee for Cub Scout event on May 18, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

28. Discussion regarding attendance at the Recovery from Disaster training with the La Crosse County Emergency Management: Motion by Monroe/ DeBoer to send Chairperson Przywojski, and Supervisor Marcou, Administrator/ Clerk-Treasurer Mary Rinehart, to the Recovery from Disaster training. Motion passed unanimously.

29. Discussion regarding Winesap Road issues: Motion by Fogel/ DeBoer to open floor passed unanimously. Carol and Dave Mitzelfeldt of Riverview Dr E voiced their concern about collapsing areas and washouts in on Winesap and Riverview Drive. Motion by Fogel/ Monroe to close the floor passed unanimously. The Apple Valley Master Plan to address needs within the Apple Valley neighborhood such as roads and drainage concerns. Funding to address the identified issues has been and will continue to be sought after for.

30. Board member comment on items to be added to future Town Board agenda: Road tour and shop tour scheduled for June 5, 2025.

31. Motion to adjourn by Fogel/ Monroe passed unanimously at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Rinehart

Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer