

Town Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2025

Chairperson Przywojski called the Town Board Meeting to order on July 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Street. Also present were Supervisors Emy Monroe, Betty DeBoer, Frank Fogel and Luke Marcou. Mary Rinehart was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to **approve agenda** by Fogel/Monroe passed unanimously.

Presentation by La Crosse Area Planner Dillon Constant relating to La Crosse County Zoning ordinance updates.

Public Comment (3-minute time limit): Gary Fischer addressed the board in opposition to item 12, Short-term rentals. Robin Schmidt W8009 County Road ZB, commended the Army Corp of Engineers for there work. Fritz Funk W7811 County Road ZB, advised he was speaking as a citizen. Fritz encouraged the board to make best use of the Shoreline Committee. Dave Sura, W7533 County Road ZB spoke in opposition to item 12.

County Board Report: None

Chairperson report: Chairperson Przywojski advised she has been working with the shop regarding spreadsheet updates. Przywojski advised Ordinance Committee appointments to be Luke Marcou, Betty DeBoer, Tim Reagles, and Anson Thompson. Board members to the Park Committee to be Betty DeBoer and Emy Monroe.

Administrative Report: The four-year maintenance review of voter records is underway. Postcards and letters have been sent to individuals whom clarification is needed. Department of Revenue reports have been filed as required, including Statement of Assessment.

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 June 10, 2025 meeting, B. Approve bills and finance book, C. Approve webpage renewal, D. Approve Ordinance Committee appointees, E. Approve Storm Water Utility recommendation relating to Kramer Road drainage issue, F. Approve Storm Water Utility recommendation relating to Apple Valley Road cul-de-sac issues, G. Approve Plan Commission recommendation relating Conditional Use Permit application to allow a second and separate permanent dwelling to be built at N6671 Forest Court tax parcel 10-2782-0 for Gayle Ikert, H. Approve Plan Commission recommendation relating to variance application to exceed the allowable number of detached accessory buildings and to exceed the allowable square footage of detached accessory buildings for Timothy Adamson at N6066 County Road XX, tax parcel 10-00429-000, I. Approve Plan Commission recommendation regarding Conditional Use Permit application to allow for

the operation of Sparks Early Childhood Center, by Fierce Foundation N5075 Green Coulee Road, tax parcel 10-1323-3: Motion by DeBoer/Fogel to approve items on consent agenda as listed.

Regular Agenda Items

Items Relating to Public Works Department

Shop Report: Day to day operations continue. Chipping is running on schedule. The guardrail on Purtsch Drive will be completed this week. Rock work at Swarthout Park has been completed. Skid steer trailer tires will need to be replaced soon. Price quotes will be gathered and submitted to the board for approval. The purchase of cameras for shop use was discussed, Marcou will provide information to Chairperson Przywojski.

Items Relating to General Government

Discussion with ACOE representative and possible action regarding shoreland lease between the Town of Onalaska and the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE): Ashley Kiley, US ACOE Shoreline Management Ranger for the St Paul district discussed the ongoing encroachments and trespasses onto the CORP owned, town leased land adjacent to Lake Onalaska. The shoreline inspections of 2023 and 2024 were discussed. Some improvements were made following the 2023 inspection, however, more than 70 properties remain non-compliant to ACOE standards. ACOE will be sending a letter to the non-compliant shoreline residents. It was reported the ACOE ranger does inspection and second inspections on non-compliant. The ranger meets with non-compliant individuals to talk through the issue and assist in correction. Motion to open the floor by Monroe/DeBoer passed unanimously. Robin Schmidt asked about violations that may be present at the time of purchase of a property and the liability to the new owner. Kiley advised the CORP will work with property owners. Kiley further advised that in the Town of Campbell the CORP issues dock and structure permits, cost of a dock is \$35 for 5 years, however any structures on the land such as stairs etc. is permitted by the Reat Estate office of the ACOE also on a 5-year cycle. Kiley was uncertain of the real estate permit fees. This is different that how the Town of Onalaska lease is structured. Motion to close the floor by Fogel/Marcou passed unanimously. Kiley advised the ACOE will be sending the violation letter and non-compliant residents should be getting the letter within 2 weeks. The time line for corrections has not been determined at this time. Kiley advised that if the corrections are not made dock and structure permits cannot issue a renewal.

Discussion regarding short term rental application for Christopher Vaaler, dba Vaaler Investment Properties, LLC, PO Box 325, Holmen, WI: Motion by Fogel/Marcou to defer based on address insufficiency on original application and to speak with town attorney regarding. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding possible change of Town business posting location: Moton by Monroe/Marcou to change official posting locations to Angry's Way Out, the Town Hall posthouse, and Midway Deli to Emma Bait Shop due to the upcoming move of Midway Deli and the Red Pines not being open on Monday and Tuesday. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding Liquor license application for Brice Prairie First Responders for August 23, 2025

Rockin' the Prairie event: Motion by DeBoer/Fogel to approve regarding Liquor license application for Brice Prairie First Responders for August 23, 2025 Rockin' the Prairie event. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding Liquor license application for Coulee Region Riders Club August 31, 2025 Holmen

Rodeo and Concert event: Motion by Monroe/Fogel to approve contingent upon the completion of missing paper forms. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to **Adjourn** by Fogel/Monroe passed unanimously at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Rinehart