

Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025

Chairperson Przywojski called Town Board Meeting to order on August 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road. Also present were Supervisors Emy Monroe, Betty DeBoer, and Luke Marcou. Supervisor Frank Fogel arrived at 6:10 p.m. Kim Reibel was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Marcou/ Monroe to approve agenda with the amendment of moving Shop Report to after the Chairperson Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Holmen Area Community Center Board: Laurie Kessler spoke about the various offerings at the Center and was hoping the Town could offer financial support. Kelly Dunn, town resident, also spoke about the Center.

Public Comment (3-minute time limit): Mary Lin Wershoeven, W6610 Schilling Road, spoke in favor of supporting the Community Center. Ruth Scholze, N6692 Johnson Coulee Rd, spoke in favor of supporting the Community Center. Nancy Dorn, N5968 County Rd XX, spoke in favor of supporting the Community Center. Karen Rooney, N5385 County Road S, spoke in favor of supporting the Community Center. Jake Speed, W6779 Kramer Road, spoke in opposition of the Traffic Circle at the corner of OT and Commerce. Sue Paulder, W7809 County Road ZB, spoke regarding the Shoreline lease with the Army Corp. Charles Vogel, W7477 County Rd Z, spoke and requested board work with the Army Corp and him to get an exemption regarding shoreline standards. Robin Schmidt, W8009 County Road ZB, spoke regarding the shoreline lease.

Presentation by Mike Howe MCS Networks relating to Town IT network required updates: Chris from MCS Networks spoke on behalf of Mike to go over computer updates needed and the related costs.

Correspondence: Deputy Kim Reibel shared a Thank you card from Scott Construction and an invitation from Wisconsin Towns Association La Crosse County Unit Meeting.

County Board Report: None

Chairperson report: Chairperson Przywojski gave an update on Birchview Drive. Przywojski reported on the boundary agreement. She also reported the town crew are working very well together.

Shop Report: Safety and morale remain high. Chipping is on schedule. Second round of ditch mowing will start soon. Replacing missing or damaged signs. Will finish installing sign at boat landing and shoulder repair on Schilling Rd entrance.

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 13, July 1, July 8, and July 21, 2025 meetings B. Approve bills and finance book C. Approve purchase of fire extinguishers for Swarthout Park shelter, Marvin Gardens Park shelter and town storage facility on Sportsman Road D. Approve Shoreline Committee recommendation regarding striping of parking areas at boat landings E. Approve Shoreline Committee recommendation regarding Slow-No Wake Zone Ordinance on Lake Onalaska F. Approve attendance to PASER/WISLR training seminar August 14, 2025 (De Forest) G. Approve Storm Water Utility recommendation regarding Carefree Drive drainage issue H. Approve Storm Water Utility recommendation regarding Anderson Road culvert issue I. Approve Storm Water Utility recommendation regarding Prairie Drive culvert issue J. Approve Storm Water Utility recommendation regarding Kramer Road drainage issue **Regular Agenda Items:** Motion by Monroe/ Marcou to approve items on the consent agenda as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

Items Relating to General Government

Discussion regarding removal of tree in road right of way of Mohican Trail: No action.

Discussion regarding short term rental application for Christopher Vaaler, dba Vaaler Investment Properties, LLC, PO Box 325, Holmen, WI: Discussion included how the Town of Onalaska Short-term rental ordinance relates to the application. Motion by Fogel/Monroe to have Town Attorney draft letter to Mr. Vaaler stating that to apply for a permit he will need to pay \$4000, minus \$400 already paid, for allegedly breaking ordinance conditions. Motion passed 3-2 (Monroe and DeBoer).

Discussion relating to engineer recommendation relating to guardrail replacement on Clifford Drive: Motion by Monroe/Marcou to accept bid from Erickson Builders, Inc. to replace guardrail on Clifford Drive. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding resolution to vacate a portion of platted undeveloped Westwood Lane of Heritage Hills subdivision: Motion by Monroe/ Marcou to approve resolution to vacate a portion of platted undeveloped Westwood Lane of Heritage Hills subdivision. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding shoreland lease and alternative options: Motion by Fogel/ Przywojski to have Paula, Mary, and available Shoreline Committee to meet with Army Corp to ask questions. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion relating to land acquisition for roundabout at County Road OT and Commerce

Road Items Relating to Public Works Department: Motion by Monroe/ DeBoer to have Town Assessor assess piece of property to be sold to make sure offer is fair and conclude if it will impact land value. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to **adjourn** by Fogel/ Monroe passed unanimously at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Reibel

Deputy Clerk