

Town Board
February 10, 2026

Chairperson Przywojski called the Town Board Meeting to order on February 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road. Present were: Chairperson Paula Przywojski, Supervisors Frank Fogel, Emy Monroe, Luke Marou, and Betty DeBoer (via Zoom). Mary Rinehart was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Presentation relating to Driftlink transportation services by Rick Niemeier, City of Onalaska and Justin Running (via Zoom), Running Inc. operations contractor. Operational costs, and funding of the program was highlighted in the presentation, as well as Town of Onalaska possible participation in the future.

Presentation relating to LAPC *Safe Streets For All* plan by Travis Key and Bob Gollnick.

Public Comment (3-minute time limit):

Jamie Ruppel, Riverview Drive, addressed the board complimenting the town salting operation during recent winter weather events. Ruppel advised he has concerns regarding town liability resulting from an Apple Valley Road resident placing T-posts within the town road right of way, and the same resident removing salt and sand from the roadway that the town has placed on the hill. Ruppel presented a completed complaint regarding these issues.

Amy Noel, W8015 County Road ZB, introduced herself and advised she is a candidate for La Crosse County Board District 21.

County Board Report: None

Chairperson report: Przywojski reported the Rail Elimination study funding has been approved by the Federal Government and is moving forward.

Correspondence: None noted.

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 January 13, January 20, and January 23, 2026 meetings, b). Approve bills and finance book, c). Approve Brice Prairie Lions Club use of picnic tables for a children's fishing event at Stonehearth Kennels on June 27, 2026, d). Approve Brice Prairie Lions Club request for use of Swarthout Park shelter for a pancake breakfast September 12, 2026 and to wave associated fees, e). Approve River Clean up dumpster placement at Fred Funk Landing for May 9, 2026 event, f). **Approve Green Earth Compost renewal for 5-year contract:** Motion to approve consent agenda items as listed by Monroe/Marcou passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda Items

Items Relating to Public Works Department

Shop Report: Written report presented by employee P.I. Focus is transitioning toward spring preparations for mowing, and sweeping. Winter shop cleaning continues.

Discussion relating to purchase of additional refuse and recycle carts: Inventory of new carts is getting low. A quote for the purchase of additional carts has been requested but not yet received. Motion to open the floor by Fogel/Marcou passed unanimously. Gary Hougum, Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling, addressed the board regarding possible alternate brands of carts available relative to cart quality, warrantee, and customer service of the various vendors. Motion to close the floor by Fogel/Monroe passed unanimously. No action.

Items Relating to Shoreline Committee

Discussion regarding recommendation to Town Board regarding Board regarding directive to committee to update ordinance and remove fire number signage requirement: Motion by Monroe/Marcou to follow recommendation of committee to removing the sign requirement and refer to the ordinance committee to complete this. Motion passed unanimously.

Items Relating to General Government

Discussion relating to Town policy relating to DOT drug testing: Motion by Monroe/Marcou to adopt the policy as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to **adjourn** by Fogel/Marcou passed unanimously at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Rinehart

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer