

Town of Oregon
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2025

1. Call Town Board Meeting to order

Town Board Chair Carl Walser called the meeting to order at 3:00pm on August 12, 2025.

2. Roll Call

Clerk Hanson called roll. Present: Carl Walser, Laurie Fitzgerald, Arlan Kay, Steve Jernegan and Tim LeBrun. Also Present: Clerk Jennifer Hanson.

3. Appearance by Jerry Jensen, 274 Cranbrook Ct., Nekoosa, WI, 54457 re: Parcel #0509-154-9311

Jerry and Janine Jensen, 274 Cranbrook Ct., Nekoosa, WI 54457, appeared to discuss parcel #042/0509-154-9311-0 which is a 2.828-acre parcel designated as a cemetery but landlocked by their property. Chair Walser clarified that the town has never maintained the property and the town has never owned the property. Jerry explained the farm belonged to his grandfather, then his father and now him. In the past the land was a pasture as the bodies were removed a long time ago. There are no remaining headstones. Jerry would like to own the parcel and add the property onto the tax roll. He needs to get approval from the State Historical Society. There was discussion on ownership and the deed to parcel. The town board suggested doing additional homework and consulting with an attorney.

4. Review Applications for open position on plan commission

One application was received for the open position vacated by Tim Yanacheck on the plan commission. It was from Laura Wilmot. The advertisement for an opening appeared on the town website and in the Oregon Observer. The application is in the board packet. The town board spoke highly of Laura's involvement with town government. **Motion by Kay to appoint Laura Wilmot to fill the open position on the plan commission to begin October 2025 and term ending June 2027. Second by Jernegan. Motion carries 5-0.**

Chair Walser moved to Agenda Item #6.

5. Appearance by Sharon Lezberg, UW-Extension re: Vision Input Meeting

Sharon Lezberg, Community Development Educator, UW-Extension Dane County, appeared to discuss the agenda for the Vision Input Meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. She discussed what the town board members will be doing as table hosts. There will be 6 different tables with a table host and notetaker at each table. She went over the facilitator's agenda that described the two round robin discussions with the first on Land Use & Growth, Community & Quality of Life, and Natural & Cultural Resources and the second on Facilities & Services, Housing, and Transportation. She explained the closing and final exercise of asking attendants to put their ideas on sticky notes. She will collect all the information and create a report of the findings to supplement the executive summary of the survey report.

Chair Walser moved to Agenda Item #8.

6. Assessor's Report

Clerk Hanson said Board of Review (BOR) is Wednesday, September 17 from 12pm (noon) until 2:00pm. The board will statutorily meet for two hours. The board discussed reasons to allow waivers

when an objector does not provide notice at least 48 hours prior. Three members (Carl, Laurie and Steve) have completed the board of review training. Paperwork to appear has been filed but Accurate is still working with those objectors. There will be two assessors from Accurate at Board of Review.

7. Approval of Payment Vouchers

Clerk Hanson presented invoice for trailer that arrived after September town board meeting. **Motion by LeBrun to approve payment vouchers of \$19,387.50. Second by Kay. Motion carries 5-0.**

Chair Walser moved to Agenda Item #5.

8. Adjournment

Motion by LeBrun to adjourn the September 15, 2025, at 4:50pm. Second by Fitzgerald. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hanson, Clerk