

Town of Oregon
Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2026

Administrative

1. Call to Order

Town Board Chair Carl Walser called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026.

2. Roll Call

Clerk Hanson called the roll. Present: Carl Walser, Laurie Fitzgerald, Arlan Kay, Steve Jernegan and Tim LeBrun. Also present was Clerk Jennifer Hanson, Town Attorney William Morgan, and Road Patrolman Ryan Zurfluh.

3. Approval of Minutes

No minutes were available for approval.

Action/Discussion Items

4. Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) - Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Bicentennial Park and adjacent Property.

LeBrun moved to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, specifically regarding Bicentennial Park and adjacent property. Jernegan seconded the motion. Ayes: Walser, Fitzgerald, Kay, Jernegan, and LeBrun. Motion carried, 5-0, at 9:03 a.m.

The body conferred with legal counsel regarding litigation strategy for Bicentennial Park.

5. Reconvene in open session for possible action on item(s) discussed in closed session.

Jernegan moved to reconvene in open session at 10:05 a.m. LeBrun seconded the motion. Ayes: Walser, Fitzgerald, Kay, Jernegan, and LeBrun. Motion carried, 5-0.

Jernegan moved to authorize Attorney Morgan to send a cease and desist letter regarding clearing activities at Bicentennial Park by certified mail and email. LeBrun seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Purchase Oregon Area Fire EMS District (OAFED) pumper truck

LeBrun presented information from the Oregon Area Fire-EMS District (OAFED) Commission regarding the proposed purchase of a used fire engine. The information included a memorandum from Village of Oregon Administrator Martin Shanks, dated May 4, 2026, concerning the fire engine down payment.

Because the purchase exceeds \$25,000 and was not included in the standard annual budget process,

approval from each participating municipality is required. A suitable used fire engine has been identified, and approval of this expenditure would provide the Commission with the flexibility to act quickly when an appropriate vehicle becomes available.

The Commission proposes using the District's fund balance to secure the vehicle, with the remaining cost to be funded through the standard 2027 budget process. Due to the joint district property tax levy limit exception, approval is contingent upon the purchase requiring no more than \$233,700 in cumulative 2027 capital contributions from the participating municipalities.

LeBrun moved to approve the use of the Oregon Area Fire-EMS District's fund balance for the purchase of a replacement fire engine. Approval was contingent upon the District Commission verifying that the total cost of the replacement fire engine would require cumulative 2027 municipal capital contributions of no more than \$233,700. Jernergan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Review Renewal of Rural Mutual Insurance Company Businessowners Policy (7/12/2026)

Clerk Hanson presented the Town's Businessowners Policy Declarations from Rural Mutual. The policy is scheduled for renewal on July 12, 2026.

The Board reviewed the policy declarations and discussed the coverage. The Board agreed to review the policy and premium costs annually.

Communications

8. Board Communication

Kay reported that the terms of two Plan Commission members will expire in June.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment

Chair Walser declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:25 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hanson, Clerk