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Town of Oshkosh

Town Board Meeting – July 13, 2026 - 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall

PRESENT: Chair Jim Erdman, Supervisor Matt Merten, Supervisor Bill Demler, Treasurer Laura Hunt, Clerk Jeannette Merten, and an audience of 4.

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Demler, M. Merten seconded, to approve June 22, 2026 Town Board Meeting minutes changing the word on line 61 from easement to parcel; all else remains the same as presented.

Roll call. Erdman, yes; M. Merten, yes; Demler, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Demler, seconded by M. Merten, to approve the June 25, 2026 Board of Review minutes as presented.

Roll call. M. Merten, yes; Demler, yes; Erdman, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Demler, Erdman seconded, to approve the July 8, 2026 Special Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Roll call. Demler, yes; Erdman, yes; M. Merten, abstained. Motion Carried.

Reports:

Fire Chief Report.

Fire Chief Steve Gawarecky reported three service calls. The Lifest parking event went well. The only complaint was a broken fence believed to be the County's, which attendees use to enter the Lifest grounds instead of the main entrance. He will work with the Park's Dept to address this issue for the future.

First Responder Coordinator Report.

First Responder Director Trevor Fenrich provided a written report in his absence:

"Since the previous town board meeting, the Town of Oshkosh First Responders have responded to eight calls for service.

We have completed licensure renewal for all current members on the department.

We have also completed the first half of payroll for the year for distribution.

We've received final approval for our new protocols for the department, adding albuterol and Aspirin to our approved medications, along with a few additional skills to help the ambulance crew on arrival."

Zoning Administrator Report.

Zoning Administrator Carol Kaufmann reported that she issued a Zoning Permit to Rowe on Island View Dr. for a floating deck on the lakeside. There was an inquiry on County Rd S to install a solar panel on a pole. She went through the

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town and county ordinances and did not find anything addressing this. She will call County Zoning on this.

Public Participation:

None.

Planning and Zoning:

None.

Business:

Volunteer Fire and EMS probationary membership of Austin Smith.

Motion made by Demler, seconded by M. Merten, to approve the probationary VFD and EMS membership of Austin Smith.

Roll call. Erdman, yes; M. Merten, yes; Demler, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 04-2026 Support to Change WI State Statute 66.1014 allowing local government to regulate Short-Term Rentals.

Erdman read the potential change of WI Stats 66.10104 provided by attorney Chuck Koeller and included with the Resolution. Erdman intends to present this Resolution to the Wisconsin Towns Association TAC meeting to consider proposing legislative change that allows municipalities more control over Short-Term Rentals.

It was noted that three Affidavits of Complaint were received by the Town about the Short-Term Rental at 2545 Edgewood Ln. regarding a June 19th rental event. The renter(s) were evicted. Paula Hayford, Todd Cummings, and Brad Niemuth attended this meeting.

Motion made by Demler, M. Merten seconded by, to approve Resolution 04-2026 Support to Change Wisconsin State Statute 66.1014 allowing local government to regulate Short-Term Rentals.

Roll call. M. Merten, yes; Demler, yes; Erdman, yes. Motion carried.

Xiong Annexation, 2875 Jackson St.

No action.

Naslund Annexation, 2606 Jackson St.

No action

Operator License applicants: Tammy Ross and Gina Nikodem.

Motion made by M. Merten, Demler seconded by, to approve the Operator License applicants of Tammy Ross and Gina Nikodem.

Roll call. Demler, yes; Erdman, yes; M. Merten, yes. Motion carried.

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Forthcoming Events of public interest and additional comments:

The town board discussed and agreed to moving the regular town board meeting of August 10th to Thursday, August 13th, due to the Primary Election the following day. The Zoning Amendment application of the Sawicki properties public hearing will be scheduled prior to the Aug. 13th, regular town board meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Demler took care of a call reporting a tree branch blocking a road.

Correspondence:

1. Winnebago County P&Z; Notice of no public hearing for July.
2. WPS; Road ROW Excavation Permit, 2611 Edgewood Ln.
3. WPS; Road ROW Excavation Permit, 4871 Plummers Pt Rd.
4. City of Oshkosh Plan Commission meeting notices for July 28, 2026:
 - Naslund Annexation – annexation
 - Xiong Enterprises LLC – annexation
 - 2750 Vinland LLC – outside storage
5. Oshkosh Public Library; minutes from the May 28, 2026 meeting.

Motion to pay bills as presented made by M. Merten, Demler seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by M. Merten, Demler seconded, to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Jeannette Merten
Town of Oshkosh Clerk