



Town Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

**To begin immediately following the conclusion of the
Public Hearing, which starts at 5 p.m..**

Town of Scott Town Hall - 2621 Jody Dr., New Franken, WI 54229

1. Call To Order: A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Scott was called to order at 5:17 P.M. on Tuesday, January 13 2026 in the Town Hall by Supervisor Kurt Baenen.

Present were Supervisors Gene Wojcik, Cari Langenberg and Norman Strebel, and Supervisor Kurt Baenen.

Excused: Chairman Mike Van Lanen

Also present were: Town Engineer Scott Brosteau, Clerk/Treasurer Jaime Fuge, and Economic Development Coordinator/Planner Dave Cerny, Constable Brett Blaney. Excused: SMU President Al Herrman

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Verification of Public Notice: The Affidavit of Posting indicated that the public notice of the Town Board Meeting was posted on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Town of Scott Town Hall, 2621 Jody Drive, & on the Town of Scott website at www.townofscott.com on Friday, January 9, 2026.

Moved by Langenberg, seconded by Wojcik to accept and file the Affidavit of Posting.

Vote: Aye-4. No-0. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Moved by Wojcik, seconded by Baenen to approve the agenda. Vote: Aye-4. No-0. Motion Carried.

5. Approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2025 Town Board Meeting which included the public hearing comments.

Moved by Strebel, seconded by Baenen to approve the December 9, 2025 Town Board minutes as presented. Vote: Aye-4. No-0. Motion Carried.

7. Acceptance of Prior Town Meeting Minutes.

A. Scott Municipal Utility (SMU): December 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Langenberg, seconded by Baenen, to accept the December 8, 2025, SMU Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Aye-4. No-0. Motion Carried.

8. Public Comment:

Moved by Strebel, seconded by Langenberg to suspend the rules of order and open up the floor for comment. Vote: Aye-4. No-0. Motion Carried.

Fred Sheppard, 2649 Bay Settlement Road, addressed the Board regarding ongoing noise issues related to Black Sheep. He submitted a letter and supporting documentation to the Clerk. Mr. Sheppard stated that Sheriff's deputies lack the training and equipment to enforce the noise ordinance, resulting in no citations being issued.

He referenced an incident on December 6, 2025, involving amplified music during a Christmas party, with speakers aimed toward his residence. He reported contacting the Sheriff's Department and speaking with a deputy for approximately 30 minutes before a site visit occurred. Although sound was reportedly measured at 67 decibels, no citation was issued.

Mr. Sheppard noted that amplified music requires a permit issued by the Town of Scott and that the Town Attorney has advised Black Sheep to reduce the volume. He stated the issue has persisted for approximately ten years, affects a residential neighborhood, and requested relief from the Board.

Supervisor Langenberg asked whether Mr. Sheppard had contacted the Brown County Board. Mr. Sheppard responded that he had not, but had contacted Brown County Public Health. He stated he is not interested in participating in events at the establishment and believes the business consistently acts as though the law does not apply to it. He emphasized the need for compliance with the law.

Mr. Sheppard stated he has lived at his residence for 54 years and described ongoing issues with the neighboring business. He noted that others have reported hearing the noise from miles away, while his home is located approximately 70 feet from the source. He stated the situation is unreasonable and ongoing.

Supervisor Strebel asked how frequently the noise occurs. Mr. Sheppard responded that it can occur up to four days per week, beginning on Thursdays. He also stated that he does not feel comfortable at the establishment due to concerns regarding the criminal background of one of its officers.

Laura McCoy spoke on behalf of the Green Bay Public School Board. She stated she had addressed the Board the previous month and, since that time, tax bills were issued with an additional informational line in the City of Green Bay. She reported that the response from the City of Green Bay residents has been positive and that no complaints have been received. She noted there have been discussions, primarily informational in nature, which she described as the intended outcome.

McCoy stated this is a statewide issue as more school districts pursue referenda. She emphasized that the intent is to provide taxpayers with additional information regarding how their tax dollars are used, rather than to engage in political advocacy. She let the board know that she would be available if the Board had additional questions when the item was taken up.

Moved by Strebel, seconded by Langenberg to return to regular session. Vote: Aye-4 No-0. Motion Carried.

9. Specific matters for discussion and possible action by the Town Board:

A. 2026-01-01 Resolution to direct staff to include on Town-issued property tax bills the following statement, or sustainably similar language: “Of the amount levied by the GBAPS, XXXX is for the purpose of private school vouchers. (Per the Town of Scott).”

Fuge stated she drafted Resolution 2026-01-01, per the request of the board at the previous Town Board Meeting held on December 9, 2025. The resolution was created and passed by the Eau Claire City Council. If approved today, Fuge said her next steps would be to let the Department of Revenue and Brown County know we would have this on future tax bills.

Moved by Langenberg, seconded by Baenen approve Resolution 2026-01-01, a Resolution to direct staff to include on Town-issued property tax bills the following statement, or sustainably similar language: “Of the amount levied by the GBAPS, XXXX is for the purpose of private school vouchers. (Per the Town of Scott). Vote: Aye-4 No-0. Motion Carried.

McCoy thanked the Board for passing the resolution.

B. General Ordinance 01-26 To create §370 Wellhead Protection Ordinance; to institute land use regulations and restrictions to protect the Town’s municipal well and water supply, and to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town.

Cerny discussed General Ordinance 01-26, an ordinance to create §370 Wellhead Protection Ordinance; to institute land use regulations and restrictions to protect the Town’s municipal well and water supply, and to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town.

A public hearing was held on January 13, 2026 at 5 p.m. and there was no one there to discuss the item. The public hearing notice was placed on the website as well as published in the Green Bay Press Gazette.

Moved by Wojcik, seconded by Baenen to approve General Ordinance 01-26 To create §370 Wellhead Protection Ordinance; to institute land use regulations and restrictions to protect the Town's municipal well and water supply, and to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town. Vote: Aye-4, No-0. Motion Carried.

C. General Ordinance 02-26 Creating Establishing Split Shifts for election officials for the Town of Scott Code of Ordinance.

Fuge discussed General Ordinance 02-26 Creating Establishing Split Shifts for election officials for the Town of Scott Code of Ordinance.

Fuge stated the ordinance was drafted from an example from another municipality. The ordinance would allow flexibility in the schedule of poll workers who may only want to work a half of day. Additionally, it would allow a greeter to work on Election Day.

Moved by Langenberg, seconded by Wojcik, to approve General Ordinance 02-26 Creating Establishing Split Shifts for election officials for the Town of Scott Code of Ordinance. Vote: Aye-4, No-0. Motion Carried.

D. General Ordinance 03-26 Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance for the Town of Scott

Fuge discussed General Ordinance 03-26 Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance for the Town of Scott. Fuge said the Department of Natural Resources has requested that the Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance to be updated to changes in state law. The previous recycling ordinance was created in 1994. She stated the Department of Nature Resources provided draft ordinance. Additionally, Fuge added the information that is currently in Town of Scott ordinance that was not in the DNR copy (Specifically, sharps). A draft was e-mailed to DNR to confirm it would still be following their rules and the representative said yes. The Town must pass this ordinance by the end of April to ensure we are still eligible to apply for recycling grants with the DNR.

Langenberg asked that this information be added to the newsletter and the website.

Moved by Langenberg, seconded by Strebel, to General Ordinance 03-26 Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance for the Town of Scott Vote: Aye-4, No-0. Motion Carried.

E. Temporary Alcoholic Beverage License Permits for Holy Cross

Fuge stated that Holy Cross filed for a Temporary Class "B" Beer license for June 28, 2026 for the Parish Picnic that will take place at the Holy Cross Church and School grounds. Additionally, they applied for a Temporary Class "B" Beer license for February 27, February 13, and March 20, 2026 for their Fish Dinners in the Holy Cross School Gym.

Fuge recommended approval of the licenses.

Moved by Strebel, seconded by Baenen, to the temporary alcoholic beverage license permits for Holy Cross. Vote: Aye-4, No-0. Motion Carried.

F. Road/drainage/ditching/snowplowing/complaint issue

Cerny discussed some complaints he received in the month of December. Strebel noted that it appears we have gone through a lot of our budget due to a bad winter season. Fuge noted that 2026 has just started. Baenen noted that now that the snow is melting due to warmer weather in January, he can tell there will be some work to be done in the ditches when spring arrives.

G. Appointments

Cerny discussed the appointment. Mike Van Lanen was not present at the meeting, but recommended the appointment of Cindy Ducat to the Plan Commission. Ducat was present at the meeting, but did not speak. Cerny said she would finish the term that was previously held by Gerard Hruska and then serve for an additional term.

Moved by Wojcik, seconded by Baenen, to approve the appointment of Cindy Duckett to the Plan Commission. Vote: Aye-4, No-0. Motion Carried.

9. Informational Only: Reports from the Clerk, Engineer, Economic Development Coordinator, SMU and Fire Department.

A. Clerk/Treasurer Fuge:

Fuge wanted to know who would be in attendance for the January 22nd, 2026 | 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm WTA District Meeting. Two supervisors said they would be in attendance with one taking a guest.

Fuge said she booked two rooms for the Wisconsin Towns Association, but the room block will open soon and she would try to get the room block rate. She asked if anyone beside Van Lanen and Langenberg would like to go. No one else committed to attending.

Additionally, Fuge said W2s have been filed with the appropriate entities. Many have been hand delivered, but the rest will go out in the mail on January 14, 2026.

There will be no primary in February. The next election will be Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Audit begins January 26.

Fuge and Van Lanen did meet on December 30, 2025 to sign the end of the year checks.

Fuge asked which supervisors would like to attend the WTA training to be held on Friday, January 30, 2026 – [The MARQ 3177 French Rd., De Pere, WI 54155](#): Gene Yes, Norm: Yes

B. Town Engineer Scott Brosteau: Brosteau provided a TRIP funds updated. Edmund is not eligible for TRIP funds. However, he was able to move those TRIP funds for the Sandpiper Way project.

C. Economic Development Coordinator/Planner Dave Cerny: Cerny had no more to add.

D. SMU: Hermann was not in attendance.

E. Fire Department:

Wojcik stated that the training, provided by Wisconsin Public Service, covered electric, propane, and natural gas systems, including potential hazards and issues that may arise during service calls.

Langenberg reported that she met with County Rescue, several firefighters, and the chairs from neighboring towns regarding the rental property next to the Fire Department. She stated that County Rescue may be the new tenant and a monthly fee of \$1,850 will be charged, with the Town responsible for public services, snow removal, and lawn care. She noted that is an increase in the Town's expenses, which was expected.

The Board discussed the possibility of locating the squad at the residence. Langenberg reported that Tim and Cari spoke with a contractor, who indicated that this is not feasible. The squad will not be placed at the house but could remain at the neighboring Department, which is heated.

10. Reports from Town Officers/Committees/Commissions:

A. Supervisor Norman Strebel: Strebel said that there was a big fire where 100,000 gallons of water was used on the house fire. It was one of the largest fires the Town has had in years. Strebel said it

started in the house, specifically the kitchen area.

- B. Supervisor Cari Langenberg:** Langenberg said that she will not be here for the February meeting. Langenberg said that she read the revaluation notification when it published on January 1 (on the website). She recommended educating the residents. Langenberg reached out to the consultants and they were willing to meet with her to discuss. She said the point of the revaluation is to create fairness. Someone asked how they will determine the amount. Baenen said they will not go through the home, but will base their assessment amounts of resale value.
- C. Supervisor Kurt Baenen:** Baenen addressed the need to recover iPads from former employees. He also requested a moment of silence in memory of Cary Dequaine, former Chairman of the Town of Green Bay, who passed away on December 30, 2025.
- D. Supervisor Gene Wojcik:** Wojcik said the Brown County Plan Commission meeting for January was cancelled.
- E. Chairman Mike Van Lanen:** Not present at the meeting.

11. **Treasurer/Clerk Financial Reports:** Financial reports were handed out for the month of December.
Moved by Baenen, seconded by Strebel to approve the financial reports. Vote: Aye-4. No-0. Motion Carried.

Motion to take a 5-minute recess.

12. **CLOSED SESSION:** under WI Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
Moved by Strebel, seconded by Baenen to go into closed session. A voice vote was done. Vote: Aye-. No-0. Motion Carried.

12. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** It may be the consensus of this board to return to open session to formally dispose of any issues discussed in said closed session.

Moved by Langenberg, seconded by Baenen to return to open session. Voice Vote was done. Aye-4. No-0. Motion Carried.

No action was taken during closed session.

13. Discussion and Action on specific Town Board Notice and Agenda for next meetings:
Parks Committee: TBD **Plan Commission:** January 15, February 19

WTA District Meeting: January 22, 6:30 p.m. **Fire Commission:** January 27 **SMU:** February 9
Town Board: February 10

17. Adjournment

Moved by Wojcik, seconded by Baenen to adjourn. Vote: Aye-4 No-0. Carried.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Jaime Fuge

Jaime M. Fuge, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Scott