Town of Scott
Town of Scott Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 5 p.m.
Town of Scott Town Hall - 2621 Jody Dr., New Franken, WI 54229

Minutes:

1. **Call meeting to order**
   The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Van Lanen at 5 p.m. in Town Hall.

   Present were: Mike Van Lanen (Chair), Kurt Baenen (Supervisor), Norman Strebel (Supervisor), Gene Wojcik (Supervisor), Debbie VandenLangenberg (Supervisor).

   Staff Present were: Clerk/Treasurer Jaime Fuge and Administrator Dave Cerny

   Excused: Engineer Brock Behnke

   Also Present: SMU President Al Herrman, Plan Chair Cari Langenberg, SMU Commission Member Joseph Bell

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Verification of Public Notice**
   Fuge noted the Verification of Public Notice was posted at Town Hall, townofscott.com, Volk's Landing and the New Franken Fire Department on Monday, October 19, 2026.

   Moved by Baenen, seconded by Wojcik to accept and file the Affidavit of Posting.
   Vote: Aye-5. No-0. Motion Carried.

4. **Approval of the Agenda for November 05, 2026, Budget Hearing**

   Moved by Wojcik, seconded by Baenen to approve the agenda.
   Vote: Aye-5. No-0. Motion Carried.

5. **Public Hearing for 2027 Proposed Budget**
   A. Motion to open public hearing regarding 2027 proposed budget.

   Moved by Van Lanen, seconded by Baenen to open the floor for public comment on the 2027 proposed budget. Vote: Aye-5. No-0. Motion Carried.

   B. Discussion and questions on 2027 proposed budget
   Cari Langenberg, 5012 Verone Ct., raised a question regarding the proposed salary increase for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Clerk/Treasurer positions. It was noted that the Town had recently approved an updated Employee Manual and the proposed 2027 salary increase did not align with the compensation policy outlined in the manual. Fuge summarized the Employee Manual policy.

   Langenberg asked about the proposed increase in $1.6 million revenue and expenses for 2027. Cerny said the Town's five-year capital road plan is recommending resurfacing Champeau Rd from Bay Settlement on the west to the cul-de-sac on the east. Cerny proposed the Town take out a loan in an estimated amount of $1.6 million to fund the reconstruction and installation of sewer and water laterals on Champeau Rd, between Jody Drive and Bay

Settlement Rd. The Town must consider the project as a property owner requested the sewer/water improvements of the Town. Additional consideration of this project and notifications is to take place in 2027. Some of the revenue to cover the $1.6 million loan could be recovered through a special assessment of the property owners. He anticipated the Town would accept bids in winter/spring 2027.The loan would be taken out in 2027, bill paid in 2027 with the first loan payment in 2028. This would be an allowable exception to the levy and increase taxes on a future tax bill. It would not affect the tax bill being mailed out in December. Should the project not go forward, or change in scope, an amendment to the budget would be noticed and voted on by the Board next year.

C. Motion to close public hearing regarding 2027 proposed budget.

Moved by Baenen, seconded by VandenLangenberg to close the floor for public comment on the 2027 proposed budget. Vote: Aye-5. No-0. Motion Carried.

D. Adjournment
Moved by Wojcik, seconded by Baenen to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Jaime Fuge

Jaime M. Fuge, Town Scott,
Clerk for Chairman, Mike Van Lanen