

TOWN OF SIGEL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:00PM

PLACE: Town of Sigel Town Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Goodwin, Chairman, Supervisor Tom Nieman, Supervisor Dennis Larson

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached listing in original minutes file.

1. Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Clerk Sandra Nieman presented the minutes from the previous year's annual meeting. Chairman Goodwin asked if there was any objection to the minutes being approved as presented. There was none. Moved by Dennis Slattery, seconded by John Peckham to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by hand vote, 14-01.
4. Motion by Mike Schwake, seconded by Judy Haas to set next year's annual meeting for April 20, 2027 at 6:00PM. Motion carried by hand vote, 13-01.
5. The Clerk read the 2025 Financial Statement. Goodwin asked if there was any objection to the financial statement being approved as read. There was none. Dawn Larson made a motion to approve the financial statement as read, seconded by Schwake. Motion carried by hand vote, 14-0.
6. Goodwin gave an update on items that were done in 2025 and updates for 2026. Schwake asked for an update on the settlement with the Waste Management negotiations. Goodwin thanked members of the negotiation committee especially Lawrie Kobza who saved the Town money with her expertise. Negotiations included items such as well testing done in the area of the landfill, sociological payments have been expanded, the tipping fee has been increased, payment for cover, and a garbage collection system for the Town will be free for up to 1,000 ton, and some Saturday collection dates at the Waste Management site. Schwake asked for a copy of the agreement. Goodwin feels that extra money can be spent on road work. Two Town trucks were sold to purchase a new 1-ton with a snowplow. A different plow truck is being considered. Two TRI-S grants that were applied for were not approved but an LRIP grant has been approved for Kronstedt Rd. Chipping of brush from a recent ice storm in ditches will be done by Emergency Management in May. Ditching will also be done during this year. Road signs will be straightened up by Emergency Management this year. There are a few properties that need to be cleaned up in the Town. Goodwin thanked members of the Board and other members who work for the Town. There are two openings on committees (zoning and board of appeals) that need members because of recent resignations. Contact Goodwin if there is interest in joining one of these committees. Stray dogs are always a problem in the Town. Residents are reminded to have their dog licensed. It costs the Town when dogs are taken to SWCHS.
7. John Peckam made a motion, seconded by Judy Haas to raise the clerk salary by 7% and other elected officers with an increase of 4% starting with the 2027 term. 12-0 with two abstaining.

Goodwin stated that a per diem increase for board members should be considered at the November budget meeting.

8. Sandra Nieman made a motion to increase the per diems of committee members, i.e. zoning committees, and to include the zoning commissioner to \$50. Also included in this motion will be an increase to \$20 per hour for secretaries on these committees and with reimbursement for expenses. Secretaries will then be expected to have email access and communicate electronically. These increases will start immediately. Dennis Slattery seconded. Motion carried by 14-0 hand vote.
9. Dawn Larson made a motion asking for consideration of appointing a Deputy Treasurer because she is planning to be out of the area for long periods of time, Schwake seconded the motion. 10-0 with 4 abstaining.
10. Dawn Larson made a motion to approve the start time of 6PM for monthly meetings, Sandra Nieman seconded. A hand vote showed 2 for and 3 against with 9 abstaining. Residents felt it didn't matter what time the meetings are held and the Board will consider this vote.
11. Moved by John Peckham to authorize the Town Board to borrow up to \$50,000 on a short-term loan if it becomes necessary, seconded by Schwake. Motion carried by hand vote, 14-0
12. Moved by Schwake, seconded by Dennis Slattery to adjourn at 8:40PM. Motion carried by hand vote, 14-0.

Sandra Nieman, Town Clerk
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