

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: MAY 6, 2026

PLACE: Town of Sigel Town Hall – 3678 TOWN HALL RD – WISC RAPIDS WI

TIME: 7:00PM

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

1. Chairman Goodwin called the meeting of the Town Board to order at 7:00PM. There was a Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **MINUTES** – Clerk, Sandra Nieman read the minutes from the last meeting. Chairman Goodwin asked if there are any additions or corrections to the minutes. There was none and minutes were approved with unanimous consent.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Dawn Larson, Treasurer read the Treasurer's Report. She reported a balance of \$255,780.45 in the general checking account, \$110,613.01 in the machinery fund, and \$45,927.57 in the Townhall building repair fund. Goodwin asked if there were any additions or corrections to the report. There were none. The treasurer's report was approved with unanimous consent.
4. **ZONING REPORT** – Anthony Spranger stated that zoning permits were issued for sheds to Ann Rozner and Robert Datka. There are openings on both zoning committees for members. Residents that would be interested in being on those committees should contact Goodwin. A cell tower in the Town off Hwy F may need some zoning changes and permit fee paid. Spranger is working on that.
 - a. **STEVE BARKER MOTOR HOME** - Mr. Barker requested the Board approve an extension of the motor home to remain his property. Nieman made a motion to approve that extension, Larson seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. **RESIDENT BUILT STRUCTURE WITHOUT BUILDING PERMIT** - Ann Rozner addressed the Board about the fine of \$1,000 for not getting the building permit for a shed. She asked to have the fine reduced. The Board felt the full fine should be paid because of fairness to others that have paid the fine in the past. She is asking for a written notice of the fine. Goodwin stated that she will receive that notice.
5. **DATE FOR CHECK REVIEW** - Goodwin made the motion to set the check review for May 12 at 6pm, seconded by Larson. Motion carried.
6. **APPROVED PURCHASE OF LAWN MOWER FOR TOWN HALL** – Nieman did some checking on prices on John Deere mowers to replace the mower for the Town Hall. He received two quotes from local businesses. Goodwin made a motion to approve the purchase of the mower with monies from the machinery fund in the amount of \$4,255 from Power Pack in Marshfield. Seconded by Nieman. Motion carried.
7. **APPROVED HIRE OF DEPUTY TREASURER** – Dawn Larson stated that she is planning on being gone for two months next winter and needs to have someone cover for her during that time. Nieman made a motion to approve the deputy treasurer suggested by Dawn Larson with her paying for the service. Motion failed because of no second. The Board felt these duties will be handled internally.
8. **APPROVED TIME CHANGE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS TO 6PM**- No motion was made to approve this change. Meetings will remain at 7PM.
9. **APPROVED CONFIDENTIALITY ORDINANCE FOR BOARD OF REVIEW for THE ASSESSOR** – Goodwin made a motion to approve, seconded by Larson. Motion carried.
10. **OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW DATES** – Open Book will be held by calling the Assessor on May 20 from 2-4PM and the Board of Review will be held at the Town Hall on May 27 from 2-4PM.

11. **APPROVED DRIVEWAY/CULVERT PERMIT(S) – IF ANY -** None received.
12. **ROAD WORK –** Goodwin updated residents on plans for road work being considered this year. Kronstedt will be an LRIP project with the Town receiving a grant of about \$23,000. Monies coming in from WM may help with doing more road work in the Town. Road work to be completed is an overlay of Lone Pine Rd, rebuild Knuth Rd south of Hwy 73 and Swedish Rd from Hwy C south approximately ½ mile. A culvert will be reconditioned on Altmann Rd. Nieman made a motion to approve these items. Larson seconded. Motion carried. Crack filling and chip sealing will be done on Fisher Rd from Hwy F south to Lone Pine Rd and Swedish Rd ½ mile south of C approximately for about 1 ½ miles. Goodwin made a motion to advertise for chip seal/crack fill bids to be opened at the June meeting. Second by Nieman, motion carried. Nieman made a motion to have Wood Co Hwy Dept. do all road reconstruction except for Kronstedt Rd as that will be a separate project. Seconded by Larson. Motion carried. Road sign straightening will be completed in a week or so by WC Emergency Management. Ditching will be completed by Wood County Hwy Dept on Apple Rd and Lundberg Rd. As monies dictate, more projects may be concerned later.
 - a. **BIDS FOR ROAD WORK** The Bid to be advertised for Kronstredt Rd LRIP project was approved as presented with Goodwin making that motion and Nieman seconding. Motion carried. Those bids will be opened at the June meeting. As approved before, Crack fill/Seal Coat bids will also be opened at the June meeting.
 - b. **SPRAY GRASS/WEEDS IN ROAD DITCHES -** Wood County Hwy has a process with a sprayer/chemical for weeds/grass and brush in Town ditches. It will stunt the vegetation in ditches but will not kill the grass. The cost would be \$5,000 for the Town as opposed to paying for mowing at a cost of over \$10,000 per year. This would be a one-time application. Residents asked questions regarding this process including not spraying in ditches where residents have concerns. Goodwin made a motion to approve this application and if there are residents who do not want their area sprayed, they should put signage up indicating such by May 13, Nieman seconded. Motion carried.
 - c. **APPROVED BID FROM JJs BURSH CUTTING SERVICE LLC -** Goodwin said he will contact JJs that spraying will be done instead of cutting ditches but may use them in the future.
13. **CITIZEN INPUT –** Mike Schwake asked where City of Wisconsin Rapids compost passes could be obtained. Steve Barker asked about detour routes in the Town when the Round-A-Bout at 8 Corner is being constructed. Lights have been installed in the Hall and the Town garage. Letters will go out to residents in violation of ordinances and statutes. A resident asked why the north part of Zubella Rd has been ground up and not re-black topped.
14. **OPEN AND READ CORRESPONDENCE, IF ANY –** Correspondence was opened and read.
15. **REVIEW BILLS FOR PAYMENT -** Nieman made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Larson. Motion carried.
16. **ADJOURN –** Motion to adjourn made by Nieman, seconded by Larson at 8:55PM. Motion carried

SANDRA NIEMAN, Town Clerk – Town of Sigel

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