

Chairman Letter

Read October 13, 2025 at Board Meeting

I would like to clarify why we are stopping public comments until further notice as it was taken out of context by an individual after the meeting on October 1st.

First I would like to cover some history of the town. Ending public comments is a recommendation by our town attorney.

As mentioned on October 1st the town of Atlanta does not have public comments on their agenda. There are also several other towns that do not allow public comments at their meeting. Prior to the election on April 15, in the Town of Stubbs you had to contact a supervisor and your item may be placed on the agenda. There was no guarantee that it would be placed on the agenda.

After the election we gave the public the opportunity to speak on any agenda item. We requested individuals raise their hand and we would call on you and one person at a time speaks. That did not work. After the first meeting there were several people talking at once, being disruptive and disrespectful not raising their hand and it became very disruptive. The trend continued. So we changed the public speaking.

The public could speak during public comments only. There was no conversation on agenda items unless it was during public comments. This also did not work as people would be disruptive as the board was discussing agenda items.

To show it did not work an individual was removed by law enforcement and three people left prior to law enforcement arriving to remove them for being disruptive. There were several times people could have been removed for their disruptive behavior although they were not. We do not want to have people removed from meetings but you have left us no choice as we need to conduct town business orderly.

There are approximately 400 to 500 electors in this town and the three board members represent them. They all have a voice not just the select few who show up at every meeting since the election and want to be disruptive. The last election was won by approximately 70% of the vote or by over a 2 to 1 margin for this position.

We will not tolerate sarcasm, false statements, being disrespectful and attacking individuals during the meetings. We have and will abide by the open meeting law. I will not be bullied, intimidated, threatened or any other means in the decision making process. I will do what I believe is right for the betterment of this town. If you disagree then I suggest at the next election you run for office.

Due to the continued interruptions and lack of consideration and respect not only for the board but the remainder of citizens of this town we are withholding public comments until further notice. If you would like an item to be considered on the agenda contact one of the supervisors. If the item is placed on the agenda only the person who requested the item speaks on that subject. No one else is to speak. The board may ask a question to an individual which they can speak but only that person speaks. If a requested item is not placed on the agenda a supervisor can make a motion and if another supervisor seconds that motion it has to put on the next month's agenda. This is Wisconsin State Law and we will abide by it.

If you decide to not follow the process and become disruptive you will be asked to leave. If you do not leave law enforcement will be asked to remove you. Again, we do not want to have individuals removed from the meetings but there are individuals that have left us no choice. This process has been covered in two previous meetings.

Contacting a supervisor does work between meetings as several people have contacted me and the other supervisors and things get done.

Regarding meeting minutes, the meetings minutes posted on the website are the official meeting minutes. We will no longer post a Draft of the minutes. We have video of the meetings which was recommended by Rusk County Law Enforcement. Board Meeting videos have been and will be placed on our website.

We ask that you register on our website and you will receive notifications when items are posted. Other meeting minutes or videos that are out on various sights may be edited and are not official meeting minutes from the Board or posted by the Board or endorsed by the Board.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in advance and trust we all can all move forward in a professional manner.

Thank you.