

Town of Sturgeon Bay

Door County - Sturgeon Bay WI

Website: Townofsturgeonbay-wi.gov

Town Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Arle Memorial Hall, 692 Tacoma Beach Road

Call to Order

6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited by all in attendance.

Establish a Quorum / Members Present

Chair Feuerstein, Supervisor Torp, and Supervisor Kraase in attendance.

Clerk Sternard and Treasurer DeLair were also present.

Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed

Confirmed - postings on website and Arle Hall.

M: **Kraase** S: **Torp** Motion passed by voice vote.

Approve Minutes - Discussion/Action

August 10, 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Posted on town website.

Correction noted: Dave Ray and Ray Leonardson, the president and vice president of the S. Lake Michigan Dr. Homeowners Association, requested that the minutes be

corrected to clarify that Kris Peterson was not acting with authorization from the Association. Kris Peterson's inquiry to the Town regarding possible signage in the right-of-way along S. Lake Michigan Dr. was made independently and on his own behalf.

M: **Torp** S: **Kraase** Motion passed by voice vote.

August 31, 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Posted on town website.

M: **Torp** S: **Kraase** Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Presented by DeLair

- Checking: **\$589,399.60**
- Savings: **\$41,865.82**

M: **Feuerstein** S: **Torp** Motion passed by voice vote.

County Board Report - Presented by Hugh Zettel

Summary included with minutes.

Guest Speaker - Dark Side Wisconsin

Presenter: **David Raye**

Topic: Light ordinance considerations for SLMD property owners.

Draft ordinance presented. Key points included:

- Fully shielded exterior lighting
- Warm LED color temperature (CCT) to reduce blue light
- Use of controls (timers, dimming, limiting nighttime lighting)
- Goal: reduce light pollution and preserve night sky visibility
- Educational component emphasized

Samantha Sager (Dark Side Wisconsin, state chapter of Dark Side International) also provided input.

Town Board will review draft ordinance and provide feedback at future meetings.

Zettel noted the County is working on related updates through comprehensive zoning.

Action: Email Hugh Zettel with information from Samantha Sager. Clerk to provide this to Zettel.

Roads and/or Parks

Lake Lane & South Lake Michigan Drive Culverts

Replaced by Randy Dvorak (County Highway). Blacktop scheduled for fall.

North Lake Michigan Drive Culvert

Damage to 6' section. Randy/County will inspect.

Portage Park - Leaning Pine Tree

Scheduled for completion this fall. All three bids received; awaiting contractor availability.

Big Creek Road Driveway Culverts

Major flooding occurred during spring rains. Recommendation: clean out, monitor, reassess next spring.

Old Business - Discussion/Action

Dretzer ROW

More information to follow at future meetings.

Shipping Containers

Zettel reported RPC reviewed survey data from towns and passed a resolution **not** to change the current ordinance.

Shipping containers **cannot** be used as accessory structures.

Sheriff's Calls - Kris Peterson

Discussion regarding utility easement approval and recent sheriff's calls.

- Police report shared by Chair Feuerstein. 3 calls in 2026, 6 calls since 2023, Formal warnings issued, Determined to be public nuisances; citations possible.

Navigable Water Definition

Action items:

- Contact DNR (Jeff) for definition and guidance
- Determine who makes navigability determinations
- Check Door County Land Records for mapping
- Contact Land Information Office (Zach)

South Lake Michigan Drive Sign

Town has no sign ordinance. Signs must remain **out of the ROW**.

New Business - Discussion/Action

Sidewalk Ordinance

First sidewalk installed in Town of Sturgeon Bay (Duluth Ave).

Property owners must shovel and maintain sidewalks.

Approval for WTA Training for Feuerstein.

Includes WTA workshop and 1-day WTA convention.

Cost: \$145/day.

M: **Torp** S: **Kraase** Motion passed by voice vote.

Flood Resilience

Programs and funding available for culvert/flooding mitigation.

To be discussed at WTA Town Law Conference.

Move Utility Ordinance to Forms & Permits Tab

Clerk Sternard to coordinate with Town Web.

Road Tour

Fall road tour scheduled for **September 2026**.

Open meeting: **September 24, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.**

Brush/canopy/tree overhang review.

Residents encouraged to contact board members with needs.

Town Calendar

Suggestion by Feuerstein to begin tracking monthly recurring tasks for open meetings, voting, etc. Draft template shown at meeting.

Hire Joey Torp - Brushing/Tree Removal

Certificate of Insurance required; state guidance indicates allowance of having board member be a contractor simultaneously.

M: **Feuerstein** S: **Kraase** Motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence

Southern Door School referendum information received.

Meeting dates/times posted on website and provided at meeting.

Public Comment

Craig Riedenhour asked for Dretzer ROW status. Board is awaiting action items identified at the August 31 meeting.

Approval of Bills

Adjourn

TIME: 7:35 pm

M: **Kraase** S: **Torp** Motion passed by voice vote.

Reminders

- **Next Town Board Meeting:** October 12, 2026 at 6 p.m. - Arle Hall
- **Fall Election:** Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Arle Hall

County Board Update – Town of Sturgeon Bay Board Meeting

Hugh Zettel, District 14
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Summary of [August 25, 2026 County Board Meeting](#)

Public Comment

- Sheriff candidate Randy Wagner introduced himself to the board.

Resolutions (All Unanimous 18 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent) or Voice Vote, except where noted)

- 2026-54 Authorize Application for and Acceptance of Financial Assistance for Dock Refurbishment at Lily Bay County Park
- 2026-55 Approval of WI DOT Public Transit Assistance Program Capital Grant to the Transportation Department for Bus Replacement

Ordinances (All Unanimous 18 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent) or Voice Vote, except where noted)

- Denial Report: Text Amendment to the Door County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance – Clay Banks
 - Report Amendment to the Zoning Map of Baileys Harbor (17 Yes, 1 No, 3 Absent)
 - 2026-03 Amendment to the Zoning Map of Baileys Harbor (17 Yes, 1 No, 3 Absent)

Reports

- Update on Towers Project – Preferred vendor identified

2027 Proposed Budget Workshop Session with Department Heads

- Proposed 2027 Levy \$33,315,137
- Change vs 2026, Dollar Amount \$408,979
- Change vs 2026, Percentage 1.24%
- Tax Rate per \$1000 of Equalized Assessed Value \$2.242119435
- Change over 2026 Tax Rate - Percentage 1.24% • Allowable increase for 2027 for Net New Construction: 1.275% or \$344,941
 - NNC for 2026 was 1.783% (or \$473.9K)

Next Meeting: September 24, 2026, 9AM

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Hugh Zettel, District 14