

Town of Trenton
Official Minutes from the Town Board Meeting
Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095
January 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Mike Lipscomb, Supervisor Barb Davies, Supervisor Tony Thoma, Administrator/Deputy Clerk Cindy Komro, Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer.

Members of the Public: 19

Chairperson Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Lipscomb asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Affidavit of Posting: Lipscomb read the affidavit of posting, stating that the January 19, 2026, Town Board Meeting agenda was properly posted before the meeting on the Town Bulletin Board and the Town's official website.

Approve December 15, 2025 Town Board Meeting Minutes: **Davies moved to approve the December 15, 2025 Town Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.**

Approve January 12, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes:

Rob n Cin Farm Zoning Map Amendment/Conditional Use Permit:

Wentz Revocable Trust Zoning Map Amendment:

Ciriacks Trust Zoning Map Amendment:

Davies moved to approve the minutes from all three public hearings held on January 12, 2026, noting that the minutes from the Rob n Cin Farm hearing should include all written comments submitted for the record, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve January 15, 2026 Town Board Special Meeting Minutes: **Davies moved to approve the January 15, 2026 Town Board Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comments:

Beth Bellin, 5055 S. Church Rd.: Asked the Board to represent the majority of the public when considering the Rob n Cin Farms decision. We are a populated township with subdivisions. Potential problems with water, air and traffic will affect many people. This is a giant farm already and does not need to get bigger.

James Bellin, 5055 S. Church Rd.: Why do we need this big farm? This is like when factories dumped chemicals into the river. Concerned about water quality and the amount of water needed for cows. They should just buy more land to accommodate their needs.

George Spaeth, 1791 Wallace Lake Rd.: It is important to note that the nutrients from manure are absorbed by the crops that receive the application. Human waste from septic systems and mound systems can also contaminate groundwater. These processes are both regulated to ensure safety.

John Jansen, 6939 Wausaukee Rd.: Rob n Cin Farms has been violating zoning for three years. Approving its application will set a terrible precedent by demonstrating that violating the rules is rewarded. The WPDES (Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination

System) permit is effectively frozen until the administrative review is complete. Approving the farm's application right now will create unnecessary trouble for the future. Consider operational ordinances and conditional use permit restrictions and give the process time to resolve.

Review and Accept Agenda: **Davies moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.**

December Bank Statement Reconciliations: **Davies moved to approve the December Bank Statement Reconciliations, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consider Resolution Z2026.01.01 Recommendation from Plan Commission regarding Zoning Map Amendment from R-5 Single-Family Residential to R-2 Single-Family Residential of a portion of 2483 Newark Dr consisting of parcel T11_011200 and 0.288 acres from adjacent parcel T11_011200P: **Davies moved to approve Ordinance Z2026.01.01, amending the Town zoning map, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consider Resolution Z2026.01.02 Recommendation from Plan Commission regarding Zoning Map Amendment from EA Exclusive Agricultural to A-1 Agricultural, Ciriacks Farm Trust of 6872 Cty Rd M (parcel T11_025200A): Per Komro, the structures will remain, with the understanding that the owners will apply for a Legacy Barn Permit, as recommended by the Plan Commission. **Davies moved to approve Ordinance Z2026.01.02, amending the Town zoning map, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consider Recommendation from plan Commission: Certified Survey Map, Ciriacks Farm Trust, 6872 Cty Rd M (Parcel T11_025200A): Per Komro, Engineer has reviewed updated draft of the CSM, agreeing that soil borings were not needed until building is imminent. Shared driveway agreement for the farm access easement should be secured before CSM is signed. **Davies moved to approve the CSM for Ciriacks, pending shared driveway agreement, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consider Resolution Z2026.01.03 Recommendation from Plan Commission regarding Zoning Map Amendment from EA Exclusive Agricultural to AE Agricultural Enterprise of parcels T11_065200C and T11_064200E totaling 141.37 acres (Rob n Cin Farms LLC at 5545 County Hwy Y): Per Lipscomb, based on new information, recommend referring back to Plan Commission. **Davies moved to refer the zoning map amendment application back to Plan Commission, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consider Resolution Z2026.01.02 Recommendation from Plan Commission regarding Conditional Use Permit Application for Livestock Facility of not more than 2,500 Animal Units for Rob n Cin Farms LLC, 5545 County Hwy Y (parcels T11_065200C and T11_064200E totaling 141.37 acres): Per Lipscomb, based on new information, including correspondence from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, recommend referring back to Plan Commission. **Davies moved to refer the Conditional Use Permit application back to Plan Commission, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.**

Capital Improvement: ADA Automatic Doors: Per Komro, refer to quotes. Davies agreed that this is a necessary improvement. Thoma asked for at least one more quote to compare.

Capital Improvement: Bathroom Remodel/Upgrade: Per Lipscomb, the bathrooms are in need of improvements. All agreed that at least two quotes should be requested to review options.

Washington County Withdrawal from SEWRPC: Per Komro, Washington County has withdrawn from SEWRPC. The Town of Trenton has used SEWRPC for long-term planning. Komro will investigate options for this service going forward. Per County Supervisor Thoma, the County determined that, at this time, the contract with SEWRPC was not worth the annual \$200,000 cost, with additional charges assessed for certain services.

Previous Month Correspondence and Department Reports:

Police Department: 167 service calls, 40 traffic stops, 43 traffic citations.

Building Inspector Report: Total permits issued through December: 333, including 15 new homes.

Treasurer Cozzuli-Meer: Property Tax Settlements and Special Assessments of \$4,604,719.23 were paid out.

Town Administrator Komro: Written report shared with Board. Lipscomb requested that Komro's monthly report become part of the minutes. Komro announced that she was one of about 25 individuals in the state selected to attend the Wisconsin Women in Government Leadership seminar taking place on March 6 and March 13 in Madison.

Supervisor Davies: Commented that the January 12 public hearings were productive.

Supervisor Thoma: Asked how the town communicates "clean-up" responsibilities on properties when sales are expected. Per Komro, these issues are communicated to prospective buyers when Special Assessment requests are submitted. Thoma wanted to ensure the Town gets reimbursed for the cost of replacing a road sign from a car crash. Per Komro, the County Sheriff is contacted for the incident report to send an invoice to the individual responsible, including time and materials reported from the DPW.

Chairman Lipscomb: Shared a "Did You Know?" communication being distributed to town residents, which is challenging how the town spends its money. Lipscomb responded specifically to the points in the flyer.

Town of Trenton full-time Administrator: The position currently includes Administrator, Zoning Administrator and Clerk. Health care costs have increased, and the Board has been investigating options to reduce the cost to the town, with respect to all employee compensation, while being cognizant of the fact that these positions are not always easy to fill. It is argued that the town operated efficiently in the past with a part-time Clerk, part-time Treasurer and part-time Zoning Administrator. Lipscomb disputes this. An example is the agricultural ordinances which hadn't been updated since 1975 were recently amended. In addition, about \$10,000 was recovered in 2025 from the Town Administrator's time spent on zoning actions and about \$5,000 has already been recovered in 2026 to date.

Police Budget: In 2025, the police department budget was \$146,000, and actual costs were about \$139,000. The 2026 police department budget is \$175,000, which can be adjusted at any time. The flyer suggests that the town could save \$80,000 by contracting for police service with Washington County Sheriff. Lipscomb argues that those savings are debatable, based on his meetings with the County Sheriff and other Washington County town officials (specifically, West Bend and Polk). The Town of West Bend's contract with the Sheriff is about \$144,000, half of which is currently paid by Cedar Community. Lipscomb is hesitant to rush into dismantling the police department without

further investigating actual savings and service. The potential savings is related to the Washington County shared services program, which is recalculated newly each year. Lipscomb will continue to research the options to ensure that the town is fully informed before considering a change.

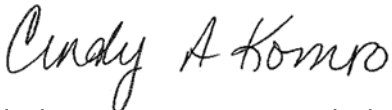
Is the town focused on taking care of friends (with respect to compensation)? Lipscomb explained that he and the staff are admittedly friends but only since he was elected. The Town board voted to hold full-time employees to no compensation increase in 2026, due to the increase in the health insurance cost. Part-time employees received a 3% increase.

Lipscomb continued by citing examples of areas where the town was under budget in 2025 and examples of how the board is focused on increased efficiency in all areas. Lipscomb concluded that the Board has nothing to hide and always welcome comments from residents.

Approve Vendor Bill Payments: Davies moved to approve payments of vendor bills in the amount of \$435,003.65, property tax refunds of \$11,864.46 and property tax settlement payments of \$4,604,719.23, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 3-0.

Lipscomb adjourned the Town Board meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy A Komro".

Cindy A. Komro, Town Administrator/Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: These minutes were approved at the February 16, 2026 Town Board meeting and were posted on the town's official website on February 17, 2026.