

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Vinland Town Hall 6085 County Road T Oshkosh, WI 54904
Monday, August 10, 2026 @ 6:45 PM

Chairman O'Connell called the public hearing to order at 6:45pm inviting the audience to participate with questions or comments regarding CUP application for Oppermann/0260364. O'Connell stated that the Board has the Plan Commission Meeting Minutes and they do not have to present everything that they did at that meeting. If they have something to add they may do so at this time. Oppermann's attorney, Craig Kubiak, explained that he did some research on the history of the same kind of use on this particular piece of property and if a CUP was required in the past. Research shows that in over 3 decades of landowners with horses a CUP was not required. O'Connell asked a second time if anyone had questions or concerns. Brazee commented that the Town's ordinances are ambiguous and based on interpretation. CUPS have been intended for businesses in residential areas and not privately run properties. O'Connell asked the audience once more for questions or comments. The public hearing closed at 6:55pm.

Town Board Meeting Minutes
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The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman O'Connell beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisors Devens and McNamee, Clerk/Treasurer Brazee, Deputy C/T Starr and 13 others.

Review/Comment:

Fire Department minutes of 8/4//26: O'Connell addressed Chief Anderson in the audience and asked what is going on with Pumper 227. Anderson explained a committee is being formed to discuss what the future should be for the pumper (i.g., keeping it, selling it, improving it, etc.) The committee will meet next month.

O'Connell mentioned he was aware the TOVFD assisting after the tornado. Anderson explained that they assisted in the aftermath. Crews were on duty 8-12 hrs the day of and the following day providing water for the city. O'Connell thanked Anderson and to pass along his gratitude to the dept.

Accepted as submitted by McNamee/Devens.

1st Responder minutes of 7/14/26: Devens mentioned that the dept was denied the Compeer Grant. The FD and 1st responders share a tax ID number and the FD was awarded a grant last year. Accepted as submitted by McNamee/Devens.

Approval of Town Board Minutes:

Board meeting of 7/13/26: No questions or comments. **Motion to approve as submitted by Devens/seconded by McNamee. Motion carried.**

County Supervisor's Report: County Supervisor Matt Woods said the Planning and Zoning passed a 12 month data center moratorium and it will now go to the Co Brd for approval. If the Town of Vinland is interested we can get the language from Co Clerk Barthels and then pass along to our town atty for recommendations. Town of Winneconne is going to base their language off of the Co and Town of Neenah remained in Co planning and zoning and will be covered as such. During that 12 months, the goal is to update the code language so that data centers are well defined.

The Co is rewriting Chapter 16-POWTS. There are some definitions that need to be updated. The main push comes from "man caves" that are going up in the Town of Winneconne. One of the elements is in reference to holding tanks. They are trying to add some verbiage that says "if ordered by the government unit to have a water meter installed". The committee feels that is a bit of a government overreach. A redline copy should be going out to the towns soon. Woods stressed the importance of going through the rewrite and taking a really good look at it. When the ordinance is approved it will be county wide. He said we can reach out to him with concerns or add it to our agenda and discuss what we like and don't like to give feedback to the county. They will have public comment about this at the end of Sept. Woods also mentioned that Maxwell's culvert was approved.

Public Input: Winneconne School Board members Dean Ackmann and Cindy Otten spoke to inform the town of what is going on in the schools and within the school board. Ackmann's wife also spoke. She is not a board member but someone who supports the school board.

Building and Zoning: McNamee asked about the zoning that was needed for storage units on Commerce Plaza. O'Connell explained the original site plan that was approved had included the newest units. Another zoning application wasn't needed.

Financial Report for July: Brazee noted total of all accounts= \$598,882.93. **Motion to approve the financial report was made by McNamee/seconded by Devens. Motion carried.**

Discussion/Take Action Items:

1. Invoices: **Motion made by Devens to approve invoices/seconded by McNamee. Motion carried.**

2. CUP Application/Oppermann/ 0260364: O'Connell referred to the ambiguity of our code but still as he reads and interprets the code feels that a CUP is required at this time. The PC was in favor of a CUP if one was needed. O'Connell didn't want to do anything outside of advice from the town atty. McNamee mentioned that other properties in the town have not needed a CUP for similar situations. He questions why now. O'Connell responded that it is how the code is interpreted. **Devens made a motion that a CUP is not necessary/seconded by McNamee. Motion carried with a 2/3 vote.** O'Connell voted neigh.

3. REL – GIS software: GIS software will help to archive the cemetery info and location of all cemetery plots modernizing our cemetery record keeping and also set up road record keeping. It is a cloud-based program. The REL GIS subscription is the same cost as Cedar Corp. However the implementation is more costly with REL. Both offer the same capabilities. Starr asked if only one user can be logged in at a time or if it has the capability of multi users. The board believes for an additional fee there can be another user at the same time. Devens questions who is going to input all of the data. O'Connell stated the long-term benefits would be advantageous for the town's record keeping. Currently the cemetery data is on paper and he is not sure how well it complied with WI State Statutes. Additionally, digital formatting will be easier to navigate. Anderson asked what the purpose of the system is and O'Connell explained that our cemetery dates back centuries and we may not be collecting all of the data we need. The system will be a key stroke away from seeing how many sites are available. Digitizing this info will be a timesaver, once the data is entered. Anderson asked if someone was requesting the town to go with this system or where the interest is stemming from. McNamee replied that when he attended a road seminar he went to a presentation on it. He brought it back to the board because he thought it would be beneficial for road inventory. McNamee will reach out to Cedar Corp to find out the cost for an additional user, find out how time consuming it will be using town resources (ie, office staff) to input data, the cost for them to prep the docs and add the data, and what timeframe they need. We can then discuss at budget time how to proceed. **Motion made by McNamee to move forward with Cedar Corp to get more.**

information/seconded by Devens. Motion carried.

4. Kyle Blickhahn-Operator's License renewal/Bee Hive Barn & Grill: Motion to approve made by Devens/seconded by McNamee. Motion carried.

Sharing of Correspondence: Devens mentioned that Vinland Center Road will be getting chip sealed this week. Starr reached out to Harters and Fahrners via email when it dawned on her that the road work is to begin on Tuesday, which is garbage pickup day. Devens asked if everyone had a chance to go down Woodenshoe Rd? The board all agreed that the fog sealing looks good. Devens has received positive comments from residents on Woodenshoe. He also said that Breezewood Ln speed limit signs should be going up. He mentioned that he cannot attend the Sept. meeting and is wondering if they should have a special board meeting to discuss garbage contracts. O'Connell agreed and added to discuss the comp plan and maps, Cedar Corp, and code clarification. Devens also presented Deputy Starr with an Outstanding Deputy Clerk award for her superb dedication to the town and office. A Special Board Meeting will take place on August 27 @ 2:00pm. O'Connell and Brazee will finalize the agenda closer to that date.

O'Connell mentioned that Beaming, Inc is having a 25th Anniversary of September 11- Day of Remembrance event. Anderson said the FD will take the antique truck there and O'Connell will attend.

Motion to adjourn made by McNamee/seconded by Devens. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Starr
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Chairman, Don O'Connell