Town of Watertown
Monthly Town Board Meeting
August 11, 2026

1. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Attendance: J. Thoma, R. Preuss, B. Parsons. M. Christian.
J. Wendt, A. Jones, Attorney Griggs.
3. R. Preuss moved to accept the agenda for August 11 as given.
J. Thoma seconded the motion approving the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Notices were posted timely and properly.
5. The Sheriffs representative had no report.

6. A motion by J. Thoma to accept the July minutes with corrections to #17, should read as "data center", #19, "Town of Watertown", #20, Spelling of Daryl.

7. Review of the July Financial Report. J. Thoma move to accept the treasurers report for the month of July. R. Preuss seconded the motion accepting the July report. Motion passed.

8. R. Preuss reviewed the invoices etc. received for July. He made the motion to pay all invoices received to date, with checks #14208 through #14239 for a total of $86,009.80. B. Parsons gave the second to allow payment of July invoices. Motion approved.

9. A. Roberts relayed the information from the Plan Commission.
The *Sloan* request was tabled due to his absence.
The *Belden* request for a variance, was denied. It was suggested to look for a different location, J. Thoma moved and B. Parsons seconded a motion to agree with the Plan Commission and deny the request. The condition being "self-impaired restriction". He wanted to save ag land as possible.
The *Schuett* request for rezoning was granted with stipulations of moving the driveway to Granite Lane, for easier access, and reduce the traffic on Airport Road. Trucks leaving should go north. There was a question on the ditch and culverts. *IF* a "business" would be considered on the property, a Conditional Use would have to be requested. J. Thoma moved to grant the Schuett request with the Plan Commission thoughts. R. Preuss seconded the motion allowing the Schuett request. Motion carried. Jacob Wegner would like to rezone property from R-2 to A-2 and also a conditional use for storage of equipment. Discussion entailed "quiet" operation if any, before 6:00am. and after 8:00pm.

(#9 continued)

It was asked if there is a future plan of development.

Not at this time was a replied. J. Thoma moved to grant the Wegner request with the stipulations given by the PC. B. Parsons gave the second to the request by J. Wegner, motion carried.

Duane Strauss asked for a conditional use permit for 25 acres he has which will include some with solar panels. Video log of a similar project is available. The city was able to deny the request due to territorial coverage. It was suggested that a "road agreement" be looked into. J. Thoma made the motion which granted the Strauss conditional use request and includes a road agreement. B. Parsons second the motion, which was approved.

10. A representative from Badgerland was present for items 10-13. He had a proposal for a laptop for the deputy clerk. J. Thoma made the motion to allow up to $2000.00 for the purchase of a laptop. B. Parsons seconded the motion with amount for purchase of a laptop. Motion passed. The Deputy Clerk will work with Badgerland regarding the purchase.

11. Pros and Cons were given pertaining purchasing "tablets" for the Town Board. It was more or less "informational" and will be placed on a future agenda.

12. Various software systems are available and will be looked at in the future for the computers and "tablets" purchased.

13. "Paperless" utilizes the computer etc. If tablets are purchased it will allow for more use.

14. Comments were made regarding the East Gate Drive. They were referred to the Public Comment Period. #18.

15. There was no report given pertaining to the maintenance etc.

16. It was decided to hire "Ehlers" to assist the Town with grants and other items dealing with the Tax Levy. This was made in toa motion by J. Thomas and second by B. Parsons, Motion carried.

17. There are two projects going on with Solar. The "Sinnissippi" and the "Solar". The Sinnissippi was on the agenda *prior* to June and discussed then. The "Solar" project was discussed at the June meeting. There was confusion with residents referring to Sinnissippi, but meant "Solar". Hours of operation and screening was changed by the County. The project details have been passed on from this "Solar" to the Sinnissippi Project.

18. J. Thoma moved to allow Public Comments. R. Preuss seconded the motion allowing Public Comments. Motion accepted.

(Comments are only that, and not connected to questioning the board or expecting answers or discussion)

Timothy Bredow lives on East Gate Drive and lividly spoke that he did not say all that was referred to in the minutes.

Martine Koeppel (a none Town resident) sent a letter to the clerk and wonder what happened to it. (If emailed, it would be forwarded to the board*).*

It was stated that the June Minutes appeared on the Website after the July Minutes. The June minutes were sent prior to June 11. Another misinformation was that the "Town" sent the Sinnissippi information, but it was the County that sent it.

Daryl Hoffmann stated that the Town was going to write that they "acknowledged" information received, but he never saw it. It was read by the Attorney.

It was asked if residents could see the agreement?
The Attorney will forward it to them if requested.

19. R. Preuss moved to close the Public Comment period. B. Parsons seconded closing the Public Comment period. Motion approved.

20. Plan Commission recommendations will be placed on the September Agenda.

21.Tentative Dates: September 14:
Plan Commission—6:00pm.
Monthly Board—7:00pm.

October ????----Budget Workshop

22. B. Parsons made the motion to adjourn the August meeting.
R. Preuss seconded the motion for adjournment. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
James Wendt
Administrative Clerk
Town of Watertown