
Minutes - Town of Weyauwega

American Legion – 303 N Mill St, Weyauwega WI 54983

Apr 21, 2026

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner called to order the Monthly meeting of Town of Weyauwega at 6:11pm on Apr 21, 2026, at The American Legion.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Annual meeting.

3. Roll call

- a. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Chairman/Dave Stelzner, Supervisor/Terry Wilz, Supervisor/John Neuman, Treasurer/Jodi Wilz and Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer.
- a. Public – Bob Van Epps, Scott Jonely, Larry Shofner, Holly Martin, Waupaca Cty Zoning /Brian Haase and Waupaca Cty Zoning/Ryan Brown.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Mar Minutes: Board reviewed the minutes for Mar meeting. Motion to approve the Mar minutes by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.

5. Treasurers Report

- a. Treasurer/Jodi Wilz presented the treasurer's report and board reviewed. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.

6. Review of Vouchers & Authorize Payments

- a. Board reviewed the Vouchers & Payments report. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer advised that she forgot to write a check for herself for running the April Election. Since it was late in the day, she didn't revise the transaction report. Check was for \$40. There is no need to update the total amount as there is enough in the checkbook to cover the check. She asked to approve that check along with the other payments. Motion to approve vouchers along with check made out to Sonia Thede-Kramer and authorized payments of \$25,442.82 by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.

7. Zoning

- a. Wetland Rezoning Approval: Zoning/Ryan Brown explained the rezoning of the Wetland, updating the zone codes for the wetlands to comply with the Town of Weyauwega's comprehensive plan. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer explained to the board the Planning Commission board recommends the Wetland Rezoning to the Town of Weyauwega board. Motion to follow the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve of the Wetland Rezoning by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.
- b. Farmland Preservation Program Approval: Zoning/Ryan Brown explained the Farmland Preservation Program. There have been some parcels requesting to opt out of the program. Public/Scott Jonely asked if a resident would like to opt out of the program down the line. Zoning/Ryan Brown stated yes but will owe fee and approval. One benefit of being in the program is tax credits, but it is based off gross revenue. Public/Scott Jonely asked if the county still must approve. Zoning/Ryan, yes. Zoning/Brian Haase stated to qualify, gross income needs to be at least \$6,000. Does not go by acres a parcel is only based on gross revenue. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer explained to the board the Planning Commission board recommends the Farmland Preservation Program to the Town of Weyauwega board. Motion to follow the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Farmland Preservation Program by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.

- c. Public Larry Shofner, Scott Jonely, Zoning/Ryan Brown and Zoning/Brian Haase left the meeting at 6:27pm.

8. Highway – Roads

- a. Road Inspection Report: The road inspection was completed on 3/31/26 at 3pm by Chairman/Dave Stelzner, Supervisor/Terry Wilz, Supervisor/John Neuman and Hwy/Greg Flohr. Supervisor/John Neuman went over the recommendations from Hwy/Greg Flohr for our town roads. Several roads need gravel, crack filling or chipseal. The road that needs the most work is River Rd; new culvert, gravel, reclaimed, repaved, crack fill and chipseal. Hwy/Greg Flohr is working on estimates.
- b. Road Signs: Chairman/Dave Stelzner has ordered replacement road signs for Little River Rd, Anklam Rd, Slough Rd and River Rd. Signs were taken down. He reported these to the sheriff's department to have on record. Also, ordered 2 new fire numbers.
- c. Resolution, Protect Local Roads Discussion, Approval Request from WTA: Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer advised this was tabled from the last meeting so board could review. She said if the resolution is approved WTA (Wisconsin Towns Association), need to be sent to Senator and Governor. Chairman/Dave Stelzner said WTA did not provide a lot of information. Supervisor/Terry Wilz said they probably want to make there will be enough money from state level for roads. Motion to table the Protect Local Road Resolution till WTA provide better explanation at their next meeting by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.
- d. Local Officials Meeting for Waupaca Cty, US Hwy 10 Project Update: Chairman/Dave Stelzner stated they are looking to start patch work on US Hwy 10 soon. They still are in the process of bidding the work out to contractors and trying to figure out why some sections of Hwy are deteriorating faster than other sections.

9. Fire District Report

- a. Meeting update and Fire Station Grant Request: Supervisor/John Neuman attended the meeting on 3/24/26. There have been 15 emergency calls since last meeting, 25 calls year to date. Fire dept responded to a structure fire, with no safety concerns. They provided grant updates. Will apply for Fire House Subs in Apr and apply for other grants. No response from AgroPur for turnout gear. There was a grant through Congressmen Tony Wied where it would go toward a new fire station. With this grant, there would be no funds needed from District. This grant came up at the last minute, and they were able to pull all information together. For this grant they needed some townships to provide a recommendation. Supervisor/John Neuman gave a recommendation for this grant. Supervisor/Terry Wilz stated that typically when applying for this type of grant, need a certain percentage of approval. He was told this was a rush situation and this is an all-funds grant. A steel divider wall is up to protect the firemen from toxic fumes. Fire Chief Cullen gave his report and focused on recruiting. There was a discussion about getting the fire fighters EMR certified to help with patients at an accident. Discussed 2027 Budget, City of Weyauwega looking at budget freeze or cuts. Joel Bartel introduced himself as running for County Board.

10. Gold Cross Ambulance

- a. Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for 5/21/26. This is at the same time as the next WTA meeting.

11. Wolf River Preservation

- a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner reported on the meeting that was held on 3/5/26. They applied for a grant for the buoys and found good prices on new buoys. There were few repairs on the buoys with the lights on them and are adding lights to the ones that don't have lights on. They have not been billed for boat repairs yet. Balance on checkbook is around \$1,000. Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance will assist with clean up. Sheriff/DNR presented their report. Have not had many accidents on the waterways. There have been a lot of meets and greets as there are new officers for the waterways. Next meeting is set for 10/2/26.

- b. Slow No Wake Concern: Chairman/Dave Stelzner reported of receiving a concern from a resident. The resident requested to have slow no wake on the Wolf River on Lawrence Elbow, blind corner. Currently there is a yield on the corner. To add a slow no wake at this corner, would have to change the ordinance and there are DNR fees that would apply. Many items need to be completed to add a slow no wake to the corner. Chairman/Dave Stelzner spoke with the current DNR Sheriff and the previous one, both advised there have been no incidents at that corner. Motion to table this concern till obtain efficient data to back up getting a slow no wake at the corner on the Wolf River by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.

12. Bartender License

- a. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer received a bartender's application, copy of certification and fee for Matthew Suprise. He is requesting approval to obtain a bartender's license at The Wild Grape Company. She completed a background check, and he does not have any violations. Motion to approve the bartender's license for Matthew Suprise by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous Business before Board

- a. Supervisor/John Neuman reported on the Municipal appreciation meeting at Waupaca County Hwy shop. An individual from the DOT went over their projects this summer. Trying to move up the Hwy 10 project. Many individuals went over how long they have been at Hwy dept, including Casey Beyersdorf, Greg Flohr and Henry Mitchell. Mark Kurth is in maintenance, and he went over the cost for the last truck they purchased, \$459,000. Total equipment value at the Hwy dept is \$8.9mil. The foremen's and office employees were introduced and how long they have been at Hwy dept. The townships in Waupaca Cty were invoiced \$4.5mil in 2025. WI DOT was invoiced \$2.9mil in 2025. The last big snowstorm cost \$141,225 to plow county roads. There are 333 miles of roads in Waupaca Cty.
- b. Supervisor/Terry Wilz received a call from Randy Jensen. Randy lost his house in a fire, over by the fairgrounds. He is moving a house from Waushara Cty to his property. He was asking about if there are fees for the Town of Weyauwega. He did contact Waupaca Cty to make sure there are any fees with them. Supervisor/Terry Wilz gave Randy our building inspector's name and phone number, Paul Hanlon. Paul Hanlon has Randy scheduled for inspection and the fee is \$200.
- c. Chairman/Dave Stelzner reported on a round table meeting that the Town of Lind put together. They discussed the issues and verbiage on ordinances that the Cty Zoning is updating. One of the items was about verbiage on digestors and how want townships to have a say in what can be done. Another item was the solar referendum. Lots of back and forth.

14. Public Input

- a. Public/Bob Van Epps and Holly Martin introduced themselves. They are working on forming a district to support Weyauwega Lake. They advised 70% of the shoreland is in the Town of Weyauwega. They are looking at ways to remove the weeds from the lake. If they form a district, there are options for grants. They stated sand from Hwy 10 projects can be dumped in the lake. If they form the district, taxes can increase for the residents. A benefit is being able to fish in the lake again, making it more useable. Don't want to just dredge the lake again. Chairman/Dave Stelzner asked if pull weeds, were would they be taken. Holly advised they would be taken to farmlands as they are not toxic. They mentioned if nothing is done the lake will become a pond. They are working with the DNR. Bob also requested the board to consider creating an ordinance to protect a bird, the Black Turn. Lake is a breeding area for the bird and would like the boats to not disturb them. For the DNR to act towards the boats, there needs to be an ordinance. Currently the DNR are monitoring the area and asking boats to not go in the area. There are other species they would like to protect on the lake also. Supervisor/John Neuman asked the Lake District to put together a brochure listing the pros/cons and estimate cost for taxpayers. Holly advised

they will put something like that together. Right now, they are letting the board know what they are working towards.

- b. Public Bob Van Epps and Holly Martin left at 7:45pm.

15. Next meetings

- a. Open Book is set for 5/1/26.
- b. Board ok'd May meeting for 5/4/26 at 6pm.
- c. Board of Review is set for 5/11/26.
- d. Gold Cross meeting on 5/21/26, Supervisor/John Neuman plans on attending.
- e. WTA meeting on 5/21/26, Supervisor/Terry Wilz plans on attending.

16. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.