Minutes - Town of Weyauwega

American Legion – 303 N Mill St, Weyauwega WI 54983
Oct 5, 2026

1. **Call to Order**
    a. Chairman/Dave Stelzner called to order the Monthly meeting of Town of Weyauwega at 6:00pm on Oct 5, 2026, at The American Legion.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
    a. All stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.
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 – Jim Biddison, Michele Neuman, Karlie Neuman, Carmen O'Brien and Stacey Wester.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
    a. Sept Minutes: Board reviewed the minutes for Sept meeting. Motion to approve the Sept 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. Motion to approve vouchers and authorized payments of $17,077.34 by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.
7. **Weyauwega-Fremont School Referendum**
    a. Superintendent Stacey Wester & Business Manager Carmen O'Brien: Stacey Wester & Carmen O'Brien introduced themselves, they have been serving Weyauwega-Fremont School District for over 1 year. They have attended the monthly meeting to discuss the referendum that will be on the ballot in Nov. They sent out flyers to residents to provide information on the referendum. Earlier in the year a survey was sent to the residents and received many responses. They discussed the success of education at the schools and offering classes college credits and offering classes to obtain certificates, for example heavy equipment certificate. Elementary schools are focusing on reading and literacy monitoring. They are working on getting kids in personalized reading plans. The report card point of comparison for Weyauwega-Fremont Schools in Waupaca Cty is ranked #2 in 2025. They advised they qualify for funding from state every year. Supervisor/John Neuman stated at a school board meeting that the math rating is low. Stacey stated of hiring a new math teacher to improve the math rating. Carmen is implementing a new curriculum to improve grades. Chairman/Dave Stelzner asked what the enrollment numbers are. Carmen stated the enrollment is down from 2025. In 2025, there were 773 students and this year there's 755. She stated it could be due to less kids being born and fewer in rural areas, moving to bigger cities. It is even going down nationwide. Stacey pointed out that there are more coming in with open enrollment than going out. Chairman/Dave Stelzner asked about the bus budget. Weyauwega-Fremont owns their own bus. Others that contract out don't have to hire drivers or have vehicle maintenance, but the contracts go up each year. Found it is cheaper to own. They have their own transportation manager and mechanic which is a dual role. Also, most of the buses are propane fueled. Public/Jim Biddison asked why the maintenance hasn't been kept up throughout the years. Carmen stated the equipment has been kept up but now they need to be replacement. Example the boiler was replaced 10 years ago, and now other equipment needs to be replaced. Stacey advised they partnered with Myron

& Bray Arch to survey the schools to rate the buildings and equipment with a rating of poor, fair and excellent. If they repaired every poor and fair rated items, it would have cost $19.5mil. Public was not in favor of $19.5mil. They then listed the items by most important. Examples of an item that is important to replace are the windows and HVAC. It was asked what the maintenance budget is, Carmen stated it is $500,000 and the total budget is $13mil. They both confirmed they bid out the work to 9 different facilities. It was narrowed down to 3 then to 1, being Myron. Supervisor/Terry Wilz asked if the $8.45mil referendum is passed, how many years are they expecting to pay off? Carmen advised it is planned to take 20 years to be paid off. It was asked how the mill rate is affected. Carmen stated they are looking at keeping the mill rate the same. Stacey stated there are 2 types of referendums a school can request, an Operational referendum or Facility referendum. An operational referendum is a referendum to keep the lights on, 86% of school districts are requesting an operational referendum. Weyauwega-Fremont is financially sound to not have to request an operational referendum, able to keep lights on. They are requesting a facility referendum. Security is another item they would complete if referendum is approved. Examples, fence around Fremont elementary playground to keep the kids safe and a separate office area at the Weyauwega elementary this way the public go to office not straight in the school. Treasurer/Jody Wilz asked about the statement of $0 change per $1,000 of property value. Carmen stated this can be done as there will would then be zero debt change. Stacey explained since the student numbers are decreasing and when a teacher retires, instead of hiring a new teacher the classes the tired teacher had is absorbed with other teachers. For the subcontractors, they are looking at local business to conduct the work. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer brought up the point of changing the mascot years ago and where did the money come from that went into the change. Instead of changing the mascot with all the signs, logos, etc, why didn't that money go toward a new boiler for an example. Stacey and Carmen could not answer this and stated this was a good point. Stacey and Carmen thanked the board for letting them discuss the referendum and thanked everyone for the good questions.

b. Public/Stacey Wester, Carmen O'Brien, Michele Neuman and Karlie Neuman left meeting at 6:59pm.
c. Board took a break.
d. Board reconvened at 7:03pm.

8. Zoning

a. Planning & Zoning Meeting Report-Chapter 34: Supervisor/John Neuman attended the meeting on 9/17/26 starting at 6pm. Meeting was an open session run by Duwayne Fedewicz. They talked about data centers, co-digesters, solar panels and battery energy storage systems. Heard many testimonies. It was passed to change definition of data centers. Towns will have control with conditional use permits. If they deny, there must be facts to deny, not just saying don't want in townships. Changes for solar panels were passed. Jim Nygaard motioned to postpone the vote for co-digesters, thinks need to do more research. The battery energy storage systems include data centers and it passed. Supervisor/John left meeting at 8:22pm after the co-digester section, 3 quarters of the individuals attended also left after co-digester section.
b. Supervisor/Terry Wilz stated receiving several emails from Kathy Nickel with Cty zoning dept.
c. Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer reported that she sent signed resolution that was approved and minutes to Cty Clerk's office per their request.

9. Roads

a. Gravel on River Rd & Slough Rd/ANR Pipeline: Chairman/Dave Stelzner talked with ANR Pipeline/Tristan Brock. Tristan is having problems with the contractor Michaels that helped with the construction of the pipeline. He asked to send him the cost of gravel that was completed by Cty Hwy on River Rd. Once receive from hwy, Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer will send.
b. Chairman/Dave Stelnzer is putting a list of roads that need potholes filled then provide Hwy/Greg.

c. Public/Jim Biddison wanted the board to know the company that mows the ditches did a great job on Anklam Rd.
d. Supervisor/John Neuman asked if there was a response on the Kaminske property. Chairman/Dave Stelzner reported no response yet. Treasurer/Jodi Wilz noticed nothing had been done a week ago.
e. Supervisor/John Neuman said Evanswood Rd looks good and maybe we can push back maintenance on Evanswood Rd. Then the funds saved for the following year and instead of spending $100,000, we would spend $200,000. Public/Jim Biddison stated if over a certain amount will have to bid out projects and not be able to have just the Hwy dept doing the project. Chairman/Dave Stelzner thinks Hwy/Greg said maintenance on Evanswood Rd might not qualify for ARIP grant.

10. Fire District Report

a. Meeting Report: Supervisor/Terry Wilz reported on the meeting that was held on 9/22/26. They took a tour of the fire dept including the Clark Building. There is a lot of nice equipment. The areas that have had problems have been repaired, for example the meeting room has been sealed, no more fumes running in the room. For emergency calls there were 10 since the previous meeting and 74 year to date. Avina (former Crossroads) reported 3 false alarm calls in the past 12 months and they will be billed. The EMR is being taught through Fox Valley Tech as there is a refund program through the state for training costs. Then trainees can move onto EMT with this class. This is not available if take EMR training through Gold Cross. Units 920 and 919 will be sold after the new truck arrives which is scheduled for Feb 2027. Supervisor/John Neuman and Pat Gorchals monies from sale should go back to townships. Supervisor/John Neuman estimated $50,000 would go back to townships. Applied for grants, over $1mil. No new news on grants. A discussion on the 2027 Budget and was set at $193,100. In 2025 the budget was $192,700 and in 2026 the budget was $178,000. The Fire district received $7,500 donations for EMR.

11. Gold Cross Ambulance

a. No Report.
b. Public/Jim Biddison wanted to share his gratitude for an emergency call he had to make and how Gold Cross responded. We are fortunate to have them.

12. Wolf River Preservation

a. Meeting Report: Chairman/Dave Stelzner attended the meeting on 10/1/26. All municipalities were in attendance except Town of Fremont. The DNR report said there was 1 accident in Sept. They are looking for a new storage location for the new boat. Due to the size, it is being stored in Berlin for now. Boat is 19" long. Sherrif Waden stated it was a safe season. The dues have been increased to $750. For donations, the canisters brought in some money; Gills $750, Bridge Bar $1,000 and $48.50 Red Banks. The river clean up went well, but with the flood there were some items that couldn't be reached, for example propane tanks, dumpsters and lawn furniture. Next year the plan is to have 2 clean ups, one in Apr then later in season. Replaced 16 buoys. Cost of buoys could go up 30%. Looking to get the pontoon boat back up and running. They are looking for a motor and want to build a lift to help with buoys. Election of officers we held. Treasurer report $2,803.96 balance in accounts. Next meeting will be held on 3/4/27.

13. Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling

a. Meeting Report: Chairman/Dave Stelnzer attended the meeting on 9/17/26. For the Town of Weyauwega in 2025 there was 31.15 tons of recycling. During the meeting it was voted to use $15,000 used figures so each municipality has a lower cost for 2027. The township's rate will be $1.458 per resident. With a population of 555, the total fee is $809.19—approximately $200 more than in 2026. Dave Stelzner was voted vice chair for the Waupaca Cty Recycling board. They reviewed the recycling laws. Set the next meeting for 9/16/27.

14. Bartender License

a. Weymont Run Country Club Inc – Bartender: Clerk/Sonia Thede-Kramer reported of received a bartender application for Lily Baehnman at Weymont Run Country Club Inc. A background check was completed with no issues/violation and received the $15 fee. Motion to approve the bartender application for Lily Baehnman by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, seconded by Supervisor/John Neuman, all ayes, motion carried.

15. Miscellaneous Business before Board

a. None

16. Public Input

a. No further comments from public.

17. Next meetings

a. Budget Hearing & Approval meeting is set for Nov 2nd at 6pm.
b. All ok with next monthly board meeting to be held after the budget meeting on Nov 2nd.
c. General Election is on Nov 3rd from 7am-8pm.
d. Chairman/Dave Stelzner, Supervisor/Terry Wilz and Supervisor/John Neuman plan to attend WTA meeting on 11/12/26.

18. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm by Supervisor/John Neuman, seconded by Supervisor/Terry Wilz, all ayes, motion carried.