

TOWN OF YORK, DANE COUNTY MINUTES – July 13th, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of York was called to order by Chairman Helwig at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 13th, 2026. Those present were Chairman Helwig, Supervisor Auchtung, and Supervisor Derr. Others present: Listed on the sign-in sheet attached to the original minutes.

Posting of the agenda and meeting notice was verified by the Chairman Helwig.

Approval of the agenda: Motion by Supervisor Auchtung to approve the agenda as posted with a second from Supervisor Derr to approve of the agenda as posted. Agenda approved with all present in favor.

Minutes of June 8th, 2026: Motion by Supervisor Derr with a second from Supervisor Auchtung to approve of the minutes of June 8th, 2026, Town Board meeting with the date change for tonight's meeting changed from July 14th to July 13th. Minutes approved with all present in favor.

Approve Appointment of Stephanie Lulling as Interim Clerk-Treasurer: Motion made by Supervisor Derr to approve Stephanie Lulling as the Town of York Clerk-Treasurer with a second from Supervisor Auchtung. Approved with all present in favor.

Administer Oath of Office: Stephanie Lulling was given the Oath of Office and notarized by Jessa Lane.

Appointed Clerk-Treasurer Hiring Update: Chairman Helwig advised that the Clerk-Treasurer position has been posted in the local papers with the hopes of having someone hired by August 1st, 2026.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly Treasurer's report showed the following in Town accounts. Farmers & Merchants Union Bank - \$85,839.62 in the general account and \$178,979.53 in the savings account.

Bills to pay were approved on a motion by Supervisor Derr with a second from Supervisor Auchtung. Checks approved for payment were: Us Cellular \$100, Scott Construction-\$2041.00, Midstate- \$8050.00 that includes the tractor lease, and Earthscapes mowing-\$480.00. Chairman Helwig advised that he will contact Earthscapes to cut back on the mowing, so it isn't done as often and reimbursement for Chairman Helwig \$464.00 for a new mailbox and post and a 6-month Post Office Box rental. Chairman Helwig will be going to the Sun Prairie Post Office to get rural mail delivered to the Town Hall. Motion approved with all present in favor.

Attorney Sean Griffin-West & Dunn, representing Towns in Legal Matters- arrived at the meeting at 6:13 pm. Chairman Helwig provided photocopies of past ordinances. They can digitalize hard copies and add them to the website with hyperlinks. Sean advised that he does have a background in City Planning before going to law school so he can also assist with the Comprehensive Plan. The Town of York can chose to be billed hourly or a flat fee depending on the needs of the Town.

Patrolman's Report: Patrolman Dan Kleven looked at the culvert on Mueller Road, and the first few feet are rusted on each edge, it is 48 or bigger, the first passes of mowing are complete, and shouldering will begin soon.

Committee Report: Comprehensive Plan Revision: Updates given by Chairman Derr. He thanked Linda for having everything printed last Monday-however-due to there being no posting for the meeting, it was cancelled. They will pick up at the next meeting-discussing ordinances, density and how new infrastructure effect the town. They are digging into taxes, mill rates and are looking into having someone come and discuss taxes and tax impact numbers. The timeline for a draft may have been overly optimistic, and they are now looking at hopefully having a draft closer to the end of the year.

Historical Update: Cemetery subgroup has been busy identifying graves and monuments that need to be taken care of. A workday will be set up in the fall for volunteers to clean up some areas in the local cemetery, especially along the fence lines where there is a lot of brush. East York will need the most attention. It has the older monuments that have deteriorated and/or snapped off. If possible, they may investigate some ground penetrating funding/grants to determine if/where graves are located.

Chairmans Report:

Roads: Janisch Road from Sun Prairie to Mueller Road will have work done by Local Pavement out of Waterloo. They identified about 50 areas that they will patch for \$8000.00. Then it will go out to bid for sealcoating for Mueller, wedging can be done after paving and patching, crack filling, and possibly the purchase of a new culvert for Mueller by the Wolfe farm.

Fire and EMS: Marshall contracts are going well. The contract for the rural group is up in September with updates for fee for service, storage of equipment and shared equipment being looked at. Columbus is looking at building a combined, Police/Fire/City Hall building that the Town of York does not want to be involved in.

Any other Items for Discussion: The August regular meeting is scheduled for August 10th-the day before the election- the meeting will be moved to August 17th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The next Comprehensive Planning Meeting will be on August 3rd at 7pm. The Planning Commission meeting will be August 3rd at 6:30 pm to discuss Bush Road and should be done before the next meeting. Tome Waddell advised that he was contacted by someone from Wings Over Wisconsin regarding flooding of the marsh with most of the neighbors in the area not on board with that plan. He will be in contact with the representative next week and a possible meeting will take place at his residence.

Motion made by Supervisor Derr to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm, motion was seconded by Supervisor Auchtung. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:67 p.m.

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