

Town of Vienna Board Minutes
May 5, 2025

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Amanda Nickel, Dakota Cable, Sherri Meinholz, Gary Endres and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present, Payne Dolan Rep, Nick, Alliant Rep, Bob, and Residents Kim Komplin, Joe Henry, Jake Ripp and Nancy Caldwell.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Komplin lives on County Hwy I, by Hahn Rd and explained that semi and dump trucks both come over the hill and use their “Jake Brake” to slow down when approaching the stop sign. Working at home, Komplin can hear the brakes and trucks stopping all day long. She had called our office over a year ago and Clark explained it was Dane County jurisdiction. Komplin explained that she had called the Dane County Highway department to ask about regulating signs on County Hwy I. Komplin was told that the local authority must have an Ordinance for this to enforce and reference on the sign. Komplin contacted our office and Clark responded by drafting a new Ordinance for the town to start the process. Marx asked how it would be enforced. Endres stated it is more a noise issue than an engine brake. Meinholz explained that sometimes these brakes are needed, and not all compression brakes make noise. Clark suggested continuing discussion once the Ordinance is discussed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Cable, second by Nickel to approve the minutes for April 15, 2025, Town Board meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Discussion and possible action on Payne & Dolan Solar Farm and Agreements: Alliant representative Bob explained that this is the company’s customer hosted program. Alliant leases space from an industrial/commercial customer, sets up solar panels on the leased land area, in this case 7 acres, and generates approximately enough power to offset the customers’ use of power. The land is contracted for 20 years with renewal options at the end of the term. The panels will have a setback of 150 feet off the road and the area will be completely fenced in. This application was reviewed by the Plan Commission and recommended for approval. There is a public hearing scheduled at Dane County on May 27th for public feedback. Motion by Endres, second by Cable to approve the application for the solar farm located at Payne & Dolan. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2025-3 Prohibiting Motor Vehicle Compression Brakes: Discussion continued for Ordinance 2025-3 Prohibiting Motor Vehicle Compression (Jake) Brakes. The concern with the Ordinance was the language, it was too broad covering the whole township. The members discussed adding “specified area within the town limits” and only post the signs where the major concerns are. This would allow truck haulers to use brakes in areas that are not a concern, to help in stopping the large equipment. Motion by Meinholz, second by Nickels to approve Ordinance 2025-3 as amended. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Oak Lane Change Order for Undercutting: The road work revealed more soft spots in the road than anticipated after the first roll test. It was determined more asphalt would be needed to fix this and a change notice was presented for another \$50,000 in estimated costs. Motion by Nickels, second by Cable to approve the change order for additional road project costs. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Freedom Fireworks, LLC application, Pink Elephant Lot: This is a new vendor that has not applied in the past with Vienna. However, when we looked up the establishment name, it showed store locations and stands throughout the state. Clark contacted the Fire Inspector to follow up with this vendor once the stand is erected. Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve the Freedom Fireworks, application to sell fireworks. Motion carried (5-0)

Appointment of Commission and Committee members for new term: Clark provided an updated list of elected and appointed members on different commissions and committees with updated terms. This is information for individuals serving during their terms.

Operator’s License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Amanda Nickels’ first meeting with Cornerstone Community Center is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th. Supervisor Cable meeting with Waunakee EMS is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th. Supervisor Meinholz

meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department was held Monday, April 28th. Nothing new to report. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire was held Monday, April 28th. The Village is working on the plan for their new organization.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that a follow-up review of Nature Valley improvements was held onsite last week. It was determined a few areas needed more work for better water flow when it rains. WTA is hosting training for elected officials. If anyone is interested, let me know so I can register before the deadline. Last, one elected official needs to attend Board of Review training with the Clerk. Nickels stated she could do it so Clark will schedule it virtually.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$109,736.31; Payroll \$27,367.58; Town Bills \$80,201.85; Utility 1 \$1,147.15 and Utility 2 \$1,019.73. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz, to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval on May 19, 2025, Town Board Meeting