

**Town of Vienna Board Minutes
Monday, January 19, 2026**

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 7:00PM, by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Sherri Meinholz, Amanda Nickel, Dakota Cable, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also attending, Town Engineer Scott Anderson, Alliant Representatives Phil Anderson and Nick Hanold; attendees Mac/Laurel Stephenson, Brent/Jackie Kelley, Nancy Caldwell, Ronda Meinholz, Sarah Ripp, Nancy Roth, and Jenny Sweatt. Gary Endres as excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: None

Approve or amend the minutes of the January 5, 2026, town board meeting: Motion by Cable, second by Meinholz to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026, town board meeting. Motion carried (4-0)

Discussion and possible action on Narnarayan Inc, DBA Holiday Inn Express Application for a new Liquor License: Clark informed the board that the Holiday Inn has been undergoing remodeling for the last year and has rooms for entertainment added. The owner applied for a new Liquor License to serve liquor on the premises, like the Comfort Inn and other rooming establishments. Motion by Meinholz, second by Nickel to approve the liquor license application for the Holiday Inn Express. Motion carried (4-0)

Discussion and possible action on Associated Appraisal Contract for Revaluation of Town Properties due to DOR Compliance Requirements: Clark explained that the town received a notice from the Dept. of Revenue (DOR) stating the town was out of compliance in accordance with Wis. States. 70.05(5). DOR mandates valuation of property must maintain a value of 90%-110% of market value. Since the town completed a revaluation in 2019, the Interim Market Approach will meet requirements, eliminating walk throughs on most properties. Discussion followed. Motion by Nickel, second by Cable to approve the contract to begin the revaluation process using the Interim Market approach. Motion carried (4-0)

Note: Meinholz recused herself at this point in the meeting.

Discussion and possible action on Alliant Energy Application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to build an Electrical Distribution Substation at the ATC Property located on Patton Rd via an Easement agreement-Parcel #0909-153-8501-0: Clark introduced Anderson and Hanold with Alliant. Clark displayed the plans on the screens and Hanold explained the build of the new substation. This would be a temporary structure built to provide extra energy during the construction of the Data Center. The new electric distribution substation would be built on an easement agreement granted by ATC for Alliant to build this substation. Nickel asked the need to approve this now when the plan for the data center has not been approved. Anderson stated this will take time to build and the permitting process is being done to plan ahead. Several other questions were raised regarding how much energy will this produce and what impact this will have. Discussion followed. Dane County is holding a public hearing on February 24th to review the application and allow any concerns to be raised prior to the final approval of the conditional use application and design. Motion by Nickel, second by Cable to table the application to gather additional information on the timing and other plans affiliated with this application. Motion carried (3-0)

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Amanda Nickels' meeting with Cornerstone Community Center was scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th but was cancelled. Supervisor Cable meeting with Waunakee EMS meeting was held Thursday, January 8th. A holiday event is scheduled for Friday, January 23rd at Lone Girl in Waunakee. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, January 26th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire is scheduled for January 28th.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that a Spring Primary Election will be held for Dane County Circuit Judge seat only. Three candidates are running, and it needs to be reduced to two for the ballot.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Cable, second by Nickel to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$1,962,643.48; Payroll \$9,390.66; Town Bills \$1,936,319.93 (includes tax settlement); Utility 1 \$5,222.65 and Utility 2 \$2,090.96. Motion carried (3-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Nickel, second by Cable, to adjourn. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These minutes were approved at the February 9, 2026, board meeting