

APRIL 28, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Approval of minutes from March meeting. Kopf/Jahns motion to approve, carried 3-0.
3. Public Comments - (Please note this is the Town Board's monthly business meeting, not a public hearing. People wishing to speak on any item not on the agenda should present their comments now under this "Public Comments" agenda item. In addition, although the Board can receive comments on matters not included on this agenda, it cannot discuss or take action on these matters.) (Each commenter will be limited to a total of 3 minutes.).

Lisa Leichtfuss made a clarification of minutes that it was CPR recertification done with North Fond du Lac.

Lisa Gyr, animal control, recently put up a building for stray animals. They have partnered with a vet in Green Bay for low-cost monthly transport to Madison for spay/neuter and vaccinations for cats, which is open to all residents.

4. Reports:
 - a. Chairman Dave Jahns – This month there has been a lot of phone calls/complaints. He attended the Wisconsin Asphalt Pavement Association seminar in Appleton with Mike. He's received calls regarding blighted properties and bad roads at Townline Circle and regarding permits and inspections.
 - b. Supervisor Joe Kopf – Kopf reported that the bulky waste drop off was successful. He suggested that the curve on County Rd C should be painted yellow. He will call the county department to see if they do it and the cost. Will be setting a time to meet for road bids. Joe did ask for an update on where things are at for the generator. Mike received the transfer switch on Friday and has a call in to start the work on the pad soon. The plow truck has been repaired and is back at the shop.
 - c. Supervisor Todd Stahmann – Jahns welcomed Todd to the Board. Nothing to report.
 - d. Clerk Kristy Weinke – Weinke reported the community center has been busy with rentals. Otherwise, working on final budget numbers, 2024 financial statement, and required reports.
 - e. Treasurer Vickie Michels-GC \$28,369.06; ARPA \$29,203.91; SF \$1,004.69; MM \$259,376.90; TC \$258,934.62; NE \$278,552.65; OR \$80,000
 - f. Plan Commission – White reported on the site visit at the Alliant substation with Town of Friendship along with two employees from Alliant. All looks good with landscaping and water retention. Any water/ditch issues seem to be on the Friendship side of the road. He also noted that additional water may be coming from fields being tiled in the area. Jeremy Brenner will follow with the attorney on the internet and cell phone interruption. The EPC April meeting had concept plan review on the Will property. White attended the ECWRPC meeting on April 8 and forwarded the slides and notes to the Board.
 - g. Town Highway – Pionke reported that the bulky waste drop-off had seven and half dumpsters full, three trailers and two plow trucks full of scrap to take in, and electronics were also full (four totes of TVs and VCRs) and picked up today. He received a lot of compliments on help with unloading. There was a steady stream of with lines at times. The lawn was mowed at the shop and he's getting things ready for summer. The plow truck has been fixed and returned, which needed a deadman's switch replaced and the cam sensor harness.

- h. Fire Department – Borski reported two calls – an accident in Winnebago County and a home fire. The owner was able to put it out with a fire extinguisher. He reminded everyone to be conscientious of disposed ashes, which should be in a metal container away from the home. The department had training with Rosendale. All hoses were tested this month. The fire department and first responders are looking into setting up a 501(c)3 organization to be able to apply for grants and is looking for resident to participate. It requires quarterly meetings and Board members. Anyone interested should speak with Jerry or Lisa.
 - i. First Responders – Lisa reported they responded to the Winnebago accident (called off), the house fire, and a Rosendale fire. The Easter egg hunt on the 19th had 127 kids participating and they filled 1,500 eggs.
5. Discussion and possible action on failing septic system at Simon Field
Jahns met with Schmidt Excavating and was referred to an engineer, Brian. Ziegelbauer had suggested a holding tank. Brian suggested doing the same, but not putting it close to the buildings and to go farther north past the well. Dave will get more info on capacity, the best location, and then the Board can move forward.
6. Discussion and possible rescinding of Country Touch proposal for lawn mowing
There are a couple of residents who are already part-time highway employees that have offered to mow and save the town money for this year. Jahns/Stahmann motion to rescind the County Touch proposal for mowing and use the town employees, carried 2-1.
7. Discussion and possible action on permanent stage in pavilion
Joe Simon reviewed the plan and estimate for the proposed stage-\$3.XXX for all treated materials or \$4,XXX for framing and composite deck boards. Stahmann questioned the quote for composite, as it seemed to not include the framing. The expense for the stage would be offset by fundraising. Jim Pionke clarified that there will be more discussion at the picnic committee meeting tomorrow night and they are just looking for the Board to approve the permanent stage, probably to be built next year. Jahns/Kopf motion to approve the permanent stage at the pavilion, carried 3-0.
8. Action on Plan Commission members:
Jeremy Brenner-05/01/2025-4/30/2028
Dennis Yoder-05/01/2025-4/30/2028
Both have agreed to continue their positions on the Plan Commission. Jahns/Kopf motion to reappoint Brenner and Yoder to the EPC board for another three years, carried 3-0.
9. Discussion and action on moving May's meeting due to Memorial Day
Stahmann/Kopf motion to move the May meeting to Monday, May 19, carried 3-0.
10. Questions or Comments on Agenda items - Individuals wishing to speak on any agenda item discussed above should present their comments now under this "Public Comments" agenda item. Each commenter will be limited to a total of three consecutive minutes under this agenda item.
Tim Henke asked if Ziegelbauer has a designer for septic systems. Jahns explained that they do, but Brian works with Schmidt and the cost is added to the total bill.
Charlie Becker questioned whether the public could receive a copy of the bills paid for the month as in the past. They will be provided moving forward.
Jeff White questioned if anything needs to be done with the water tank at Simon Field before the septic is done. Borski stated it is filled with water; however, it is not used often.
Replacing the septic should not affect it.
Duane Spano questioned if bids were put out for the septic. Jahns explained that the Board has consulted with a couple to get costs for comparison.

Lisa Leichtfuss asked about funds for the fire truck. Jahns acknowledged that a committee needs to be established to put a capital improvement plan in place. Becker mentioned that typically that would be established at the annual meeting.

Jeff White asked about working with Cedar Corp. Jahns plans to discuss things further with Ken in the near future.

Jerry Borski asked about the review of the budget and where the town is at so far this year. Jahns looked it over and thought we are pretty much on track.

Jim Rozek asked if there was an estimate of when work will begin on Olden Road. The County is moving forward and Jahns reiterated that it does need to be finished by the end of 2026.

Duane Spano questioned if “no engine braking” signs could be put up on Olden. Jahns believes that there would need to be an ordinance put in place as to such before signs could be put up.

11. Items intended for next monthly meeting – none at the time
12. Approve and pay monthly bills
13. Adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m. – Motion made by Kopf/Stahmann, carried 3-0.

Kristy Weinke, Town Clerk