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Town Board Meeting Minutes – **APPROVED**

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Present: Chairperson Tim Candahl, Supervisors Tim Ehler, Renee Knutson, Tim Padesky and Marlene Heal; Administrator Christina Peterson, and Clerk Fortune Berg.

Excused/Absent: Treasurer Melissa Erdman.

Attendance List: Priamo Paulino (N2457 Briarwood Ave).

1. Meeting called to order by Candahl at 5:00 p.m.
2. Minutes from 04/21/2026. Motion by Knutson to approve minutes from 04/21/2026, second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Bills Payable. Motion by Heal to accept closed invoices for \$70,340.61, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ehler to pay open invoices for \$14,308.51, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report. Knutson asked about capital outlay budget for parks, Peterson will review. No action taken.
5. Public Comment. None.
6. 2026 Drainageway Projects (Vanity Drive, Briarwood Ave). Candahl read an email from Public Works detailing damage and costs for repair on Vanity Drive. Candahl pointed out the areas on map. *Motion by Padesky, to hire Bolton and Menk to investigate the pipe size and option for a catch basin at the end of Vanity Drive, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.* Peterson noted drainage concerns on parcel off Briarwood Ave and pointed out where drainage flows on map. Paulino stated that a culvert would help but not eliminate the problem. Discussion on water flows and options for reduction of water flow. Discussion on obligations for mitigation, repairs and maintenance of drainage easements. Peterson recommends getting advice from an attorney and then creating a policy to address similar situations in Shelby. No board action taken.
7. LADCO Annual Membership. Discussion on benefits of LADCO. 2024 and 2025 membership cost \$324.00 and for 2026 it jumped to \$2,358.00. Ehler will investigate the reason for the cost increase and report back to the board. Tabled for a future meeting.
8. Multiple Dog Application – Jacob Buisman (W5220 County Road F). Berg reported no issues. Motion by Heal, to approve application to exceed 2-dog limit, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Award 2026 Old Town Hall Road Bid. Berg noted bids received. Motion by Padesky to award the bid to Gerke Excavating, Inc for \$175,311.57, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Administrator and Public Works Report. Peterson reported...

- a. Talked to Attorney Brian Weber to assist with the Developers Agreement for Featherstone Rise Development. Will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- b. Peterson and Heal attended Spring Road School, big takeaway was fiberglass/UV lining for pipes. Peterson may investigate that method for some areas in Shelby. Additionally, machine rental options for tree trimming may be a better option for cutting back trees that are in the right of way.
- c. Peterson and Padesky went to a demo of a new street sweeper in Onalaska. Discussion on sweeper capabilities.
- d. Parks Committee vacancies. Heal suggested Nancy Winberg, her neighbor. Berg will reach out. Position will be advertised on town website.
- e. National Night Out will be hosted in Shelby this year, August 4th. More information to come.
- f. Hillview Fields update. Met with School District and Boys and Girls Club, School District is going to take over, the Town will transfer utilities when the School District signs a lease.
- g. Public works is mowing, filling potholes and brush. They installed the concrete slabs for the benches and benches will be installed soon. Working on getting plants and trees ordered for parks.
- h. Engineers are working on Millstream design. Bolton and Menk will send survey to residents to get more information on the issues that they see.
- i. BKC Construction is working to repair pipes that were damaged in Wedgewood Valley and completing the repair of driveways that were disturbed during construction last year.
- j. Peterson noted Nolop Estates and Nolop Hills of Home subdivision signs cannot be placed in certain areas because of the right-of-way. Discussion on alternate locations for subdivision signs.

11. Chairperson and Supervisors Report.

- a. Candahl is working on 1998 HME Pumper to get it ready for sale.
- b. At a future meeting there will be closed session to discuss next steps with sewer agreement discussion with City of La Crosse.
- c. Knutson reported bases for benches were installed, concrete bases for the garbage cans to be installed soon.
- d. Knutson reported trees, plants and shrubs are being delivered tomorrow to be placed in the parks.
- e. Knutson reported that Jean Wiggert stepped down from the Parks Committee.
- f. Knutson reported that she and Peterson utilized AI to create the start of a Parks and Recreation Plan. That will come soon.

- g. Knutson reported she and Peterson met with ORA and spoke about signage and trail maintenance. Potential for a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and ORA in the future.
 - h. Candahl noted there is a pending sale on the Trane building.
 - i. Candahl reported that he did an open house on April 25, 2026, for residents to speak with him directly. Knutson noted she will post information for the public to get the information on grants received, grants awarded but not received and grants applied for.
12. Fire Department Report.
- a. Candahl reported the upgrade to the free reporting software is \$16,000.00 for the start and \$7,500.00 for each year after. No longer pursuing the full upgrade.
 - b. Peterson reported discussion on Maintenance of Effort report to the Dept. of Revenue.
 - c. Heal added that there will be 5 new sets of gear being ordered.
13. Closed Session. Motion by Ehler to go into closed session PURSUANT to WIS STAT 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Coulee Avenue Building at 6:36 p.m., second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Open Session. Motion by Ehler to re-enter open session at 7:05 p.m., second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Adjournment. Motion by Heal to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting on May 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall
Respectfully Submitted by Fortune Berg, Clerk