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Town Board Meeting Minutes – **APPROVED**

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Present: Supervisors Renee Knutson, Tim Padesky, and Marlene Heal; Administrator Christina Peterson, Treasurer Melissa Erdman (until 5:40 p.m.), and Clerk Fortune Berg.

Absent/Excused: Chairperson Tim Candahl and Supervisor Tim Ehler.

Attendance List: Town Staff Charlie Handy, Joe Hauser (N2095 County Road F), and Jerry Severson (N969 Lauterbach Road).

1. Meeting called to order by Knutson at 5:00 p.m.
2. Minutes from 9/16/2025. Knutson noted clarifications on her report. Motion by Padesky to approve minutes from 9/16/2025 with clarifications, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Bills Payable. Knutson asked about Deferred Comp cost, Erdman clarified it's paid by employees to save additional funds for retirement. Motion by Heal to accept closed invoices for \$244,551.09, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously. Heal asked about the McQueen Equipment Charge, Erdman answered it was a Fire Department charge. Knutson asked about charge for Menards, Erdman answered *You're on Camera* signage. Motion by Heal to pay open invoices for \$36,254.97, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Erdman reviewed report (see attached). Erdman noted the numbers are mostly consistent where we were projected with the last amendment. Erdman noted differences, no major differences.
5. Public Comment.
 - a. Jerry Severson (N969 Lauterbach Road). Severson is here on behalf of the Mormon Coulee Lions Club asking about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the status of the bridge inspection. Berg noted the MOU will be discussed at the meeting on October 21st. Peterson provided an update on the bridge inspection; the Board will need to make a policy decision on whether it can be used for ATV/UTV traffic while the Lion's host their Winter event. This discussion will be included in MOU discussions.
 - b. Steve Peplinski (W5655 State Road 33 #37) – Written Correspondence. Berg provided the Board with written correspondence from Mr. Peplinski.
6. Appointment of Planning Commissioner. Berg reviewed applicant, noted Tim Candahl's recommendation to appoint. Motion by Heal to appoint Meg Paulino to the Planning

Commission effective immediately, term ending 4/30/2027, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Application to Exceed 2-Dog Limit. Berg noted no issues or citations reported, approval recommended. Motion by Heal, to recommend approval, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Resolution 2025-9 for Authorized Signors at Coulee Bank for the Fire Department. Berg noted change of Fire Department Social Club President, just need to get her approved to sign checks at Coulee Bank. Motion by Heal, to approve and sign the resolution to authorize signors for the Fire Department at Coulee Bank, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Wedgewood Valley Stormwater Project – BKC Pay Request #4. Peterson reviewed Pay Request and commented that a future pay request may reflect a cost increase due to additional aggregate needed for driveways. Peterson also noted upcoming review related to high beams in the inlet structure. Motion by Padesky, to pay BKC Construction in the amount of \$95,180.00 for the Wedgewood Valley Stormwater Project, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Administrator and Public Works Report. Peterson reported ...
 - a. She created a task memo for the following week in collaboration with Public Works which includes working on Large Item Drop Off on, Grass and Leaf bin soft opening, Park Maintenance, working on Old Highway 35 and in the River Hills area.
 - b. Entrance to back parking lot is almost complete and staff and Fire Department will be able to park behind Town Hall again.
 - c. Peterson noted speed trailer was hit on Oktoberfest weekend, Public Works will be repairing it.
 - d. Pump pulled out of Arbor Hills Well #2 for testing.
 - e. Town Hall Roof and Fire Station Roof both complete.
 - f. Mormon Coulee Pedestrian Bridge Inspected.
 - g. LRIP Funding deadline November 1st Hypoint Drive, Crown Blvd and Gronemus Road or Hagen based on feedback from Delmore Consulting.
 - h. Stormwater project in Wedgewood Valley is wrapping up.
 - i. Knutson asked if PASER ratings are done, Peterson stated it's still being worked on.
 - j. Peterson reviewed draft of open enrollment benefits summary.
11. Chairperson and Supervisors Report. None.
12. Fire Department Report.
 - a. Peterson reported Ben Gerling and Lily Johnson have been hired.
13. Closed Session. Motion by Padesky to go into closed session at 5:50 p.m. per 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Offer to lease and/or offer for option to purchase building in the Town of Shelby, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Open Session. Motion by Padesky to re-enter open session at 6:40 p.m., second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Lease for 2605 Coulee Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601. Motion by Padesky to approve and sign the proposed lease for 2605 Coulee Ave, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Adjournment. Motion by Padesky to adjourn at 6:41 p.m., second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting: October 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted by Fortune Berg, Clerk