



Town Board Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 4735 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, WI 54601

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

Berg.

Absent/Excused: None.

Attendance List: Joe & Dianne Hauser (N2095 County Road F), John Sterling (W5419 Boma Road), Jill Schomberg (N3030 CTH OA), Rhonda Peterson (800 West Ave N #178), William Quadzinski (N168 Johnson Road), Allen Lueck (N912 Justin Road), Jerry Severson (N969 Lauterbach Road), Robert & Kathy Schaertl (3009 Easter Heights Road), and Susan Kortness-Staples (W5549 Southdale Drive).

- 1. Meeting called to order by Candahl at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. <u>Minutes from 8/5/2025.</u> Knutson noted the location of the meeting for 08/27/2025 should be All Star. Motion by Knutson to approve minutes from 8/5/2025, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. <u>Bills Payable.</u> Motion by Knutson to accept closed invoices for \$264,357.69, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously. Knutson asked about Milestone Materials for Continental Lane and State Road, Peterson and Erdman answered riprap on Continental Lane and redoing the ditch on State Road. Motion by Heal to pay open invoices for \$56,844.77, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Public Comment. None.
- 5. Appointment of Sanitary District #2 Commissioner (Term Ends 3/31/2028). Candahl introduced John Sterling to the Board. Motion by Padesky, to appoint John Sterling to the Sanitary District effective immediately until 3/31/2028, second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. <u>Limited Term Part-Time Hire Planner/Administration</u>. Peterson reviewed the need for assistance with Zoning, Ordinances, and Municipal Finance. Peterson recommends Charlie Handy for the position as he has 30 years of experience. Peterson noted that although this is a part-time position, Handy would be more like a consultant. Motion by Padesky, to hire Charlie Handy for limited term, part time help for planning and administration at Town Hall, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. New Liquor and Tobacco License GTGS, LLC Timmer's 10 Mile Pub. Berg reviewed application and recommend approval. Peterson noted caveat that the current owners of Timmer's are surrendering their license with the understanding that the new owners will

- be given the liquor license. Motion by Ehler, to approve the Liquor and Tobacco Licenses for GTGS, LLC expiring June 30, 2026, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Ordinance 9.07 for the Sale of Cigarettes, Electronic Vaping Devices, and Other Tobacco Products. Berg reviewed the ordinance and noted that it has been reviewed and approved the language in the ordinance as drafted. Berg noted that the ordinance has to strictly conform to state statute. Motion by Heal, to approve and sign Ordinance 9.07, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Administrator and Public Works Report. Peterson reported...
 - a. The Breidel Coulee Bridge --.
 - b. The 28th Street construction is ongoing; the City of La Crosse adjusted the size of the driveways.
 - c. The driveway to the lot behind Town Hall is being redone. Town Crew began work today.
 - d. The Fire Department Hydrant painting will be done in the next few weeks, the Office Intern as well as a new hire will be taking care of it.
 - e. Public Works is working on Hillview Ballfields to allow the School District to be able to drag and use them this fall.
 - f. Public Works is mowing areas with safety/visibility concerns. These areas are outside of the regular Spring/Fall mowing.
 - g. Brush List was long this month due to the storms, Public Works completed over one week.
 - h. Public Works is mulching in parks and playgrounds.
 - i. Public Works is seeding in Wedgewood Valley Park.
 - j. Permanent generator installed at Arbor Hills Well 1 so that the portable generator is able to move elsewhere.
 - k. Town Hall and Fire Department roofs are scheduled to be done in the second week of September.
 - I. Architect for the Facilities Study is going to be meeting with Peterson in September to establish a timeline.
 - m. Wedgewood Valley Drainage Improvement Project is about 50% complete.
 - n. Notice of a Special Exception Permit for ORA received from La Crosse County. Shelby was notified as an adjacent property owner; no Board action is required.
 - o. Peterson noted that the Mormon Coulee Bridge inspection is upcoming.

10. Chairperson and Supervisors Report

- a. Candahl reported on enforcement.
- b. Candahl reported the 1986 Ford Pumper Tanker is listed on Auto Trader.
- c. Candahl reported that the 1998 HME Fire Truck is getting fixed before it can be sold.
- d. Candahl reported on the Bluffland Coalition meeting and on upcoming agenda items.

- e. Candahl and Peterson reported on money requested from La Crosse County for the Goose Island Connector Trail.
- f. Candahl reported that he is working with La Crosse County to enforce Health and Safety in the La Crosse Mobile Home Court.

11. <u>Fire Department Report.</u>

- a. Candahl reported interviews will be coming up to make up for personnel shortage.
- b. Candahl reported that Station 2 is really in need of personnel.

12. Clerk's Report.

- a. Berg reviewed written report (see attached).
- 13. <u>Adjournment.</u> Motion by Padesky to adjourn at 5:47 p.m., second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Budget Workshop Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall Special Town Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted by Fortune Berg, Town Clerk