

## **Town of Round Lake – Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall (10625 N County Road A, Hayward, WI 54843) and via Virtual Platform

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Strandlund called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Board Members Present: Chairman Strandlund, Supervisor Jensen, Supervisor Verbeck, Supervisor Wilson, and Supervisor Palmer. Also Present: Clerk Leuschen, Treasurer Palya, and Fire Chief Schmidt. Attendance: Twenty-two (22) present in person and one (1) online.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **3. Certification of Proper Meeting Notice (Wis. Stat. § 19.84)**

Clerk Leuschen certified that the meeting notice was properly posted at the Town Hall, Recycling Center, and on the Town website in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 19.84 (Wisconsin Open Meetings Law).

### **4. Approval/Reordering of Current Agenda**

The Board reviewed the agenda and made no changes.

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Supervisor Wilson and seconded by Supervisor Verbeck to approve the Regular Town Board Meeting minutes from January 8, 2026. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **6. Public Comments**

The following individuals provided public comment within the posted agenda parameters:

Jim Sokup introduced himself and provided general information regarding a rezone request for property located at the corner of McLean Road and Forest Gate Lane; he noted the request is expected to appear on a future agenda. Supervisor Wilson asked clarification questions related to the current AG zoning.

Ann Harless spoke regarding the Nonmetallic Mining Licensing Ordinance agenda item and expressed concern with the item being listed for possible action and with revisiting an ordinance that was adopted after prior review.

Edward Haugen spoke regarding the Nonmetallic Mining Licensing Ordinance agenda item and requested additional time and information prior to any potential changes.

John Robotka spoke regarding nonmetallic mining and expressed concerns about additional gravel pits and associated impacts.

Ginny Chabek provided comments on behalf of Martin Hanson regarding Wisconsin Assembly Bill 1033 and potential impacts on local ordinances; she also raised questions and concerns related to the Nonmetallic Mining Licensing Ordinance agenda item, including process and cost considerations.

Cindy Bijold reiterated concerns regarding the reason for revisiting the Nonmetallic Mining Licensing Ordinance and requested transparency on the impetus for review.

Letters from residents were also submitted and read into the record by Chairman Strandlund.

#### **7. Monthly Recycling Card Drawing**

The monthly recycling card drawing was held.

#### **8. Road Report – Doug Laier, Road Crew**

Doug Laier provided the road report, noting ongoing winter maintenance activities and ice-damaged tree cleanup. He reported that snow was placed at the Twin Lake snowmobile crossing on Twin Lake Road to help prevent further shoulder damage. The Board discussed winter right-of-way parking issues and options for addressing safety and plowing concerns.

#### **9. Land Use Plan Commission Report – Ginny Chabek, Plan Commission Chair**

Chair Chabek reported that the Land Use Plan Commission discussed the Town approval process for shipping containers and voted to recommend denial of the Town Board land use approval for the shipping container at 12003 W Twin Lake Road, citing the after-the-fact nature of the request, the owner's absence from the meeting to answer questions, and the container's proximity to the road in a high-traffic area. Chair Chabek also reported that the Plan Commission voted to recommend approval of the Certified Survey Map (CSM #5428) related to The Preserve (Jeremy Hill) and discussed the Town's draft junk/public nuisance ordinance materials, requesting a joint working session with the Board.

#### **10. Callahan/Mud Lake District Report – Supervisor Verbeck**

Supervisor Verbeck reported on a recent meeting of the Callahan/Mud Lake District and informed the Board that the District has established its internal committee structure. He noted that committee meetings will be conducted moving forward and that those meetings will be posted publicly and open to the public. The Board also discussed the use of the Town Hall for meetings and reviewed the Town Hall use agreement. Board members emphasized the importance of ensuring that any group using the Town Hall, including the Lake District, completes and signs the Town Hall use agreement form prior to holding meetings at the facility.

#### **11. Moose Lake Road Improvement Project – Selection of Alternative Proposal**

The Board discussed information presented regarding potential alternatives for the Moose Lake Road improvement project. Board members noted the need for additional time to review the materials provided and to allow for additional input before selecting a final alternative. Motion by Chairman Strandlund and seconded by Supervisor Verbeck to hold off on selecting an alternative until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

## **12. Certified Survey Map Approval – The Preserve – Jeremy Hill / Scott Thiermann**

Jeremy Hill appeared before the Board and provided information regarding the purpose and details of the proposed Certified Survey Map (CSM) related to The Preserve development. Mr. Hill explained that the CSM was intended to combine existing lots and Outlots and to adjust parcel configuration for property management and future development considerations. Discussion included the layout of the parcels, easement areas, roadway access, and overall compliance with applicable Town and County land division requirements. Following discussion, the Board considered the recommendation previously provided by the Land Use Planning Commission. Motion by Supervisor Verbeck and **seconded** by Supervisor Jensen to approve the Certified Survey Map for The Preserve as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

## **13. Town Board Land Use Approval – Shipping Container – 12003 W Twin Lake Road**

The Board reviewed the Town approval application and associated Sawyer County Land Use Permit materials regarding the placement of a shipping container accessory structure located at 12003 W Twin Lake Road. The Board noted that the container had been placed on the property prior to receiving Town approval, making the request an after-the-fact approval. Discussion included the recommendation previously forwarded by the Land Use Planning Commission, the placement of the container relative to road setbacks, and concerns regarding compliance with Town and County land use requirements. Board members also discussed the importance of ensuring that structures are placed only after appropriate permits and approvals are obtained. Following discussion, the Board considered the Plan Commission's recommendation. Motion to deny Town Board land use approval for the shipping container and recommend removal of the structure was made and seconded. Motion carried (4-1).

## **14. American Tower Lease (Site #211543)**

The Board discussed the American Tower lease item related to Site #211543 and reviewed the available information regarding the lease. Board members agreed that additional time would be beneficial to review the materials and consider the next potential steps. Motion by Chairman Strandlund and seconded by Supervisor Verbeck to table the item to the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

## **15. Initiation of Development Process for a Junk or Public Nuisance Ordinance**

The Board discussed the potential development of a Town junk or public nuisance ordinance. Discussion included concerns raised by residents regarding property conditions in certain areas of the Town and the need for a clear process for addressing nuisance conditions while balancing property owner rights. The Board agreed that further research and drafting would be necessary and that the Land Use Planning Commission should assist in reviewing sample ordinances and developing potential language for consideration. To facilitate discussion and collaboration, the Board agreed to hold a joint working session with the Land Use Planning Commission. A joint meeting between the Town Board and the Land Use Planning Commission was scheduled for April 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. to begin reviewing potential ordinance language and discuss next steps.

## **16. Ordinance Review – Town Road Use Ordinance No. 8401 D (19)**

The Board discussed concerns related to vehicles being parked within Town road rights-of-way during winter months, which can interfere with snow removal operations and create potential safety hazards. Discussion included possible approaches for strengthening enforcement of existing regulations and improving public awareness regarding restrictions on parking within road rights-of-way. Board members discussed whether modifications to the ordinance or additional enforcement mechanisms may be necessary. Motion by Chairman Strandlund and **seconded** by Supervisor Jensen to refer the matter to the Land Use Planning Commission for further review and recommendations. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

#### **17. Ordinance Review – Citation Enforcement Ordinance No. 9402**

The Board discussed the current citation enforcement ordinance and potential updates that may improve enforcement procedures for Town ordinances. Discussion included whether the existing ordinance adequately supports enforcement of Town regulations and whether revisions may be necessary to clarify citation authority or procedures. Motion by Chairman Strandlund and seconded by Supervisor Wilson to refer the ordinance review to the Land Use Planning Commission for further review and recommendations. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

#### **18. Ordinance Review – Nonmetallic Mining Licensing Ordinance No. 2022-04**

The Board discussed concerns and potential changes that had been raised regarding the Town's Nonmetallic Mining Licensing Ordinance. Discussion included possible clarifications regarding certain provisions of the ordinance and whether updates might be necessary to address operational concerns or improve administrative procedures. Motion by Chairman Strandlund and **seconded** by Supervisor Jensen to refer the ordinance review to the Land Use Planning Commission for further review and recommendations. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

#### **19. Review of 2025 Financial Statement Worksheet**

The Board reviewed the draft 2025 financial statement worksheet and discussed year-end figures for the Town's finances. The discussion focused on the preliminary totals and the preparation of the final financial statement. No formal action was taken on this matter.

#### **20. Budget Resolution No. 01-2026 – Application of 2025 Budget Surplus to 2026 Budget and Reserve Accounts**

The Board reviewed Budget Resolution No. 01-2026, which proposed applying the 2025 budget surplus to the 2026 budget and designated reserve accounts. Motion by Supervisor Verbeck and **seconded** by Supervisor Jensen to approve Budget Resolution No. 01-2026.

A roll call vote was taken:

Daniel Palmer – Aye  
Duane Jensen – Aye  
Jim Strandlund – Aye  
Marvin Verbeck – Aye  
Kay Wilson – Nay

Motion passed (4-1).

## **21. Budget Resolution No. 02-2026 – Transfer from EMS Funding Assistance Program Award Reserve to Fire Department Budget**

The Board reviewed Budget Resolution No. 02-2026, which authorized the transfer of funds from the EMS Funding Assistance Program Award Reserve to the Fire Department budget for eligible fire and EMS-related expenditures. Motion by Supervisor Palmer and **seconded** by Supervisor Wilson to approve Budget Resolution No. 02-2026.

A roll call vote was taken:

Daniel Palmer – Aye  
Duane Jensen – Aye  
Jim Strandlund – Aye  
Marvin Verbeck – Aye  
Kay Wilson – Aye

Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

## **22. Approval of Checks and Vouchers**

The Board reviewed the list of checks and vouchers presented for payment. Motion by Supervisor Jensen and seconded by Supervisor Palmer to approve checks and vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

## **23. Correspondence, Reports from Conferences, Seminars, Meetings**

The Board reviewed correspondence and reports from recent meetings and events. Discussion included upcoming Wisconsin Towns Association Spring Meetings and other informational updates received by the Town. No action was taken on these matters.

## **24. Future Agenda Items**

The Board discussed potential topics for future agendas. Items mentioned included possible review of a Town sign ordinance, seasonal issues such as matters related to Twin Lake Tap and the Clear Lake Boat Landing, Birkie-related items, and snowmobile/ATV access topics, including possible considerations related to Pit Road to Phipps Fire Lane and related trail or route connections.

## **25. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.