

Town of Round Lake – Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Strandlund at 6:32 p.m. Present: Chairman Strandlund; Supervisors Verbeck, Palmer, Jensen, and Wilson; Clerk Leuschen; Treasurer Palya; Road Crew Laier; and Fire Chief Schmidt. LUPC Chair Ginny Chabek and members of the public were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Certification of Proper Meeting Notice

Clerk Leuschen certified that the agenda was posted on the Town website and on the posting boards at the Town Hall and Recycling Center in compliance with Wis. Stat. § 19.84.

4. Approval/Reordering of Current Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Supervisor Jensen, to approve the June 11, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Public Comments

Tom S., Cindy B., Annalisa Mueller, and Brian and Ann Harless supported retaining the Town's nonmetallic mining ordinance, citing resident health and safety, the 3,000-foot setback, legal review, and public transparency. Marvin Mueller, Sean K., and Jeremy Hill emphasized the local need for gravel and said the existing setback may be too restrictive.

LUPC Chair Chabek requested follow-up on items from the April meeting of electors and a proposed virtual-access policy. Christy A. requested progress on repairs and permitting for the Clear Lake boat landing. No Board action was taken during public comment.

7. Monthly Recycling Card Drawing

The monthly recycling card drawing was held.

8. Road Report

Road Crew Laier reported on road grading, cold patching, shoulder and storm-damage repairs, mowing, intersection cleanup, and added shoulder material on Kelly Lake Road to reduce washouts. Two street signs and one private-lane sign remained missing from the Tiger Cat Road area.

Supervisor Wilson asked Laier to inspect a washout near a culvert on Dance Hall Road. Supervisor Verbeck asked about equipment maintenance; Laier reported that the equipment was operating and no new equipment had been purchased. Possible crack sealing was discussed for later action.

9. Land Use Planning Commission Report

LUPC Chair Chabek reported that the Commission recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit #26-023 with the staff conditions and a 25-space parking limit. The Commission also discussed the nonmetallic mining ordinance, mine-inspection funding, active mine permit compliance, and the records associated with the Butterfield pit. Chairman Strandlund stated that the Butterfield matter involved a change in legal paperwork rather than ownership.

The Commission recommended Policy 2026-02 concerning County notice of new or updated mine conditional use permits and approved Policy 2026-01 for reviewing nonconforming parcels. Work continued on the Road Use Ordinance, comprehensive plan update, 2027 Town survey, and a land-use and zoning guide. Beginning in September, Commission meetings were expected to move to the first Thursday of the month. No Board action was taken on the report.

10. Callahan/Mud Lake District Report

Supervisor Verbeck reported that the District's annual meeting was scheduled for August 8. The preliminary budget had been approved by the District Board and would receive a final review on August 3 before the annual meeting.

11. Callahan Lake Dam WDNR Extension Request and Joint Response Letter

The Board reviewed the joint letter requesting additional time to address the WDNR dam-safety directives and related ownership, engineering, funding, and stakeholder issues.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Supervisor Jensen, to approve the letter and authorize Chairman Strandlund to sign and submit it to the WDNR on behalf of the Town. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Clear Lake Boat Landing Update

Supervisor Jensen reported that there was no new update. Carol Madden asked about the permitting process and the lack of progress on repairs. The Board acknowledged the delay. Chairman Strandlund explained that a DNR permit is required before work may occur in the water and stated that follow-up would be completed before the August meeting. No formal action was taken.

13. Appointment of Frank Leuschen Jr. to the Land Use Planning Commission

The Board asked Frank Leuschen Jr. about his experience and familiarity with Town land-use matters. He confirmed that he was willing to serve.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Chairman Strandlund, to appoint Frank Leuschen Jr. to the Land Use Planning Commission. Motion carried 4-1.

14. Letter Regarding Ambulance Garage and Emergency Response Infrastructure

The Board reviewed a letter requesting assistance with an ambulance garage and emergency response housing. Members discussed attaching response-time findings, adding signature lines for the full Board, and sending the request to additional officials.

Motion by Supervisor Jensen, second by Supervisor Wilson, to send the revised letter and supporting findings to Representative Chanz Green, Senator Romaine Quinn, and the Sawyer County Public Safety Committee, with signature lines for all Board members. Motion carried 5-0.

15. Driveway Permit Application for Michael Williams

Road Crew Laier reported that he had inspected the proposed driveway at 10912 Fin and Feather Road. The conditions included a minimum 24-foot approach and a finished driveway level with or below the roadway so runoff would not enter the road.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Supervisor Palmer, to approve the permit with the stated conditions and upon the applicant's signature. Motion carried 5-0.

16. Town Recommendation for Conditional Use Permit #26-023

Jeremy Hill described the proposed warming hut and covered pavilion for The Preserve at MBF LLC. The Board reviewed the LUPC recommendation and conditions.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Supervisor Jensen, to recommend approval of CUP #26-023 with all staff and LUPC conditions, including no more than 25 parking spaces, based on Findings of Fact 1, 2, 7, 12, and 13. Motion carried 5-0.

17. Proposed Updates to the Town Road Use Ordinance

The Board discussed processing the proposed revisions as an amendment rather than a replacement ordinance and requested that remaining Road Crew comments be reviewed.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Supervisor Wilson, to table the Road Use Ordinance updates until the August meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Consideration of Sale of 2016 Peterbilt Snowplow Truck

The vehicle description was corrected from the draft agenda's 2010 International to the Town's 2016 Peterbilt. Chairman Strandlund reported that the truck had been retained because of legal action involving a prior accident and could now be sold. The Board discussed auction or listing options and documenting the final price and purchaser.

Motion by Supervisor Jensen, second by Supervisor Wilson, to authorize the sale of the 2016 Peterbilt. Motion carried 4-1.

19. American Tower Lease Negotiation

Chairman Strandlund summarized proposed terms of \$3,000 per month, a 3% annual increase beginning June 1, 2027, and six additional five-year terms. The Board discussed the long-term value of continuing the lease compared with an outright sale and requested clarification from the Town's lease representative.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Supervisor Jensen, to table the matter until the August meeting and request that the representative attend by Webex. Motion carried 5-0.

20. Town Road Projects and Moose Lake Road Update

Chairman Strandlund reported that federal grant requirements for the Moose Lake Road project added slope-grading, wetland, and historical-review work. Preliminary alternatives ranged from approximately \$815,000 to \$1.665 million and more than \$2 million. A separate estimate for the entire road without the grant was approximately \$1.1 million. The project was being moved to 2028 while the design and bid timing were refined. The Board generally supported continuing the grant-funded process while awaiting firm costs.

Motion by Chairman Strandlund, second by Supervisor Palmer, to table the Moose Lake Road project until additional information is available. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Chairman Strandlund, to authorize Road Crew Laier to obtain estimates or bids for crack sealing. Motion carried 5-0.

21. Twin Lake Road LRIP/TRIS Project Agreement

The Board reviewed the 2027 Twin Lake Road project from State Highway 77 to Farnsworth Road. The estimated project cost was \$718,437, with approximately \$500,894 in State reimbursement after the Town completes and pays for the work.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Supervisor Jensen, to approve the State/Municipal Project Agreement and move forward with the Twin Lake Road LRIP/TRIS project. Motion carried 5-0. The Board recessed at 8:03 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

22. Review of the Town Nonmetallic Mining Ordinance

The Board received presentations from Travis Butterfield and Daryl Mast regarding local gravel needs, operating practices, noise and dust controls, and concerns that the ordinance is too restrictive. Attorney David C. McCormack, representing Mast and Select Materials, argued that the ordinance could be preempted and lead to litigation. Andrew Peters of Milestone Materials/Mathy Construction described existing County, DNR, and federal safety regulation. Attorney Christa Westerberg of Pines Bach LLP, speaking for concerned residents, argued that the ordinance remains valid and requested equal public participation.

The Board discussed the Town Attorney's review, enforcement questions, LUPC or joint review, and public process before any substantive change. No immediate repeal or amendment was proposed.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Supervisor Jensen, to provide the Town Attorney's letter to the LUPC for review and suggestions on possible changes or a joint meeting. Clerk Leuschen advised that disclosure could waive attorney-client privilege and make the letter a public record; the motion remained unchanged. Motion carried 5-0. No ordinance language was changed. The Board recessed at 9:18 p.m. and reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

23. Wisconsin State Firefighters Association Memberships

Ron Kvamme explained the insurance, advocacy, and informational benefits of membership. Twelve active-member applications were presented at \$30 each.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Supervisor Palmer, to approve the 12 applications and payment or reimbursement by the Town from the Fire Department budget. Motion carried 5-0.

24. Purchase of 1999 General Safety Freightliner Heavy Rescue

Fire Chief Schmidt and Ron Kvamme described the need for the vehicle and reported that it had approximately 11,800 miles. The Fire Department stated that auxiliary funds were expected to reimburse the Town later in the year.

Motion by Supervisor Verbeck, second by Chairman Strandlund, to approve the \$40,000 purchase and any applicable licensing, registration, insurance, transportation, or other associated fees. Motion carried 5-0.

25. Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Schmidt presented the written monthly report and stated that inspections were ongoing. The Board discussed an unpermitted fireworks display at Callahan Lake Resort and coordination with law enforcement.

Motion by Supervisor Jensen, second by Chairman Strandlund, to direct the Clerk to draft a letter advising Callahan Lake Resort of the 2026 violation, the permit requirement for future displays, and possible penalties. Motion carried 4-1. The Board asked that permits be shared with the Sawyer County Sheriff's Office and that the Department continue tracking Spider Lake service calls.

26. Clerk's Report

Clerk Leuschen reviewed the year-to-date budget reports through June. Spending was approximately 37.5% of budget because planned highway construction had not occurred; highway maintenance was higher because of storm work and a prior-year invoice. Several revenue payments are expected later in the year. Review of the next budget's expenditures will begin in August.

27. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Palya presented the monthly receipts and account balances. A \$115,000 certificate of deposit was due to mature, and the Treasurer planned to renew it if the available rate remained reasonable.

28. Approval of Checks and Vouchers

The Board reviewed equipment and vehicle invoices and discussed obtaining additional commercial propane pricing.

Motion by Supervisor Jensen, second by Supervisor Palmer, to approve the checks and vouchers. Motion carried 5-0.

29. Correspondence and Reports

Supervisor Palmer announced the annual Back the Blue fundraiser. The Board discussed avoiding Town business if multiple Board members attended or volunteered. Chairman Strandlund also noted upcoming area events and increased traffic. No action was taken.

30. Future Agenda Items

Moose Lake Road updates will return to the Board when additional information is available. The American Tower lease and Road Use Ordinance matters were scheduled to return in August.

31. Adjournment

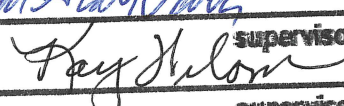
The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

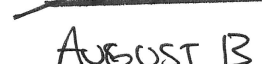
Respectfully submitted,

Frank Leuschen III
Town Clerk

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