

Town of Menomonie
Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday September 9th, 2025 6:00pm Town Hall E4055 550th Ave. Menomonie

Present: Kent Jackson, Scott Barnhart, Arden McMartin, Nancy Ponto and Charisse Sutliff

Kent called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the August 12th, 2025, Regular Meeting were reviewed.
 - Arden made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Scott 2nd Carried.

Public

- Deb Miner was present; she has lived in the Town for several years and has had many negative run ins with the neighbor who has put a light on her mailbox.
- Arden has spoken to them about the mailbox, regarding Terry and Connie Stokes. Kent defined what the right-a-way was. And stated that we don't have an ordinance regarding light pollution.
- Deb has addressed this with them and feels it's harassment and unkind. She feels that she should have rights. The solar light is shining right in her front window.
- The postmaster sent him a letter to remove it the light by September 5th and it has not been done.
- Kent said that the authority we have on the right-away would be in regard to safety. He's not sure what authority the Town would have.
- Kent didn't feel we have authority that we would be able to move on. He said he could put it on the agenda next month. In the meantime, Kent would look into it.

Approval of Northern State Power Easement

- Easement on the parcel. The offer of \$500 dollars is where they stand, take it or leave it.
- Arden made a motion to approve the Easement Amendment, Scott 2nd Carried.

Patrolman Report

- The turbo is out on the Kenworth. They will be putting a new Turbo on it for approx. \$10k
- New patch wagon came in. Been filling holes.
- Cut down tree on Bongey.
- Scott said that the patrolman have been doing a good job keeping the Rudiger/Helen
- Good job cleaning up the Hall, painting parking lot and trimming bushes.

Commission Report

- Tunde spoke to the meeting held in August. Josh from Cedar Corp has made the review on policies and objectives and discussed how the plan commission would present the information to all of our counter parts around the state to improve the environment and area we live in.
- We discussed the draft on utilities, modified and objectives and policies. Scott and Josh typed a draft of Tunde's revisions and the Commission will review it. Tunde noted the maps that are now available for the group to meet and review the draft.
- There is also a sub-division that the commission will review this month.

Drop Off Site Report

- Kent sent in the recycling grant. The tonnage report is not available yet. Kent said there are some changes to the State requirements on recycling. We will need to revise our recycling ordinance by April 2026. Changes are coming on multi family units, small changes. And the requirement of recycling pre capita is changing.
- We have received an application for a candidate from a Scholfield. Who has past experience.

- Our back up Richard mentioned that perhaps having a rotation of workers could work and try them out before offering the part time position. Kent asked the Board for input. Arden and Scott liked it. They like the idea of flexibility. Spread it word of mouth. Matt said he could fill in on a Saturday when needed.

Five Year Road Reconstruction Plan Approval

- Kent has identified a map of roads that would possibly be available for future grants:
 - 430th Ave: 490th St to STH 25 (.7 miles)
 - 490th St: 410th St to 429th Ave (.45 miles)
 - 410th St: 490th Ave to 450th Ave (1 mile)
 - 530th Ave: East end to CTH P (.5 miles)
- Kent discussed the approach on submitting grants. These roads on the PASER rating are 4 or 5s.
- Kent proposed if we could approve this, it would be submitted with grants. The plan can be changed. He asked the Board for input.
- Scott thought it looked good and knows these roads are in rough shape. Scott made a motion to approve the Five-Year Road Recon Plan. Arden 2nd Carried.

Chair Report

- Kent gave an update on the Road Construction update. He's pleased with the work done this year.
- The WTA banquet is coming up on Wed 10/22, It is \$18 per person to attend. It is fantastic food and the meeting follows. You can bring your significant other. We need to RSVP so please let interest know. Please let Charisse know by Oct 10th.
- Re-evaluation update and BOR. Over 900 properties have been completed. The BOR will not be until November. He will give us a date next week. It will be posted 37 days out. There needs to be 37 days for Open Book and then BOR to follow.
- Kent thanked Cody and Matt for the help putting the disaster grant together following the July 4th storms. All said and done Kent submitted the final cost of \$30947.70. The grant is being reviewed by the WDF Coordinator, it will be reviewed and hopefully approved of 75% coverage. The funds will not come until next year so we do need to watch our project budget.
- We did discover on clean-up, a large hidden culvert that will need to be replaced, possibly qualify for road aid. It was discovered on Paradise Valley Rd 410th. We've got it sealed up, and are keeping an eye on it. Both will need to be taken out and replaced with one large culvert.
- Kent gave the minutes from the Joint Fire Rural Fire Meeting. The Rural Fire District Attorney was going to meet with the City Attorney to see if any edits or language needs to change. It has not been approved yet. The next meeting is at the Red Cedar Town Hall on 9/23 Tuesday.
- Kent received a Culvert Inventory from Delmore Consulting. He pulled up the Culvert mapping on the large TV to show the Board. There is a rating that has been supplied and reviewed. Scott asked if there is Lidar to help find these. Kent showed him a possible culvert report and agreed we will need to inspect these. Being able to be preventative on this we can save a lot of future unexpected expenses and road damage. That alone justifies the expense of this report. Kent will send the report to Arden and Scott and we can use this as a guide for future inspections.
- The Round About proposal on WIS 25, County Rd BB West and County BB East. The date moved from 2031 to 2029 and we received preliminary plans.

Clerk Reports

- Charisse has identified a new Chief Inspector, Janine Thull (replacing Lisa Hoff who resigned) Janine will be trained in this year and work our first shift Elections in 2026. She has been an Election Inspector for the last three years and does a really great job. This promotion is well deserved.

Board Reports

- Nancy and Charisse have received a letter from BAIRD they want us to turn in general obligation's debt outstanding as of the end of this year. Two truck loans, 330th Rd. and Rudiger Bridge. We will look at loan payments.
- Nancy asked about next month starting the budget. Kent, Charisse and Nancy will set a date to start next year's budget.
- Arden went through the entire Cemetery and corrected dates and locations, spent a lot of time making corrections. He is editing the map and it will be submitted to Sentry for updates. Arden suggested that shrubs get taken down. Kent said we will finalize the map and then get the shrubbery taken down.
- Nancy was asked about tree trimming on 440th Ave. Matt thought that after the July 4th, these were taken down. He will drive down there and check it out tomorrow, perhaps something new has fell.
- The Clean Sweep will be September 25th. At the City Shop from 2pm-6pm.

Vouchers/ Review/ Approve

- The Vouchers were reviewed by the Board. Arden made a motion to approve 22688-22730, Scott 2nd. Carried.

Set date for the next regular Board Meeting

- Oct 14th, 2025 at 6pm

Adjourn

- Kent made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 Scott 2nd Carried.