TOWN BOARD
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2026
7:00 p.m.
TAYCHEEDAH TOWN HALL

Members present: Chairman Ken Steffes, Supervisors Tim Simon, James Rosenthal II, Justin Fowler and Brian Costello. Also present: Clerk Kristin Marcoe, Treasurer Katherine Diederich and Road Maintenance Manager Randy Rieder.

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Steffes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motioned by Tim Simon, second by Brian Costello to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026, monthly board meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Reports:

Park & Rec. Advisory Council: Park & Rec. Manager Randy Rieder informed the board the several trees that came down in the park are cleaned up. Everything is running smoothly.

Road Department Managers Report: Road Maintenance Manager Randy Rieder reminded the board the culvert work on Konen Rd is being paid for by both the town and residents. The 60' of culvert that runs under the road is the town's portion. The remaining culvert outside of the road the residents are paying for.

Review Financial Reports:

Treasurer Katherine Diederich presented the financials and informed the board the second installment for the tax payments will be received in August. This will need to carry us the rest of the year. There is adequate cash to pay the July invoices.

Approval of Town Bills:

Motioned by Justin Fowler, second by James Rosenthal II to approve the bills (order #181-#220). Motion carried (5-0).

New Business:

1. Mt Calvary Ambulance Subsidy Discussion: Chairman Steffes informed everyone we received financial information and options on July 21, 2026. On Wednesday, July 29th we were emailed a revision after their ambulance meeting. During this meeting the favored option was #7, which is Population and Average of Number of Calls. During the last meeting this option was 50/50 and is now 75/25. Chairman Steffes also shared that a municipality could not pay their full increase in 2027. Mt. Calvary ambulance proposes the remaining municipalities split this amount and will be paid back in 2029. On Sunday, August 2nd another revision was sent noting an error in their spreadsheet. The board will be holding a closed session to discuss the details and sort out the numerous emails and updated information.

2. <u>Jim Sippel:</u> Jim Sippel, District 12 Representative was in attendance and shared the following information regarding the county. Fond du Lac County voted to close the acute mental health facility. They are researching a new program before the end of the year. Closing is due to staff turnover. Veterans Park is now open. The new park has a gold star cast within the concrete walkway. The county is receiving complaints of individuals walking over the gold star. Jim has informed us they may find a solution with a temporary fence. The new jail proposal; rough schematics was received in July. There are pros and cons of building a new facility and/or updating the current facility. As more information is available, Jim will share with the board.
3. <u>TDS Franchise Application discussion</u>: Chairman Steffes and Randy Rieder met with a TDS Telecom representative regarding fiberoptics. TDS is currently running fiberoptics and is at the edge of FdL City approaching Taycheedah. TDS is looking for a parcel of property to purchase for a node (power hub approximately the size of a refrigerator) by winter.

Ordinance Enforcement:

Certified Survey Maps:

1. <u>Ramstack:</u> Dividing the existing lot. Motioned by James Rosenthal II to approve, second by Chairman Steffes. Motion carried (5-0).

Public Comments:

Leon Schneider researched bulky waste pickup. Harter's confirmed they will pick up bulky items at each residence. Residents can call to arrange for pickup and will be billed by weight.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Justin Fowler, second by Brian Costello. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Closed Session:

<u>Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the town who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Town with respect to litigation in which the Town is or is likely to become involved; and pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of 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.</u>

Motion by Ken Steffes, second by Tim Simon, to enter closed session at 8:06 p.m., pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c), regarding the Mt. Calvary Ambulance proposed contract. Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0).

Adjournment:

Motion by James Rosenthal II, second by Justin Fowler, to adjourn the closed session meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried (5-0).

Motioned by Chairman Steffes, second by Tim Simon to reconvene into an open session at 8:32 p.m.

Motioned by James Rosenthal II, second by Brian Costello, to respond to the Mt. Calvary Ambulance email rejecting the proposed contract due to legality issues and financial concerns as discussed in closed session. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion to adjourn by Justin Fowler, second by Chairman Steffes. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Attest: ___________________________
Kristin A. Marcoe
Clerk

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