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October Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 14th 2025

Time 6:30pm

Location: Mentor Town Hall, N0349 King Street, Humbird, WI

Closed Session

A motion was made by Chairman Gile to enter closed session for the purpose of conferring with the towns attorney regarding ongoing litigation per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g). Supervisor 2 Will Scholze 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville removed herself from the meeting citing the date on the amended agenda was incorrect.

The board entered closed session at 6:36pm.

Town Attorney Brian Braziel spoke with the board regarding the ongoing litigation in the Laffe matter. A settlement agreement in the amount of \$36,500 was presented. Attorney Braziel updated the board as to their option for moving forward.

Chairman Gile motioned to end the closed session and reconvene into open session. Supervisor 2 Will Scholze 2nd the motion, motion was carried.

Closed session ended at 6:55pm

Open session started at 7:00pm

Chairman Gile called the meeting to order.

All board members were present

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Verification of posting in 3 places

Settlement Discussion

Chairman Gile motioned to accept the \$36,500 settlement regarding the Laffe case. Supervisor 2 Will Scholze 2nd the motion. Motion was carried. Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville abstained.

Chairman Gile opened the floor for discussion. Sue Larson asked if Attorney Braziel could summarize the case. Attorney Braziel summarized the case stating a settlement has been reached involving the former clerk-treasurer Linda Laffe for amount of \$36,500. Chairman Gile added that the amount of the settlement does not cover the full amount of the losses incurred.

No additional questions were raised.

Approval of Minutes

The September 2025 minutes were read. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze made a motion to approve

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the minutes with a minor correction of changing WISRR to WISLR. Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer's report was read. Chairman Gile made a motion to accept this month's bills starting with check number 16857 to 16889 and all E-Pays. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Agenda Adjustment

Chairman Gile requested to move the Report on Correspondence to end of today's agenda. The board agreed.

Reports from Officers:

- Chairman Gile shared a thank you card from Darleen Trachsel who appreciated the ditch cleanup in front of her home and complimented the crew's work.
- Chairman Gile met with Town of Cleveland Chairman Jerry Verhagen to discuss shared road maintenance responsibilities for Fairview Ave which borders both towns. Chairman Gile referenced the March 11th, 2008, minutes outlining the existing agreement and provided that to clerk-treasurer Jack Ikhtiari.
- Chairman Gile received the General Transportation Aid letter from the Department of transportation. The estimated 2026 aid is \$122,356.80.
- A letter from Black River Falls Fire Chief Mark Nordahl confirmed there will not be an increase to the ambulance per capita fee.
- A letter from Clark County Forest Administrator John Wendorski projected the Managed Forest Severance Payment for 2026 will be \$14,917.33.
- Chairman Gile attended a meeting with the Village of Merrilan to discuss the idea re-establishing a local police presence.
- Chairman Gile reported the railroad plans to install railroad crossing arms and lights next year and relocate the bungalow to a less obstructive location.
- The mandatory 2025 inspection of the Dam will be completed by Cedar Corp near the end of November.
- The new fire district truck is getting painted and will be initially kept at the Humbird station.
- Chairman Gile gave several documents to the clerk for filing.

Agenda items:

- a) Alcohol License - Rail Haven on King Street. Adam & Jess Partlow were in attendance. They are the new owners of The Rail Haven on King Street (formerly Kings & Queens). The board reviewed the new license application. Chairman Gile motioned to grant the new alcohol license. Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.
- b) New Tires for F350 Pickup Truck. Clerk-Treasurer presented an estimate from Osseo Ford to replace all 6 tires for approximately \$2037.94. Chairman Gile motioned to replace the tires along with getting a wheel alignment and oil change done, not to exceed \$2500. Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

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- c) Fairview Avenue update – was already discussed.
- d) Alley Update – Chairman Gile received the updated ordinance #135 from the towns attorney. This item is tabled for the November meeting
- e) Replace Brightspeed with TCC – Clerk-Treasurer presented a proposal from Tri County Communication Coop to replace the internet & phone service currently provided by Brightspeed. TCC would save approximately 50% and provide five times the internet speed. Supervisor 2 Will Scholze motioned to switch providers. Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.
- f) Paint Bell Tower – Buhler Painting quoted \$1905 to \$2610 to wash, scrape, prime & paint the wooded portion of the Bell Tower. Chairman Gile motioned to accept the quote. Supervisor 2 Will Scholze 2nd the motion. Motion was carried. Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville abstained.
- g) Chairman Gile received correspondence from Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville containing concerning statements of the boards handling of meetings and documentation. Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville objected to her emails being read aloud and requested they be added to the next agenda.

Since there will not be action taken an agenda is not required. Chairman Gile opened the matter for discussion and read portions of the emails which Supervisor 1 had already sent to the Towns Attorney and the Clark County District Attorney.

Chairman Gile stated he welcomes corrections to errors but could not verify the concerns raised. He offered Supervisor 1 Gween Lunderville the opportunity to provide additional information; she declined.

The discussion included comments from audience members. The audience and board expressed hope these issues can be resolved so everyone can move forward in a positive and productive manner.

Chairman Gile adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Dated this 17th day of October 2025, Jack Ikhtiari Sr, Clerk /Treasurer