

Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Community Center, 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Cushing called the meeting to order and noted that it was posted, published, and handicapped accessible in accordance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

A moment of silence was observed to honor our troops here and abroad. Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Present: Chairman Cushing, Supervisor Fuhrman, Supervisor Verdoorn, Treasurer Murdoff and Clerk Myshchysyn.

Motion by Fuhrman, second by Verdoorn to approve the agenda as read. Motion carried.

Motion by Verdoorn, second by Fuhrman to approve the minutes from July 8, 2025, regular board and July 17, 2025, and July 22, 2025, special board meetings as posted. Motion carried.

Motion by Fuhrman, second by Verdoorn to approve the Treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Messages/Announcements/Correspondence/Bid Submissions: Building permits were reviewed. Larry & Linda Engen donated two framed pictures to the Town of Hazelhurst, one of woodcocks and of bald eagles. Thank you to them for the donations. Clerk Myshchysyn reminded everyone of the Firemen's Dance fundraiser taking place on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

Public Input – taken during the meeting.

1. Town crew maintenance report: Matt Strasburg – The crew started the roadside mowing, completed cold patching and leveled dirt at the beach, seeded it and grass is now growing. They started cutting trees by the baseball field and tennis courts that are overhanging. Strasburg also talked about a right-of-way issue where Frontier is trying to put down utility cable in the right-of-way to a property on West Kaubashine Rd. A neighbor is denying Frontier access. As it is in the right-of-way, utilities have a right to put down their service lines. Town board members will call and speak with the landowner who is denying access.
2. Plan Commission met on August 5, 2025. Motion by Carothers, second by Knoebel to deny a preliminary eight (8) lot Certified Survey Map(s) of lands owned by Whiskey River Land & Timber LLC, submitted by Maines & Associates, Greg Maines, surveyor, for the following vacant lands further described as: Lots 1 & 2, CSM 5600, being the N ½ of the Fractional NW ¼, and part of the N ½ of the Fractional NE ¼, Section 6, T38N, R6E, PINs HA 55, HA 55-1 & HA 52, Town of Hazelhurst, based upon future land use considerations while acknowledging the application is compliant under current regulations, Motion by Knoebel, second by Blaser to having no objection to Ordinance 25-01 as written although the Plan Commission expresses concern with a few elements. Ordinance 25-01 restricts certain artificial wake enhancement which apply to three lakes, Hughitt Lake, lake McCormick, Bearskin Lake which borders are shared with the Town of Cassian and the Town of Lake Tomahawk. Motion carried. Motion by Knoebel, second by Blaser to having no objection to Ordinance 25-02 as written although the Plan Commission expresses concern with a few elements. Ordinance 25-02 restricts certain artificial wake enhancement which apply to lakes wholly in the Town of Hazelhurst. In the commissioner's report, Carothers suggested the Plan Commission discuss re-zoning portions of the Town to Forestry 1C to or during the upcoming Town of Hazelhurst Comprehensive Land Use Plan revision. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center.
3. Discussion was held about the a preliminary eight (8) lot Certified Survey Map(s) of lands owned by Whiskey River Land & Timber LLC, submitted by Maines & Associates, Greg Maines, surveyor, for the following vacant lands further described as: Lots 1 & 2, CSM 5600, being the N ½ of the Fractional NW ¼, and part of the N ½ of the Fractional NE ¼, Section 6, T38N, R6E, PINs HA 55, HA 55-1 & HA 52, Town of Hazelhurst. The Plan Commission recommended denying the lot division because they were worried about access to lots behind these proposed lot divisions as they would have no access to a town road, there is a snowmobile trail through this area, and the commission was worried about land use and wished all of these to be recorded in the minutes. Motion by Verdoorn, second by Fuhrman to approve based on the fact that the lot division meets all the current regulations, but also noting the objections expressed by the Plan Commission. Motion carried.
4. First reading of Ordinance 25-02, which restricts certain artificial wake enhancement which apply to lakes wholly in the Town of Hazelhurst. The lakes affected by this proposed ordinance are: Garth Lake, Lake Seventeen, Lee Lake, Lower Kaubashine Lake, Miller Lake, South Blue Lake, Upper Kaubashine Lake and Yawkey Lake.
5. Fire Chief Nate Meade discussed in more detail the options for a new fire truck. They received three bids: Fire Service Inc. for \$535,071.00; Reliant Fire Apparatus Inc. for \$560,433.00; and Fire Service Inc. for \$569,979.00.

The difference came down to trade in availability, undercoating, guarantee of pump heater and the repair location being more local, Antigo. The truck from Reliant Fire Apparatus Inc is the one which the Fire Department would like to purchase. The Fire Department could pay close to \$233,000.00 of the cost.

6. The clerk had nothing new to share regarding the town's finances.
7. Date of August 26, 2025, 5:00 p.m. was set to start the budget process.
8. Motion by Cushing, second by Verdoorn to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried.

Next regular town board meeting has been moved to September 16, 2025, 5:00 p.m. at the Hazelhurst Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.
Christy Myshchyshyn
Clerk