

Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 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 June 10, 2025, regular board and the June 19, 2025, special board meeting 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. Clerk Myshchysyn received a message from the WI DOT that Camp Nine Rd will be closed starting July 14, 2025. Chairman Cushing announced that County L will be closed soon for several months as they replace a bridge.

Public Input – taken during the meeting.

1. Town crew maintenance report: Scott Pockat. All the stumps have been removed from the trees taken down at Lake Katherine Beach. Topsoil, mulch and seeding have been applied where the stumps were removed. The split rail fence has been replaced at the Garden of Sleep Cemetery. All town roads have been swept. Kucera Rd and Glaub Rd have been graveled. Chairman Cushing announced that the Town will be receiving a dividend check for \$896.00 from Rural Insurance based on the town's claims activity. The board directed this money should go towards paying the crew's health insurance premiums.
2. Discussion on illegal parking along Wildwood Dr where people are accessing Lake Seventeen. Several property owners talked about the illegal parking issue. One property owner said people were coming onto his private property, taking wood and having fires on the beach. They are pulling sleds across private property, etc. There is also a safety issue as the vehicles parked cannot park completely off the road. The town board directed the crew to place massive boulders to help deter illegal parking.
3. Plan Commission met on July 1, 2025. Motion by Carothers, second by Blaser to approve an Administrative Review Permit application by Brandon Newman, applicant and registered agent of the Hwy 51 Safe Storage LLC, owner, to operate a commercial storage rental facility that includes constructing 12 storage buildings, containing a total of 196 units on the following described property; Lot 3, CSM 5434, being part of the SE ¼, NE ¼, Section 22, T38N, R6E, PIN HA -297, Town of Hazelhurst. Motion carried. Motion by Blaser, second by Schlecht to approve two sign applications for Brandon Newman, applicant and registered agent of the Hwy 51 Safe Storage LLC, owner, on the following described property; Lot 3, CSM 5434, being part of the SE ¼, NE ¼, Section 22, T38N, R6E, PIN HA -297, Town of Hazelhurst. Motion carried. Motion by Carothers, second by Schlecht to recommend to the Town Board approval of a petition to propose a change to the Oneida County Ordinance Section 9.58, Tourist Rooming House. The ordinance could allow one (1) rental per seven (7) day period. Motion carried. Carothers asked that Oak Wilt be discussed during the Town Land Use Plan Revision. The next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2025.
4. One motion was made by Verdoorn, second by Fuhrman to approve the following as written in the agenda: to approve the Administrative Review Permit application by Brandon Newman (reference in the Plan Commission report in item number 3 above); and
5. to approve the two sign applications by Brandon Newman (referenced in the Plan Commission report item number 3 above);
6. and to approve the recommendation to Oneida County Planning and Zoning of a petition to propose a change to the Oneida County Ordinance Section 9.58, Tourist Rooming House which could allow one (1) rental per seven (7) day period. Motion carried.
7. Fire Chief Nate Meade discussed purchasing a fire truck and asked the town how much they would be willing to contribute. The board directed Chief Meade to come back with more specific numbers for further discussion.
8. Discussion on proposed wake boat ordinances – Supervisor Verdoorn started off with remarks about how the process started, why, and what steps have been taken so far. Many in the audience expressed support for an enhanced wake boat ordinance to protect shorelines, help to protect against the transfer of aquatic invasive

species and to allow others to enjoy the lake as it is felt by many that when a wake boat is operating for wake surfing that the wave generated makes it dangerous for others in pontoons, canoes, kayaks and other watercraft to safely use the lake. Some members of the audience spoke against having ordinances curtailing the use of wake boats. A property owner on Lake Katherine said that these proposed restrictions would effectively stop the wake boat from being used as intended. Other considerations against the ordinances were the 'slippery slope' of what would be restricted next, possible litigation and some studies saying that wake boats do not cause damage to lakes as purported by other studies.

9. Motion by Fuhrman, second by Verdoorn to approve a liquor license for Pickles Bar and Grill. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Fuhrman, second by Verdoorn to approve a picnic license for the Hazelhurst Fire Department for the August 9, 2025, fundraiser. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Verdoorn, second by Fuhrman to approve operator's licenses for Justin Koshak, Darcy Rich and Scott Pockat. Motion carried.
12. Clerk Myshchyshyn reported that the mill rate for the loan that was recently paid off and the amount of the loan being proposed to stay on the tax bill is .25 mil per \$1000.00 of assessed value. Also, health insurance premiums are expected to rise by 12%.
13. Motion by Cushing, second by Fuhrman to approve the quote for two .gov emails. Motion carried.
14. Date to open bids set for July 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
15. Date to discuss health insurance options also set for July 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
16. Motion by Cushing, second by Fuhrman to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Christy Myshchyshyn

Clerk