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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Town Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call shows Chairperson Dave Laufenberg and Supervisors Tyler Jankowski, Matt Wright, Ashley Ballweg, and Leon Zinck III present.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, James Statz, and Jack Statz.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW

The Clerk confirmed that the agenda was posted at town hall and on the Town website.

3. INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT TIME – Jim Statz and Jack Statz both noted they are not in favor of a data center in Springfield.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Aug. 4, 2026

Motion by Sup. Ballweg, seconded by Sup. Wright to approve the minutes of the August 4th meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

5. DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATION: T. JANKOWSKI, 7555 RILES ROAD

The applicant is tearing out the existing blacktop driveway and replacing with concrete. No culvert is needed.

Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Ballweg to approve the driveway permit for Tyler Jankowski at 7555 Riles Road. Motion carried, 4-0; Sup. Jankowski abstained.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: DATA CENTER MORATORIUM, ORDINANCE 26-0001

Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Ballweg to go into the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: Zinck AYE, Ballweg AYE, Wright AYE, Jankowski AYE, Laufenberg AYE. Motion carried.

Supervisors and residents discussed the pros and cons of a data center moratorium. Environmental and energy impacts were discussed, as was possibility of the State or Federal government preempting local control or regulation. A moratorium would provide the Town with more time for additional research and/or to update the Town Plan to reflect the decisions made based on data collected during the moratorium.

Motion by Chairman Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Jankowski to come out of the Public Hearing and return to the regular board meeting. Roll call vote: Zinck AYE, Ballweg AYE, Wright AYE, Jankowski AYE, Laufenberg AYE. Motion carried.

Supervisors would like “data storage” added as a use under Section 1.01(3)(a) of the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Sup. Ballweg, seconded by Sup. Zinck III to table the Moratorium until the September 1st board meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

7. OPERATOR LICENSE RENEWAL: ROCHELLE KRUCHTEN, R BAR & ASHLEY MICKELSON, CONNIE'S HOME PLATE
Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Jankowski to approve the operator's license for Rochelle Kruchten and Ashley Mickelson. Motion carried, 5-0.

8. JULY FINANCIALS
Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Jankowski to approve the financials. Motion carried, 5-0.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2026 ROAD PROJECTS & KOPP RD. ROAD WORK

The Whippoorwill Road project with the Town of Barry is out for bid and is seeing a lot of interest. Kopp Road reconstruction hasn't started yet; it was sidelined by TDS for a little bit. There will be about a week's worth of dirt work.

b. PAPE PARK PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Waunakee EMS is anticipating a slight budget increase. Discussions between Waunakee and Westport for a joint fire department are ongoing and may result in action.

11. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT

12. CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

13. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Ballweg to pay the bills. Motion carried, 5-0.

14. ADJOURN

Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Ballweg to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.