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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 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, Art Meinholz, and Leon Zinck III present; Supervisor Matt Wright is excused.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson, Middleton Fire District Chief Aaron Harris, Don Hoffman, Dean VandeBerg, Debra Hart, Ann VandeBerg, Alex Tanke, Julie Esser, Becky & Kelly Lindeman.

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 – None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: August 20, 2025

Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve the minutes of August 20th. Motion carried, 4-0.

5. MIDDLETON FIRE OPERATIONAL REPORT FROM CHIEF HARRIS

Middleton Fire District stands ready to continue joint responses with other local area fire services and is positioning itself to take on larger areas of service coverage as neighboring Fire Districts undergo membership changes and reductions. Middleton Fire District uses four Rapid Response Vehicles strategically positioned throughout the District to provide faster responses and hopes to purchase an additional unit and locate in Springfield in the future. The District has six full-time fire fighters that take on additional administrative, operational and investigative functions, and over 100 volunteers, with an upcoming class of 30 applicant volunteers.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. BLIGHT, 7166 COUNTY HWY. K

The house and garage are down; the garage cement was allowed to stay. A draft of a letter from the Town to Public Health and Corporate Counsel advocating for a reduction in fines and costs ordered in a circuit court case against Mr. Wagner arising from the blight condition of the property. Supervisors would like to have an inspection of the outbuildings in a couple of weeks to ensure no food is being stored. Staff will schedule an inspection for September 11th at 6 pm and notify Mr. Wagner.

Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Jankowski to send the letter as written. Motion carried, 4-0.

Don Hoffman was permitted to address the Board after Public Comment due to a late arrival. Mr. Hoffman is extremely disappointed with the short amount of time between receiving notice of Open Book and when Open Book was held. There was not enough turn around time for residents to research and contest the updated assessment figures. There were a number of reports of voice messages that did not get returned. Chairman Laufenberg will reach out to Associated Appraisal with the concerns.

b. 2025 ROAD PROJECTS

c. 5155 SUNRISE ~~SET~~ RIDGE TRAIL ZONING VIOLATION INSPECTION AND REPORT

Property owner and resident Alex Tanke appeared at the meeting and reported there have been no business sales this year, the business address will be updated to his other non-residential property, won't grow foods for sale on the residential zoned parcel, and the chicken coop will be relocated to comply with Town zoning.

The Town Board does not want to start policing people's yards, but understand the aesthetics of the property as viewed from the road impacts neighbors' properties. Mr. Tanke worked with Sup. Meinholz and a Sunrise Ridge neighbor to draw up a landscaping/mowing plan for the front yard that is more suitable to a residential neighborhood than current landscaping practices are. Mr. Tanke will mow and shape and maintain the front yard and remove any noxious weeds.

7. Purchase offer for 2012 Western Star snowplow

Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Jankowski to accept a bid of \$45,500 or more for the 2013 Western Star snow plow and wing. Motion carried, 4-0.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor IV: Middleton Fire had approximately 1,000 attendees at their open house.

Supervisor III:

Supervisor II:

Supervisor I:

Chairperson: Waunakee reports they would like to stay in the District, but want four voting members on the District Board to reflect their greater portion of the District's utilization and budget and give them the ability to override the three Towns' votes if they vote together. The attorney the District would like to hire during the District membership change as Waunakee exits will require Waunakee waive a conflict of interest so he can represent the District, which they are unlikely to do. The Village of Cross Plains president has indicated he wouldn't object to the Village remaining in the Cross-Plains Area EMS District if the EMS District adopted some administrative changes.

9. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT

10. CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

~~11. Training update for Board of Review~~

12. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Jankowski to pay the bills. Motion carried, 4-0.

13. ADJOURN

Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Jankowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.