

**TOWN OF MCMILLAN**  
**McMillan Town Hall**  
**113904 Elm Tree Road, Marshfield, WI 54449**  
**May 12, 2025 7:00 PM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deb Derfus. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Rod Bauer, Nicole Forst, Dave Swenson, Carolyn Opitz, Deb Derfus.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –Heidi Peskie encouraged the board to do research on wind turbines regarding property values and safety.

Allyson Kildahl spoke to encourage support for Lorrie Bauer for Fire Chief.

Wendy Rogowski from the Town of Green Valley encouraged the town board to enact an ordinance to protect McMillan residents.

Dave Falkosky stated that he had to call 911 last fall as a result of a medical situation and noted that Lorrie and Rod Bauer were the first ones on the scene and they beat the ambulance. He iterated his appreciation for our local fire department.

4. **Approval of Town Board meeting minutes from April 14, 2025 – MOTION** to approve the minutes as presented; Forst/Opitz; motion passes

5. **REPORTS**

- Plan Commission – The Plan Commission recommended approval of the Sebastian rezone.
- Highway – Tom Hardinger is evaluating the culverts to find out which ones are at critical level. Kurt Bornbach has been busy grading, fixing equipment, filling potholes.
- Library – Bauer submitted the library newsletter for posting on the website.
- Buildings and Grounds – Ball diamond is rented 4 days per week. Town employees are filling holes in the outfield. There have been many pavilion rentals. New mulch will be coming and sand will be getting tilled.
- Garbage – May 21 is the northwest recycling board meeting. We’ve received a handful of reports of broken garbage carts. Dave is starting to explore possible providers to solicit in anticipation of the expiration of our current contract.
- Policies and Procedures – Work continues
- Newsletter – not applicable
- Ordinances – No update.
- Fire Department
  - i. 0 fire calls; 2 EMS calls; 1 mutual aid
  - ii. The Fire Department held a special election on April 29, 2025 for the open fire chief position. Adam Knapp was the outgoing interim Fire Chief. Lorrie Bauer won by a unanimous vote.
  - iii. MABAS cards were updated to add initial aid responses from Spencer and Hewitt fire departments.
  - iv. \$500 donation was received from the Hub City Wind Farm on international fire fighters day
  - v. Fall Fest raffle tickets are available for purchase
  - vi. Applied for \$5,000 Nutella Stacks for Giving Back grant
  - vii. **MOTION** – to approve \$3,700 quote from Jamie Close to fix the dry hydrant, which is cracked. The dry hydrant pulls water in from the pond. Opitz/Bauer; motion passes.

6. **CLERK REPORT**

- Clerk Cokl submitted ARPA report and Form CT to the Federal and State governments respectively
- Cokl renewed SAM.gov registration

- Clerk Cokl provided an update on the DOR Innovation Planning Grants.
- Received 3 open record requests and responded to 3 open record requests.
- We received an email from a resident in opposition to wind turbines in McMillan because of the high population of homes in the town.
- It was agreed that the town would discontinue the highway cell phone.
- 2 Zoning permit was issued on Galvin and Hatimar, Sanitary permit issued on Galvin, and one new address was issued on Galvin.
- **MOTION** – approve checks 20680-20716 plus electronic transfer 250401-250411; Forst/Bauer; motion passes.
- Year to date budget to actual through May 12, 2025 was presented.

7. **TREASURER REPORT**

- April 2025 Bank reconciliation was presented.
- **MOTION** – to move \$591,973 from Highway funds money market to tax savings account; Swenson/Forst; motion passes
- **MOTION** – to move \$16,235.72 from main checking to a new money market for vehicle 8; Opitz/Swenson; motion passes
- **MOTION** – to move \$65,000 from tax savings to main checking; Forst/Swenson; motion passes

8. **Garage heater quotes – MOTION** – to not renew cyber insurance; Forst/Swenson; motion passes

9. **Balloon Festival** – Steve Waller from We Love Ballooning, a non-profit organization will be holding the Dairyland Balloon Jubilee on July 11 and 12. This will be the biggest balloon rally in the tri-state area and will have approximately 40 balloons. The balloon rally has approximately 75 sponsors for this event. We Love Ballooning will connect with the McMillan Fire Department. They have hired the Marathon County Sherrif Department for security.

10. **Plan Commission appointments** – Derfus stated she would reappoint Ken Clark and Russ Kollmansberger to another term.

11. **Call for chipsealing, crack filling, dust control, and culvert replacement bids and quotes**

- **MOTION** – to call for double chipseal bids for the following roads:
  - i. Scheuer Creek Road
  - ii. Derry Road
  - iii. Quincy Lane
  - iv. Weeping Willow Lane
  - v. Roman Road
  - vi. North Lincoln Avenue (from Mann to Spencer Street)
  - vii. Lumen Court
  - viii. Elm Tree Road
  - ix. Marsh Road (only single chipseal)
  - x. Marsh Run Lane
  - xi. Kloehn Avenue
  - xii. Saint Joseph Avenue (single and double chipseal)
  - xiii. North Galvin Avenue

Request the bidders bid separately and all together include wedging and mastic as necessary.

Also call for crackfilling and dust control bids. All for bid opening on June 12 board meeting; Opitz/Bauer; motion passes.

It was agreed that the culvert requests would wait until after Tom has completed his review.

12. **Appoint Fire Chief – MOTION** – to appoint Lorrie Bauer as Fire Chief; Opitz/Swenson; roll call vote: Bauer = abstain; Forst = no; Swenson = yes; Opitz = yes; Derfus = no; motion fails.
13. **Closed Session Regarding Personnel Matters pursuant to WI Stats §19.85(1)(c) to consider McMillan town employee performance evaluation and to consider hiring McMillan town employee and compensation.** – entered into closed session 8:15pm.
14. **Reconvene into open session and possible action on topics discussed in closed session** – reconvene into open session 9:33pm. **MOTION** – to hire Martin “Dewey” Rotar on a part-time basis at \$25/hr for welding project. Welding projects need to be brought before the board before starting. Opitz/Forst; motion passes

**MOTION** – to adjourn the meeting; Swenson/Forst; motion passes

**ADJOURN:** 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: John Cokl, Town Clerk