

TOWN OF MCMILLAN
McMillan Town Hall
113904 Elm Tree Road, Marshfield, WI 54449
June 9, 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** –Janet Carolfi, a volunteer firefighter, spoke in support of Lorrie Bauer to be Fire Chief.
4. **Approval of Town Board meeting minutes from May 12, 2025 – MOTION** to amend the minutes for item number 8 to strike “not renew cyber insurance” and replace it with “accept the \$8,650 quote from Reigel to replace the radiant heat system” and also amend the motion under the fire department report to correct the spelling of Jamie Kloos; Swenson/Forst; motion passes
5. **Approval of Town Board meeting minutes from May 21, 2025 – MOTION** to approve the minutes as presented; Forst/Swenson; motion passes
6. **Approval of Town Board meeting minutes from June 2, 2025 – MOTION** to approve the minutes as presented; Forst/Swenson; motion passes
7. **REPORTS**
 - Plan Commission – The Plan Commission recommended approval of the Falkowsky rezone.
 - Highway – Culvert evaluation is still taking place. Earth, Inc will remove the silt fence on Mann this week.
 - Library – no report.
 - Buildings and Grounds – There was an issue with the lawn mower so Riesterer and Schnell repaired it. Many rentals as the ball diamond and the pavilion!
 - Garbage – The tire recycling event collected 31.66 tons of tires! This was a 7 ton decrease year over year.
 - Policies and Procedures – Opitz distributed the first draft to the board members.
 - Newsletter – not applicable
 - Ordinances – Derfus states we need a balloon ordinance and we will look into that. Derfus also met with other Chairs from other towns in the Hub City Wind project and they will be drafting a combined ordinance. They will see if others are interested in joining at the Marathon County Eastern and Western Towns Association joint meeting at the end of July. The board desires to solicit feedback from town residents to determine if they are in favor or against industrial wind turbines. Cokl was directed to draft a plan to solicit feedback initially online and then a mailed version to those identified as not responding to the first version.
 - Fire Department
 - i. 0 fire calls; 7 EMS calls; 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 false alarm
 - ii. Lorrie Bauer presented the 2024 Fire Department Annual Report
 - iii. The DNR grant is due July 1. They would like to apply for this to fund radios.
 - iv. The EMS stair chair is now in service.
 - v. **MOTION** – to apply for DNR grant; Forst/Opitz; motion passes
8. **CLERK REPORT**
 - Clerk Cokl received notification of an informational meeting regarding bridge replacement on CTH T between Sawyer Creek and Birch Tree Road. The meeting is June 23, 2025.
 - Cokl announced the STP-Local application window is open until 10/31/25. Can submit 2 applications.
 - Town fire extinguishers underwent annual maintenance recently.

- COM2 recycling reached out asking if we were interested in partnering with them as an e-waste collection site. There would be no cost to the town or residents. **MOTION** – to work with COM2 to schedule a drive late August or September; Forst/Bauer; motion passes.
- Cokl received a number of sample wind turbine ordinances and also information regarding wind turbines and cranes. He forwarded this information to the Town Board.
- Received concerns about the following roads: Red Hawk (bushes creating a vision triangle), Abe Lincoln (potholes and grading), Kraus (very dusty, needs gravel).
- We received notification all three of the innovation planning grants were awarded totaling \$139,000.
- 2 Zoning permit was issued on West McMillan and Elm Tree Road, and one new address was issued on St Joseph Avenue.
- **MOTION** – approve checks 20717-20760 (but holding check 20753 Riesterer and Schnell to investigate further) plus electronic transfer 250501-250513; Forst/Swenson; motion passes.
- Year to date budget to actual through June 9, 2025 was presented.

9. **TREASURER REPORT**

- May 2025 Bank reconciliation was presented.
- Treasurer Siltala opened a new money market account and funded it with \$16,235.72 (as approved in May) from the main checking for vehicle 8 replacement. All money market accounts should be receiving 3.45% interest going forward.
- **MOTION** – to move \$100,000 from main checking to tax savings account; Opitz/Forst; motion passes

10. **Open and possibly award chip sealing bids** – Fahrner Asphalt and Scott Construction submitted bids:

Fahrner Asphalt – Bugar - \$481,352

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Scott Construction - \$653,907

MOTION – to table until June 24 at 6pm; Forst/Swenson; motion passes

11. **Alcohol license renewals (July 2025-June 2026)** – **MOTION** – to approve full-year liquor license for Belvedere and Resource Recovery. Approve We Love Ballooning for a liquor license from July 11-12, 2025. Forst/Swenson; motion carries.

12. **Falkowsky rezone** – **MOTION** – to approve rezone as presented; Forst/Opitz; motion passes

13. **Mulching and grounds near pavilion and park** – A quote from Clark Landscaping was presented to redo the mulch in the pavilion area. **MOTION** – to approve Clark Landscaping for mulch labor (mulch will be purchased separately by the Town) \$2,350 for pavilion and park areas. Forst/Swenson; roll call vote: Bauer = no, Forst = yes, Swenson = yes, Opitz = no, Derfus = yes. Motion carries

MOTION – to adjourn the meeting; Forst/Bauer; motion passes

ADJOURN: 8:24 p.m.

It was subsequently decided to hold a meeting on June 19, 2025 at 6pm to interview 2 potential fire department employees and 1 potential highway employee and a meeting on June 24 at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: John Cokl, Town Clerk