

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 AT THE MINONG TOWN HALL
DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS**

NOTICE: IF SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRES THAT THE MEETING BE ACCESSIBLE OR THAT MATERIALS AT THE MEETING BE IN AN ACCESSIBLE FORMAT, CALL THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO REQUEST ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS.

**VERIFY LEGAL
POSTING**

NOTICE: D Conaway verified the posting.

CALL TO

ORDER: Meeting was called to order by David Conaway at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: David Conaway, Linda Featherly, Dean Patrick, James Smith and Christine Holland.
**Also present Susan Conaway Clerk/Treasurer and Rhonda Kellen Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

APPROVE

AGENDA: Motion by J Smith to approve the Agenda as presented, 2nd by C Holland. All in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVE

MINUTES: Motion by L Featherly to approve the minutes as presented from the August 18th, August 25th and August 28th Meetings, 2nd by J Smith. C Holland requested a change to the minutes for the August 18th Meeting. Under New Business, the Slow-No-Wake Request – Minong Flowage she would like the minutes to reflect she would do some research and would try to reach out to the DNR but she was not going to ask them to come to our meeting. Minutes were update to reflect the change. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REVIEW

BILLS: Board reviewed debits 553-557 and check numbers 31791-31831. L Featherly wanted to know what the Auto Glass check was for, it was replacement glass for the road grader. D Patrick had a question on check 31815 regarding the Teamster's check, S Conway explained one was for the 2 employee's HRA for 2 months he also wondered about 31831, S Conway explained it was for health insurance for those same 2 employees.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: S Conaway read the balances for the Town's accounts. Motion by L Featherly to approve the Financial Statement dated August 31, 2025 in the amount of \$1,287,775.61, 2nd by C Holland. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MINONG POLICE

REPORT/

UPDATE: Police Chief Shepard was unable to attend the meeting. S Conaway handed out the August Police Report. S Conaway also showed the Board a picture of the new squad with the updated logo, it looks very nice.

**GREENWOOD
CEMETERY &**

FINANCIALS: S Conaway stated we had some activity at the cemetery this past month. We have an Ending Balance of \$56,070.38. Motion by L Featherly to approve the Greenwood Cemetery Financials, 2nd by J Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN

COMMENTS: Steve Dahlby wanted to know if the Board needed to approve the bills. S Conway stated the bills were already sent out.

ZONING: None

NEW

BUSINESS: **Slow No-Wake Request – Minong Flowage – Chris Phernetton** – Chris Phernetton said she wanted to know where we were at with this request. C Holland reported she has done some research and to put an ordinance in place isn't just the Town is going to make an ordinance. There is research that has to be done, there is data that needs to be gathered and there has to be evidence that this is necessary. Chris Phernetton said stated there is 280 feet between the shorelines. C Phernetton also read the WI State Ordinance to the Board on the distance a personal water craft needs to be from the shore line is 200' and boats are 100'. So the area they are talking about should be Slow-No-Wake. C Phernetton is wondering why anyone on the Board would be against having the buoys for safety reasons. C Holland and J Smith told C Phernetton to take the pictures/videos to the DNR. C Phernetton said she did talk to the DNR and they gave her the process they need to go through and she sent it to the Board. The hopes are by putting the buoys out there it would bring attention and have people make safer choices when going through the channel. D Patrick said there is a learning process for people coming on to the lake to know the rules of boating. Rob Sloan stated they are here because the Minong Flowage Association in 2025 put it on the map saying it should be a no-wake zone, it was then pulled from the map. He wanted to know why they didn't come before the Board. He said they are here asking for the buoys because of what the Flowage Association said. L Featherly wanted to correct the record and said that she is in favor of the no-wake buoys, it is not the whole Board that is against the buoys. Continued discussion of the above issues with the Board and C Phernetton. L Featherly said she would be willing to talk to the Forestry Department at the county level and getting his thoughts and maybe getting a sign up at the Totogatic Park Campground and having a general discussion with him. L Featherly said she would contact the DNR and see if he would be willing to come to a meeting. L Featherly asked if C Phernetton would provide her with his the number.

Lakeside Bridge Update – Motion by L Featherly for the Town of Minong to move forward with replacing the Lakeside Road Bridge utilizing the STP Replacement Funding Program, and are asking for the 80/20 split, Distribution of funds will be 80% Fed, 10% Town of Minong, and 10% Local Bridge Aid funds, 2nd by C Holland. Discussion by the Board, D Patrick stated he believed the amounts we need to budget for are \$5,000 for next year and either in 2027 or 2028 it would be another \$100,000, to replace the bridge. L Featherly stated we already have \$39,800 in our bridge fund. All in favor. Motion Carried.

2026 Budget – S Conaway provided the current 2025 budget to the Board. She wanted the Board to look at the current budget and determine if there was something they wanted added or removed for the 2026 budget. It was suggested to postpone this discussion and come back to it possibly after closed session. She does not have anything in the budget yet since a large portion comes from the Contract Dollars and those Boards have not meet yet. The Board had a couple of questions for T Conaway regarding the gravel. Motion by D Patrick to purchase 8,000 yards of gravel for the 2025 budget year, 2nd by L Featherly. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ROADS &

ROAD WORK: Road Crew Report/Updates – D Conaway reported the road crew has been patching, hauling gravel, mowing, and grading.

Purchases – No new Purchases

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS: None

MONTHLY

REPORTS: Chairman Report – D Conaway did not have anything to report this month.

Clerk’s Report/Update – S Conaway reported we are stuck with Starlink. We called the gentlemen and never heard anything back so we are at \$511 a month for Brightspeed Package. That is some place we can cut the budget but we need help. D Patrick will talk to Dave and see what he can find out. S Conaway reported for August there were 7 Fire Calls/Medical Assist, 3 for the Town and there were 32 ambulance calls 11 for the Town.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS: On Agenda Items Only – T Conaway made a comment on the buoys.

DATE &

AGENDA: Next Regular Board Meeting: Will be held on Monday, Oct 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm.
Agenda Items: No-Wake,

**ADJOURN
TO CLOSED**

SESSION: Motion made by L Featherly to go into closed session Pursuant to Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (c) Considering employment promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. – Employees, 2nd by J Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ROLL CALL: David Conaway, Linda Featherly, Jim Smith, Christine Holland, Dean Patrick. Susan Conaway and Rhonda Kellen were asked to stay.

**ADJOURN CLOSED
SESSION & RETURN
TO OPEN SESSION**

FOR MOTIONS: Motion by L Featherly to return to open session, 2nd by J Smith. Motion by D Patrick to create a Town Superintendent Position to begin 1/1/2026 and offer this new position to TC, 2nd by J Smith. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman D Conaway to talk with TC and offer this position beginning 1/1/2026 and let Susan know if he has accepted.

ADJOURN

MEETING: Motion by L Featherly to adjourn the meeting, 2nd D Patrick. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer