

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 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: S Conaway verified all Board Members were present.

**Also present Susan Conaway Clerk/Treasurer and Rhonda Kellen Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

APPROVE

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

APPROVE

MINUTES: Motion by J Smith to approve the minutes as presented from the November 10th Meeting, 2nd by D Patrick. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REVIEW

BILLS: Board reviewed debits 564-570 and check numbers 31917-31952. L Featherly had a question about the Brightspeed Credit we were to have received. Susan stated no we did not get a credit.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: S Conaway read the balances for the Town's accounts for November. Motion by L Featherly to approve the Financial Statement dated November 30, 2025 in the amount of \$1,091,647.46, 2nd by C Holland. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MINONG POLICE

REPORT/

UPDATE: Police Chief Shepard presented the November Police Report. He said the one thing he is focusing on is the hunt for a new officer. Recently there have been a couple of promising applications, the posting will stay up until December 18th. D Patrick asked the Board if they would be ok if the Police Report could go to quarterly and if there was something that L Shepard felt needed to be talked about he could be put on the agenda. The Board Members were in favor of this. The Board stated they would like L Shepard to come to the January Meeting and then go every quarter. L Shepard was in favor of this as well.

GREENWOOD

CEMETERY &

FINANCIALS:

S Conaway said we have had a number of calls in November of individuals looking for plots. She gave an update to the Board on what happens when we have someone looking for a plot. She finds out if they have relatives in the cemetery, and actually takes the individual(s) out to the cemetery to look at the plots so they can pick out which one they want. With that said, she does not go out once we have snow on the ground. S Conaway stated we have an ending Balance of \$57,703.16. Motion by C Holland to approve the Greenwood Cemetery Financials, 2nd by J Smith. D Patrick this is pretty repetitive and would

like to see this go to a quarterly update. S Conaway said we would still send the report in the packet and they can look at it. All in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC

COMMENTS: No Comments

NEW

BUSINESS:

2026 – 2027 Election Workers – S Conaway stated you have a copy of the Election Workers in your packet, all of these workers have worked an election except 2. The individual listed second from the bottom was a request sent from the Democratic Party, I am required to make sure this individual is one of our choices. And there was another individual that has not worked an election but was interested in being a worker. All of these people to not work one election but they are people we can pick from, basically it is a pool. D Patrick asked how many work an election. S Conway said typically we have 3 stations and we typically have 6 workers for the day. For the November election there will be either 5 or 7. If there is an individual on the ballot, they are not allowed to work the election. Motion by D Patrick to accept the 2026-2027 Election Workers List, 2nd by C Holland. 4 in favor, L Featherly recused herself since she was on the list. Motion Carried.

2026 Minong Area Disposal Budget – S Conaway wanted to make a comment that she had attached the wrong sheet. The request for the Committee pay and Board pay was removed. The dollar amount is now \$188,000 vs \$192,000. It also reflects the \$40,000 that is in reserve. Motion by D Patrick to accept the 2026 Minong Area Disposal Budget at \$188,000, making the town responsible for \$60,454 for 2026, 2nd by L Featherly. D Patrick gave an overview to the residents in attendance saying we went from \$89,000 in original proposed budget to \$60,454. He said there is a lot of old paperwork and this will be looked at. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Town Hall Internet & Phone Service – S Conaway stated as far as the internet goes, Starlink has been ordered and one part of it did come in today. She was on the phone for a long time with Brightspeed and was told we did not have a credit showing. We currently do have phone service, but they no longer just phone service, they only do bundling. Susan stated R Kellen was working with a couple of phone services and not getting anywhere so she went to an AT&T store and waited to talk to a representative and found out a phone line is \$90 for one phone because we are not asking for more than one phone and we are able to keep our current number as long as Brightspeed releases it. Concerned the office would be without phone service if Brightspeed releases the phone number and when the new service would start. She also went to T-Mobile and there wasn't a lot of coverage so she was a little nervous going with them. She did receive word that Consumer Cellular is another option we should be looking at I am thinking they are around \$60. She also had a conversation with the office at the Village and they use First Net and are very happy with their service. L Featherly stated she would get together with Susan because there is a link that you can file a formal complaint for Brightspeed and they have to respond to you. D Patrick said it would make sense that if Consumer Cellular has a deal for 2 phones for \$60.00 to do that and put one at the shop. Another option is to piggy back off another business phone plan. D Patrick said we should keep our current phone number through January since it is on the tax bill.

MONTHLY

REPORTS:

Chairman Report – D Conaway reported he and S Conaway went and signed the new primary note for the new truck for the dollar amount we requested and the 4%.

Road Supervisor Report – D Patrick introduced Todd Conaway as the new Superintendent, the Board have him the new title. D Patrick said he is doing an excellent job and he wanted to thank Todd and the rest of the crew as they are doing an awesome job. They did not plow the dirt roads on the Wednesday

of the snow storm, because they would have caused more damage than good. On a normal snow, it takes 6 ½ to 8 hours to get the roads plowed.

Clerk's Report/Update – S Conaway said it is coming on to tax time so we will be fairly busy receiving tax payments. The tablets you were excited to receive are in and we have a sign out sheet that you will be signing them out tonight. So as of now, all of your information will be pushed to your email and we will no longer be printing paper copies of the Board packet unless you request something to be printed. J Smith will still be receiving a paper copy of the packet since he did request that. L Featherly would like a paper copy of the Agenda which will be provided. Tablets will be allowed at the Board Meetings.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS: On Agenda Items Only – Jerry Smith wanted to know how much we take in per year for non-residents. For 2026 it is budgeted \$35,000. Todd Conaway brought up that the Fire Department has a Brightspeed phone and it is only a phone line. S Conaway responded that the Fire Department was grandfathered in and that she was told they no longer do just phone lines.

DATE &

AGENDA: **Next Regular Board Meeting:** Will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Caucus is scheduled for January 12th at 5:30. D Patrick will not be able to attend the meeting.
Agenda Items: Internet & Phone

**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 was invited to stay.

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

FOR MOTIONS: Motion by L Featherly to return to open session, 2nd by D Patrick. All in favor. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by D Patrick to approve up to \$4500/year to the transfer station employee as a health insurance stipend, paid out at the end of each month, with the proof of personal insurance payment for that month to receive the month's stipend (stipend payment will not exceed the amount paid by the employee), 2nd by C Holland. All in favor. All Ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

MEETING: Motion by L Featherly at 7:42pm to adjourn, 2nd by C Holland. All in favor. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer