

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 9, 2026 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 David Conaway, Linda Featherly, James Smith, Dean Patrick and Christine Holland were present.

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

APPROVE

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

APPROVE

MINUTES: Motion by J Smith to approve the minutes as presented from the February 9th Meeting, 2nd by C Holland. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REVIEW

BILLS: Board reviewed debits 582 - 586 and check numbers 32044-32086. D Patrick asked what check 32063 to H & L Mesabi was for, T Conaway stated it was for grader blades. No other questions.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: S Conaway read the balances for the Town's accounts for February. Motion by L Featherly to approve the Financial Statement dated February 28, 2026 in the amount of \$1,742,823.95, 2nd by J Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MINONG POLICE

REPORT/

UPDATE: L Shepard presented the February police report. He also introduced Joseph Rochon as the newest Police Officer for the Minong Police Department. L Shepard also gave an update as to J Rochon's training.

PUBLIC

COMMENTS: Jason Bartholomew is a candidate running for Washburn County Sherriff. He has been with the Sherriff's Office for 20 years. He stated some of the things he would like to focus on is strengthen community trust, supporting and training our deputies, managing resources responsibly and assuring taxpayers receive value from the public safety investment.

Harlan Johnson- MTLC & MFA – made an announcement that the Minong Lakes Committee has transferred to a new organization. The new name is now The Minong Area Lake Alliance. Which has new Board Members.

Lucas Shepard commented that he has been in Minong now for three years and when he started here he did not have any experience working with Washburn County, he had one point of contact that has been willing to help and that was Jason Bartholomew. He was the only one from the Sherriff's Office that would call just to check in and see how things were going.

NEW

BUSINESS:

Culvert Inspection/Update – C Holland reported that the state rated all culverts on a scale of 1 – 10. They have set aside grant monies to help repair or replace the culverts in need. The Town had three culverts on the list, only one culvert is eligible for a possible grant as it was rated a three. The other two culverts are rated at a five so are not eligible at this time. We are going to pursue a grant for the St. Croix Trail culvert. The Town is in the process of completing that now, Todd and Chris have met with the DNR. The applications are due by May 1st. The submitted applications will be reviewed and the grants will be approved by the end of May, beginning of June. In July the townships will find out if they were chosen to receive a grant. T Conaway stated he has not heard back from the contractor yet on a quote to repair or replace the culvert. He also added that culverts rated as ones or twos are probably guaranteed a grant threes are not. Any culvert that is rated above a three is to be watched. D Patrick wanted to clarify that if we get the grant, then it will go out for publication and bids, we need an amount from a contractor so we are aware of how much it could cost.

Transfer Station Workgroup Updates – S Conaway is notifying our Board that there is going to be a Transfer Station Municipality Workgroup with the three municipal boards on Tuesday, March 24th at 3:30 at the Village. Others can attend the meeting but they will not be heard at this meeting. A possible quorum meeting will be posted.

MTLC 2025 CBCW Boat Launch Inspection Results – Harlan Johnson gave an updated from the 2025 Clean Boat Clean Water Inspections. One of the main responsibilities for the Minong Lakes Committee is to organize all of the invasive boat inspectors. He handed out a Summary of the 8 lakes that have inspectors and the results of the inspections. One interesting fact was noted on the Minong Flowage, which had the largest number of inspections (4,501), was that there did not appear to be repeat boaters. He wanted to make it clear that this was not all of the boats that were launched but the number of boats launched when inspectors were present.

MONTHLY

REPORTS:

Chairman Report – D Conaway said he received a letter from the WDOT they are in the early stages of designing plans for improvement on 77 between Burnet County and County Road I in Minong. Looking to possibly start in 2030.

Road Superintendent Report – T Conaway said they have been out cutting trees, finished the PASER rating report and the snow is coming so anticipate plowing.

Clerk's Report/Update – S Conaway reported the Ambulance had 15 calls for February, 6 in the Town. There was 1 call for the Fire Department in February and it was in the Town. She stated we have a website change because of malicious activity. It is now townofminong.wi.gov. Reminder that Annual Meeting will be April 21st at 6:00. Board of Review is set for June 4th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Open Book will be May 28th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. L Featherly wanted to know if we had received the refund from Brightspeed, and Susan reported not as of yet.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS:

On Agenda Items Only – Mike Hurtgen handed out Navigability standards for bridges and culverts, this was regarding the culvert on the flowage.

DATE &

AGENDA: Next Regular Board Meeting: Will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
Agenda Items: Nothing Requested

**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. – Upcoming Employee Retirement, 2nd by C Holland. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ROLL CALL: David Conaway, Linda Featherly, Jim Smith, Christine Holland, Dean Patrick. Susan Conaway was requested to attend.

**ADJOURN
MEETING:** Motion by D Patrick at 7:39pm to adjourn, 2nd by L Featherly. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer