

## Town of Tomah Town Board Meeting

June 9, 2025

Present: Supervisor John Ollendick, Supervisor Ken Simon, Treasurer Teresa Hubert, and Clerk Breanne Zaremba. Excused Absent: Chairman Todd R Sparks.

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor John Ollendick.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comment Period
  - Vaughn Kuehl mentioned that people have been asking about the machinery that came out of storage. Supervisor Ollendick said the items were pulled out for cleaning, to make room for equipment inside the shed.
  - Don Kaus asked if the word “discussion” on the agenda means public discussion. Supervisor Ollendick said no. Don also mentioned he is satisfied with the posted hours for garbage, but feels the brush hours should be any time.
    - Vaughn Kuehl suggested maybe change brush times to the same hours as garbage hours
    - Howard Hanson mentioned the original rule was 1 time a month for brush, but changed over time without changing the sign.
  - Doug Bauman asked when the board voted to use Robert’s Rules to run the meeting—he claimed that according to state statute, the meetings can’t be run that way unless it is voted on.
    - Don Kaus has no problem with Robert’s Rules, but when only 10 people attend the meeting, the people should be considered.
    - Val Holmes did some research and thinks the Town used to use something similar to the “Sunshine Law” to run meetings.
    - Supervisor Simon explained that it is the privilege of the chairman to decide if the public can participate in the meeting, he verified this with the Wisconsin Towns Association, but the board can vote to change the rules.
    - Don Kaus asked if the people can vote to change the public comment/participation at an annual meeting--Supervisor Ollendick believes that votes at the annual meeting are more for recommendations for the Town Board.
  - Doug Bauman announced that until further notice, the Town of Tomah cannot use his driveway to turn around when driving down Iris Rd.
  - Ernie Thackeray asked if the recycle sheds are locked? The are only open during hours of operation.
  - Vaughn Kuehl suggested changing the opening hours for garbage to 6 am so that those going to work can stop on their way, because they can’t stop in the afternoon when they are still at work.
    - Howard Hanson feels that garbage hours will always be a problem, even if there were gates or if later hours offered.

- Doug Bauman stated that nothing will change until the town implements fines and puts up cameras.
- Approval/Correction of May 12, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Motion was made by Supervisor Simon and seconded by Supervisor Ollendick to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 board meeting. Motion carried.
- Approval/Correction of May 29, 2025 Special Meeting minutes. Motion was made by Supervisor Simon and seconded by Supervisor Ollendick to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2025 board meeting. Motion carried.
- Clerk's Report—nothing to report
- Treasurer's Report—Teresa Hubert read the balance sheet for all accounts. Motion was made by Supervisor Simon and seconded by Supervisor Ollendick to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- Appoint of Hired Personnel
  - Alan Wagner was interviewed to work on an as needed emergency basis for garbage attendant. Supervisor Ollendick made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Simon, to hire Alan Wagner on an emergency basis as backup only for garbage. Motion carried.
  - Michael Beda was interviewed to be a patrolman. Supervisor Simon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ollendick, to table the hiring of Michael Beda as a patrolman. Motion carried.
- Remind Personnel of Posted Dump and Debris Hours of Operation
- Next Meeting will be July 14, 2025 at 7pm
- Approval of bills
- Motion at 8:00pm by Supervisor Ollendick, seconded by Supervisor Simon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zarembo, Clerk