

Town of Tomah Town Board Meeting
August 10, 2026

Present: Chairman Todd R. Sparks, Supervisor John Ollendick, Supervisor Ken Simon, Treasurer Teresa Hubert, Clerk Jennifer Zeps and Deputy Clerk Breanne Zarembo.

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Todd R. Sparks.
- Public Comment
 - Vaughn Kuehl –Inquired about a public information bulletin board, noted that Board Members are employees of the Town of Tomah, would like the Patrolmen to attend Board Meetings, and would like to see the Town Minutes regarding the community table.
 - Ernie Thackeray – Noted that the posted recycling guidelines for plastics are not very clear.
 - Val Holmes –Noted that she feels that comments should not be restricted to the Public Comment portion of the meeting and requested that the community table be brought back as it is wanted by the people.
 - Ken Simon – Noted that the community table was put in place without a vote and therefore can be taken away without a vote.
- Approval/Correction of the July 13, 2026 Town Board Minutes (Discussion/Action)
 - Chairman Sparks would like to change the Roll Call to reflect that he was Excused rather than Absent from the meeting.
 - Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to amend the minutes; Supervisor Simon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Supervisor Simon made a motion to approve the minutes in entirety, with amendments. Chairman Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Clerk's Report
 - To date, the Town has received \$1,198.60 from Manthey Salvage for scrap metal.
 - Board of Review Update – The Assessment Roll for 2026 is currently in progress. Once it is completed the Town will post a Public Notice of Open Book. This notice will specify the exact dates you can examine the Assessment Roll and discuss your property value.
 - Public Test of Voting Equipment was held last Thursday, August 6, 2026. It was attended by two poll workers (attendance counts toward poll worker training requirement).
 - Reminder that tomorrow, August 11, 2026 is the Partisan Primary Election. Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm. Sample ballots are available.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer Hubert read an accounting of all bank accounts.
 - An update on outstanding fire call reimbursement was given.
- WI Towns Association (WTA) Monroe County Unit Meeting August 20, 2026 (Discussion/Action)
 - Chairman Todd Sparks, Supervisor John Ollendick and Supervisor Ken Simon will attend.
 - RSVP will be made and payment of \$66 will be issued.
- Allied Pre-Buy Propane Program (Discussion/Action)
 - The Town will purchase 1,940.57 gallons at \$1.649 per gallon for a total cost of \$3,200.
 - Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to approve the Pre-Buy 2026/2027 purchase. Supervisor Simon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Interior Road Project Change Form for Additional Funding (Discussion/Action)
 - Town of Wilton Chairman Christopher Chambers and Town of Wilton Supervisor Chad Schuller were in attendance.

- Discussion on the best way to move forward with road restoration to the Town of Wilton's portion of Interior Road occurred. Monroe County received a bid from Scott Construction in the amount of \$80,555.75 for the repairs.
- Chairman Sparks made a motion to request for the State of WI to approve the cost of restoring the Town of Wilton's portion of road performance of Interior Road Bridge Project 5025-00-72. It is the Town of Tomah's expectation that the Department of Transportation will request Change Management for 100%, funded by the State of WI, and complete restoration of the project as set by the initial cost agreement rate. Supervisor Ollendick seconded the motion. Two ayes, one nay, motion carried.
- Heritage Avenue Culvert Replacement
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs Assistance (Discussion)
 - Total cost to repair the Heritage Avenue culvert was \$10,030.76. The Bureau of Indian Affairs contributed \$8,000 towards the repairs.
 - Cold Patch Over Culvert (Discussion/Action)
 - It was noted in the June 8, 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes that in the event the culvert patch could not be completed when Scott Construction was doing other road repairs that it would remain gravel until next year.
 - Additional discussion occurred.
 - Supervisor Simon made a motion to cold patch over the culvert this fall. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Ollendick. All in favor, motion carried.
- Holiday Road Culverts (Discussion)
 - There are three culverts on the North end of Holiday Road that are in need of repair. Photos of the damaged culverts were shared.
 - The Bureau of Indian Affairs has approved a \$40,000 contribution for repairs of the three culverts. Repairs will be made by Town of Tomah Patrolmen.
- LRIP on Holiday Road (Discussion/Action)
 - Due to the culvert repairs that are needed on Holiday Road, LRIP will be delayed until next year. The Town of Tomah's expense for this project is \$30,884.26. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has approved a \$35,000 contribution for the LRIP on Holiday Road.
 - It was noted that on page 4 of the Cooperative Agreement Number 20-2026, the completion date is November 30, 2026. Chairman Sparks will clarify the date of completion with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
 - Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to delay LRIP on Holiday Road for culvert repairs. Motion was seconded by Chairman Sparks. All in favor, motion carried.
- Local Small Structure Improvement Program (LSSIP)
 - V410233 (Hilldale Avenue) – Awarded (Discussion/Action)
 - Notification was received from the State of WI that funding for this project was approved. Funding was awarded in the amount of \$174,909.83 of which the Town of Tomah is responsible for 10% of the cost (\$17,491).
 - Supervisor Simon made a motion to accept the LSSIP funding. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Ollendick. All in favor, motion carried.
 - V410235 (Ironwood Road) – Not Awarded (Discussion)
 - May be resubmitted for consideration next year.
 - V410243 (Grapevine Avenue) – Not Awarded (Discussion)
 - May be resubmitted for consideration next year.

- Leased Equipment Options (Discussion)
 - Rental of a boom mower with a driver is available through Monroe County. The Town of Tomah will be renting it for approximately 40 hours to clean up downed branches/trees within the Township.
- Chairman Update
 - The grader is in for brake and clutch repairs with estimated cost to be \$6,700. The Molly Kummer CUP has been approved by Monroe County. Brett and Amy Anderson (23961 State Hwy 16, Tomah) have filed a Petition for Annexation with the City of Tomah.
- Next meeting date will be September 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm.
- Approval and Signing of Bills to be Paid
- Treasurer Hubert left the meeting at 9:04 p.m.
- Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Sparks at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer J. Zeps, Town Clerk