

Town of Tomah Town Board Meeting  
March 9, 2026

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

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Todd R. Sparks.
- Public Comment
  - Val Holmes – Would like to see 4 forms of notices for everything, feels the people of the town should have all employee’s phone numbers, said there was no notice made for the Interior Bridge Construction start, and is concerned about safety on Interior Rd during closure.
  - Vaughn Kuehl – commented on the patrolmen’s ability to plow the roads
  - Todd R. Sparks – commented that if public comment can’t be constructive, the board may remove it.
- Approval/Correction of the February 9, 2026 Town Board Minutes (Discussion/Action)
  - On page 2 of the minutes, Chairman Sparks would like to add “combined trash & recycling fees” after each combined dollar figure to clarify the bid amounts.
  - On page 2 of the minutes, Chairman Sparks would like to add “Attorney at Law, S.C.” after the first listing of Penny Precour’s name.
  - Chairman Sparks 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. Supervisor Ollendick seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Clerk’s Report
  - The Spring Election is April 7, 2026. Visit [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) to get more information
  - Clerk Zaremba has given her letter of resignation effective at the end of her appointed term (April 20, 2026) She is willing to offer some assistance in the transition.
- Treasurer’s Report
  - Treasurer Hubert read an accounting of all bank accounts.
- Insurance Renewal (Discussion/Action)
  - Terry Christen was present from Tricor to present the insurance renewal. Total cost of the policy (minus cyber risk insurance) is \$21,016.
  - Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to accept the insurance quote for \$21,016. Chairman Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Internet Service Providers (Discussion/Action)
  - The clerk has been having lots of issues with the internet in the office. Current costs are around \$90/month just for internet. T-Mobile quoted Chairman Sparks \$35/month for government/business. Chairman Sparks is waiting for more information.
- Short Span Bridge Assessments (Discussion/Action)
  - 3 additional short span bridges are eligible for funding, applications are due May 1, 2026
    - V-41-223 on Herring Road (rated a 2)

- V-41-235 on Ironwood Road (rated a 4)
  - V-41-243 on Grapevine Avenue (rated a 4)
  - Jewell Associates Engineers Inc. will assist with the application and project evaluation at a rate of \$500 per short span bridge
- Supervisor Simon made a motion to make application for funding for all 3 short span bridges listed above, and allow Jewell Associates Engineers Inc. to assist with the process. Supervisor Ollendick seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Road Ban Permits (Discussion/Action)
  - Seasonal weight restrictions have started; Chairman Sparks has permits that can be issued (after an evaluation of each proposed overweight trip that comes up)
- Transfer Funds from CCF to TACU (Discussion/Action)
  - The Town's portion of the February Property Tax Settlement and interest from the savings account, in the amount of \$99,262.43 will be transferred from CCF to TACU.
  - Supervisor Simon made a motion to transfer \$99,262.43 from CCF to TACU, Supervisor Ollendick seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Re-purpose of Funds for Shop Heater (Discussion/Action)
  - Total cost of the shop heater was \$5,250.00. Roughly \$3,100.00 needs to be transferred into the Highway Building Maintenance fund to pay for the heater. There is expected to be some savings made in the Recycling Fund after the switch in garbage haulers.
  - Supervisor Simon made a motion to transfer \$3,100.00 from the Recycling Fund to the Highway Building Maintenance Fund, Chairman Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution to Undesignate the Official Newspaper and Authorize Posting of Legal Notices in One Public Place and on the Town Website (Discussion/Action)
  - Clerk Zaremba explained current costs to print notices in the Monroe County Herald. The Monroe County Herald would become the go-to newspaper for any notices that are required by state or federal law to be published in a newspaper. All other notices would be placed on the door of the Town Hall and on the Town Website (Facebook is an additional location that does not necessarily count as a website or public location)
  - Supervisor Simon made a motion to pass the Resolution to Undesignate the Official Newspaper and Authorize Posting of Legal Notice in One Public Place and on the Town Website. Supervisor Ollendick seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- WTA Town Road School April 27-29, 2026 (Discussion/Action)
  - Discussion occurred on the offered Road School. 3 members of the board will potentially attend, dependent on schedules. They will let the clerk know so that payment and registration can be sent in on time.
- Chairman Updates
  - Radtke Contractors, who is reconstructing the bridge on Interior Road, requested to start in March, and the WI DNR granted the early start date (decision not made by the Town Board)

- Arrangements will be made with Jewell to make sure application for all 4 short span bridges occurs by May 1.
- Harter's started collecting garbage and recycling the first week of March.
- Please separate aluminum cans from the recycling and place in the barrels on the side so that they can be recycled to earn money for the town.
- Next meeting date will be April 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.
- Approval of bills to be paid
- Treasurer Hubert left the meeting at 8:10 pm.
- Motion at 8:43 pm by Supervisor Ollendick, seconded by Supervisor Simon to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zaremba, Town Clerk