

## Town of Tomah Town Board Meeting

July 14, 2025

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.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comment Period
  - Mark Nicholson (17296 Holiday Rd) asked if the town can do something about the low hanging trees on Hockey Ave and Highland Ave. He has personally had trees fall on damage a vehicle, and has noticed several trees have fallen and are hanging over the road. Can the Town work with land owners to remove them.
  - Vaughn Kuehl mentioned that residents who live on county roads/state highways only benefit from the garbage collection and brush drop off when it comes to paying taxes. They would like to see a change in hours for brush drop off.
  - Ralph Wendland (15206 Hercules Rd) was present to ask the Town when they will be removing the sand from his property that has washed down from the salt sand spread over winter. He has a gentleman's agreement with the town to have it removed for many years.
  - Howard Hanson wanted to let the Town know that Oakdale Area Fire Association just received a new Toro Workman UTX, donated thru the Toro Giving Program by Toro, that will be used for brush and grass fires. A skid unit needs to be put on yet at a cost of roughly \$5500.
- Approval/Correction of June 9, 2025 Board Meeting minutes
  - Change needs to be made in public comment period made by Supervisor Simon: change statement about Robert's Rules to "the board can vote to change the rules."
  - Change also need to be made on page 2: remove the duplicated comment made by Howard Hanson.
  - Motion made and all approved to make the amendments to the minutes.
  - Motion made and all approved to approve the amended minutes from June 9.
- Clerk's Report
  - The Ho-Chunk Nation reimbursed the town for engineering costs, on the Highland Ave Bridge, for \$13,225. All expenses are currently up to date.
  - A check was written for \$1,693.75 to Tomah Area School District to reimburse them for annexation fees that they paid, before they decided not to purchase land in the Town of Tomah.
  - Transportation aids of \$30,784.84 were paid by the State of WI for the quarter.
  - 2% Fire Dues of \$8,570.23 were paid by the State of WI, and will need to be sent on the Oakdale Area Fire Association.

- Motion was made by Supervisor Ollendick and seconded by Supervisor Simon to approve Clerk's Report. Motion Carried.
- 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 the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- Roadways from Storms (Discussion)
  - Chairman Sparks thanked the Town for reporting issues. There were many down trees, along with washouts/damage to roads. Patrolman Mike Chambers took care of many issues already, but is still working on a few that need more attention. Reminder to leave your name, phone number, and address closest to where a problem is located when calling a board member so the issue can be dealt with.
- Propane Pre-Buy for season (Discussion/Action)
  - Clerk Zaremba presented current pricing and cost scenarios for pre-buy. Discussion occurred.
  - Motion made by Chairman Sparks seconded by Supervisor Simon to purchase \$3200 of propane for the season. Motion carried.
- Town Website Updates (Discussion)
  - Supervisor Simon gave an update on website information. Action on adding a town website will take place at the August meeting.
- Treasurer Computer (Discussion/Action)
  - Supervisor Simon explained that Windows 10 will become obsolete this fall, which ends updates and security on computers running those systems.
  - Clerk Zaremba provided pricing on a new laptop for the treasurer, who will need the laptop ready for training on the new tax system on August 19. Motion was made by Supervisor Simon and seconded by Supervisor Ollendick to authorize Clerk Zaremba to purchase a laptop computer, up to \$750, for the treasurer. Motion carried.
- Next meeting will be August 11, 2025 at 7pm
- Approval of Bills
- Motion at 8:23pm by Supervisor Ollendick, seconded by Supervisor Simon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zaremba, Clerk