

Town of Tomah Town Board Meeting
February 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 7:00pm by Chairman Todd R. Sparks.
- Public Comment
 - Shannon Sparks – talked about the qualifications of Todd R. Sparks to be chairman for the town
 - Val Homes – asked for the resignation of the board members, would like to see employees' phone numbers posted on the door, and would like to have better communication from the board
 - Vaughn Kuehl – stated that this is a town, not a county or state, and that the people want their table back in the recycle shed.
 - Ken Simon – encouraged people to call him with suggestions or comments for communication
- Approval/Correction of January 12, 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes
 - Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 meeting, seconded by Supervisor Simon. All in favor, motion carried.
- Clerk's Report
 - Funds are continuing to be transferred to TACU, and application was made to the Toro Giving Program for a new mower.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer Hubert read an accounting of all bank accounts.
- Change of Zoning – 23266 State Hwy 16 (discussion/action)
 - Eric Hall was present to discuss the plans for the property (chose & cut Christmas trees and gift shop)
 - No neighbors had any opposition.
 - Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to approve the change of zoning from residential to business for the property located at 23266 State Hwy 16, seconded by Chairman Sparks. All in favor, motion carried.
- Conditional Use Permit Recommendations – 27311 Co Hwy A (Discussion/Action)
 - John Schrock was present to discuss his change in business from a sawmill to a small business – manufacturer of finished wood floor/car siding.
 - Neighbors Arlen & Hans Simonson were present to express concerns about dust & debris travelling from the Schrock property.
 - Discussion occurred on the business, permitting process, and stipulations to make on the permit.
 - Supervisor Simon made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the stipulation that dust be controlled at all times with a dust collector, and that the debris

from the sawmill be cleaned up/disposed of by July 1, 2026, seconded by Supervisor Ollendick. All approved, motion carried.

- Replacement of Shop Heater (Discussion/Action)
 - 3 bids were received as follows:
 - Deans Refrigeration – Sterling 300,000 BTU heater for \$7,218
 - Heating & Cooling Specialists LLC – ADP 200,000 BTU heater for \$6,384
 - Performance Heating & Cooling – Reznor 250,000 BTU heater for \$5,250
 - Discussion occurred on the need to change the heater and options provided.
 - Chairman Sparks made a motion to accept the bid from Performance Heating & Cooling for a Reznor 250,000 BTU heater for \$5,250, seconded by Supervisor Ollendick. All approved, motion carried.
- Short Span Bridge Program (Discussion/Action)
 - Discussion on location, condition, and potential funding program for reconstruction of V-41-233.
 - Supervisor Simon made a motion to move forward with allowing Jewell to evaluate V-41-233 to prepare to apply for funding from the state, seconded by Supervisor Ollendick. All in favor, motion carried.
- Solid Waste & Recycling RFP (Discussion/Action)
 - 3 bids were received and monthly costs were figured as follows:
 - Harter’s Quick Clean-up -- \$1,230/month combined trash and recycling fees, plus \$72/ton for garbage disposal
 - Hilltopper Refuse -- \$5,736/month combined trash and recycling fees, plus \$72/ton for garbage disposal and \$11/ton for recycling disposal
 - GFL Environmental -- \$1,880/month combined trash and recycling fees, plus \$72/ton for garbage disposal and \$11/ton for recycling disposal
 - Discussion occurred on the options. Supervisor Simon made a motion to approve the bid from Harter’s Quick Clean-Up, seconded by Supervisor Ollendick. All in favor, motion carried.
- Results of Garbage Hour Survey (Discussion/Action)
 - Option A (no change) had 118 votes, Option B (change hours to 12-7 p.m. on Wednesday) had 81 votes. Discussion occurred, hours will stay the same.
- Appointment of Town Lawyer (Discussion/Action)
 - In the event the Town would need a lawyer, Penny Precour, Attorney at Law, S.C., has agreed to provide her services at \$200/hr, plus necessary and reasonable costs, to be billed monthly as needed. Discussion occurred.
 - Chairman Sparks made a motion to appoint Penny Precour, Attorney at Law, S.C., as the town lawyer, seconded by Supervisor Simon. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Supervisor Simon made a motion to authorize the Town Chair to be the point of contact with the town lawyer when representation is needed, seconded by Supervisor Ollendick. All in favor, motion carried.
- Transfer funds from CCF to TACU (Discussion/Action)

- Clerk Zaremba discussed the transfer of \$90,253.29 (the town's portion of the January tax settlement) to the TACU Business Checking account in order to pay upcoming bills.
 - Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to transfer the \$90,253.29 from CCF to TACU, seconded by Chairman Sparks. All in favor, motion carried.
- Place funds in a CD at TACU (Discussion/Action)
 - Clerk Zaremba discussed how funds can be placed in a 7-month CD at TACU, with a dividend rate of 3.941% to earn roughly \$461, which is more than it will earn in the escalator account. Discussion occurred.
 - Supervisor Simon made a motion to place \$20,000 into a 7-month CD at TACU, seconded by Supervisor Ollendick. All in favor, motion carried.
- Chairman Updates: New temporary transfer station attendant was hired, the patrolmen are working on cutting brush (Holiday & CA), and they have replaced damaged signs along the roads
- Next Meeting date will be March 9, 2026 at 7 p.m.
- Approval of bills
- Moved into closed session at 9:05 p.m. per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – employee review.
- Motion at 9:37 p.m. by Supervisor Ollendick, seconded by Supervisor Simon to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zaremba, Town Clerk