

Town of Tomah Town Board Meeting
June 8, 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 7:03 pm by Chairman Todd R. Sparks.
- Public Comment
 - Val Holmes – Commented that she felt an individual was not given the opportunity to make a comment at the May Town Board Meeting. Additionally, she requested that the Community Table use be determined by a community vote/handled like the trash hours vote.
 - Vaughn Kuehl – Noted that he believes that two new Town positions have been added this year and made a verbal Public Records Request for the salaries of the Town Board and the hourly Town employees. Requested that more notices be published in the local paper for easier access by elderly Town residents. Inquired why the Town is renting equipment from Monroe County rather than using Town owned equipment.
 - Jill McMullen – Thanked the Town for the new Website and use of Facebook for Public Notices. Inquired if there could be an email subscription option for Public Notices. Inquired if the Town of Tomah plans to schedule any meetings regarding potential Data Center activity in the Township.
- Approval/Correction of the May 11 Town Board Minutes and May 11 Board of Review Minutes (Discussion/Action)
 - On page 1 of the minutes, Supervisor Simon would like to correct the spelling of Scott Construction under Open Road Maintenance Bids.
 - On page 2 of the minutes, Chairman Sparks would like to change noted damage on “Hilldale Road” changed to “Highland Avenue” under Chairman Updates.
 - Supervisor Simon made a motion to amend the minutes; Chairman Sparks 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 Town received a \$351 payment from Manthey Salvage for 2.34 tons of scrap metal.
 - Received confirmation from Heather Wendland at Tricor Insurance that the Town has a Blanket Bond which covers all town employees including the new Clerk.
- Treasurer’s Report
 - Treasurer Hubert read an accounting of all bank accounts.
 - Both the Savings and Mobile Home accounts at CCF Bank were closed on June 8, 2026. We are waiting on two checks to clear from the CCF Checking account and then that account will be closed as well.
- Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Molly Kummer (Discussion/Action)

- Molly Kummer was in attendance and described her stand as a 3 feet by 4 feet stand that stands 6 feet tall. The stand will be locked at night and has camera surveillance. The stand would be located at the end of her driveway on Flatiron Avenue selling handmade soaps and additional items.
- Discussion occurred on safe parking concerns and it was noted the uniqueness of her property in that it is located within two Townships (Tomah and Lagrange).
- Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to approve the CUP and seconded by Supervisor Simon. All in favor, motion carried.
- Alison Elliott, Monroe County Zoning Director will be notified that the Permit has been approved by the Town of Tomah.
- 2026 Road Repair Plan (Discussion/Action)
 - A tour of the roads identified as problem issues last year was conducted by Chairman Sparks and Patrolman Dan Adams. A full road tour is not required this year.
 - A quote from Scott Construction has been received for the following locations: Hermit Road, Heritage Avenue (culvert patch), Hillside Road, Interlude Road, Hibiscus Road, and Holly Avenue. Total cost is \$29,713 if the Heritage Avenue culvert project is completed in time. If culvert patch is done at a separate time, there will be an additional \$2,500 cost for mobility.
 - Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to approve the list of 2026 road repairs by Scott Construction, Inc., seconded by Supervisor Simon.
 - Further discussion occurred.
 - Supervisor Ollendick made a motion to amend the approval to include that in the event the culvert patch was unable to be done at the same time as the other roads, that it would remain gravel until next year, seconded by Supervisor Simon. All in favor, motion carried.
- Heritage Avenue Culvert Replacement (Discussion)
 - Discussion occurred on what assistance is available to cover costs of the Heritage Avenue culvert replacement. Options include assistance from the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Monroe County Bridge Aids Petition. It was also noted that the Town would be responsible for fronting payment for this project with assistance coming in the form of reimbursement.
- Local Road Improvement Plan (LRIP) (Discussion)
 - A LRIP application was submitted for 7,339 feet of Hot Mix Resurfacing along Holiday Road, from Holly Avenue toward Holland Avenue. The LRIP application was initially declined due to a State error. The application was resubmitted and has been approved.
 - Estimated Costs are \$52,793, of which the Town of Tomah would be responsible for \$30,884.26 and \$21,908.74 covered by LRIP funds.
 - Discussion occurred on whether money was budgeted for this project and the possibility of getting assistance from the Ho-Chunk Nation to fund the project. Also, if unable to get assistance from the Ho-Chunk Nation would the Town consider taking out a loan.
 - The Town is not required to use the LRIP this year; the Sunset Date is 06/31/2031.

- Chairman Updates
 - The “Road Closed” signs were removed without authorization by an individual from the Interior Road bridge project, however the bridge is still under construction. The signs have been returned and the road is currently closed. Project is on schedule to be completed by June 12th, weather pending.
 - Supervisor John Ollendick will be acting as Chairman for the July 13, 2026 Board Meeting.
 - A lawn tractor was purchased, under budget, for Shop use.
 - Reminder that aluminum cans should be deposited in the barrels inside the shed not the large dumpsters. The Town receives payment for the aluminum collected in the barrels only.
- Next meeting date will be July 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.
- Approval and Signing of Bills to be Paid
- Treasurer Hubert left the meeting at 8:14 pm.
- Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Sparks at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer J. Zeps, Town Clerk