

Township of Eau Pleine
Marathon County Wisconsin
Annual Town Meeting Minutes 4/21/2026

- I. The Town of Eau Pleine Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm on April 21, 2026 by Chairman Mark Radke at the Town Hall, 111630 Equity St., Stratford, WI 54484.
- II. Present were Chairman Mark Radke, Supervisor Brian Radke, Supervisor Kurt Schwarze, Clerk Heather Kops, Treasurer Shirley Hein, and residents. See Roster.
- III. Pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
- IV. Heather Kops read the minutes from the 2025 annual town meeting. Motion/Second by Brian Forrest/Alan Leffel to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried with a verbal vote.
- V. Other points of information and discussion:
 - a. Chairman Mark Radke discusses items of interest from 2025 including culverts that were replaced, granite that was spread, the announcement of a solar project, the completion of the concrete slab in front of our building, and the heating system repairs in the shop.
 - b. The Noisy Creek Bridge project on Equity St was paid off in December 2025.
 - c. The March Rapids Bridge project has been delayed to 2027.
 - d. The Abe Lincoln Bridge project is a work in progress. Mark Radke has received two separate estimates for the project with the second one coming in at 125K less, which would leave the Town of Brighton and Eau Pleine with \$40,000.00 to split. Culvert aid will be applied for once expenses are finalized and the project has been completed.
 - e. The John Iwaszczenko lawsuit was closed as of January 21, 2026.
 - f. The Wind Lawsuit remains an issue as EDP/Marathon Wind sells to Alliant Energy in November 2025. The appeal that was made by EDP was dropped due to the sale.
 - g. This Summer granite will be added to: Rock Rd West of Hwy 97, Big Rapids Rd from Hwy 97 to Cruize, Equity St from Noisy Creek Bridge to Hwy 97, Kingwood Rd, and Drake Ave from Balsam to Eau Pleine.
 - h. The board is looking into culvert replacements on Equity St just East of Noisy Creek Bridge, Staadt Ave about half a mile North of Hwy 153, and the culvert on Drake Ave near Balsam.
 - i. We are awaiting a call from JJ's Brush cutting to schedule work to be done before Farm Tech Days in areas where road patrolman Mark Landwehr identifies. Farm Tech Days will be held at Redetzke's No Joke Dairy July 14th-16th 2026.
 - j. Discussion about the Act 71 (Town Law Fix Bill) was had regarding appointing the town's clerk and treasurer instead of electing them. It is the elector's decision to enact this ordinance. There will be a special electors meeting announced later to vote.
 - k. The town's assessor, Jim Kurtzweil, will be reevaluating properties this year and the Board of Review will be in September.
 - l. Chairman Mark Radke thanks Maple Ridge Dairy for their help with snow plowing during the last blizzard. This was much needed and greatly appreciated.
 - m. Tentative date for the next Annual Town Meeting in 2027 to be the 3rd Tuesday in April.

- VI. Resident Rick Sischo requests a town audit be compiled. Mark Radke requests electors in attendance to weigh in. Motion/Second by Rick Sischo/Alan Leffel to perform a township audit. Motion fails with 2 in favor and 10 oppose.
- VII. Motion/Second by Alan Leffel/Rick Sischo to increase the salaries of the Town Board for the 2027/2028 term with a 10% increase for the Clerk and Treasurer and a 4% increase for the Town Chair and Supervisors. Motion carried with a verbal vote.
- VIII. Motion/Second to accept the 2025 Annual Report by Benny Knoll/James Lasee. Motion carried with a verbal vote.
- IX. Motion/Second by Brian Forrest/Randy Lau to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a verbal vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

These minutes are recorded and filed in town records by:

Heather Kops, Clerk

Attendance Roster:

- Mark Radke
- Kurt Schwarze
- Brian Radke
- Heather Kops
- Shirley Hein
- Roger Hein
- Justin Szymsla
- Ron Hein
- Mark Landwehr
- Gene Kautzer
- Brian Forrest
- Rick Sischo
- Randy Lau
- James Lasee
- Benny Knoll
- Alan Leffel
- Pat Kautzer