NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Monday, September 14, 2026
7:00 pm

- Verification of Posting
- Reading of Minutes
  - Aug 12th Monthly Meeting
  - Aug 27th Bid Opening

- Clerk's Report
  - Bank Loans
  - Vacation Coverage
- Treasurer's Report
  - Deputy Treasurer appointment

- Financial Report
- 2027 Budget Preparation

- White Pine Cemetery
  - Completed Transfer in to General Account and closure of bank account.
  - Updated Swedberg – Taylor on payment procedure
- Website Update

- Chairman's Report
  - Truck Bids
- Road Items
- Resident Issues
  - Speed Limit reduction for Anchor Inn Rd and Bertram Rd
- Bills and Correspondences
  - Payments made
  - Bankruptcy filing, DISH, TX
  - Land Services / TR
- Adjourn

Upcoming Town Meetings:

Oct 12, 2026	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting with Budget discussion
Oct 12, 2026	Following	Electors Meeting to Approve 2027 Budget
Nov 9, 2026	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting
Dec 14, 2026	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting

Sandy Hinkley, Town Clerk

Posted Sept 8, 2026

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Monday, September 14, 2026 7:00 pm

Attendance: Chair Darwyn Brown, Supervisor Scott Lauder, Supervisor Mitch Coyour, Treasurer Karen Mangelsen, Clerk Sandy Hinkley

Residents: 6 + Keith Mogel, candidate for Wisconsin State Assembly, District 75
Meeting Start: 7:00
Verification of Posting: Agenda/Notice posted on website, at Town Hall and Coomer on 9/8/26

Reading of Minutes

- Minutes of Aug 12th Monthly Meeting presented. A correction noted by Scott. Motion to accept minutes with correction made by Scott and 2nd by Darwyn
  - Question from resident about White Pine Cemetery Ordinance, Scott offered overview and background and stated the Ordinance available on website, also ensured Town responsible for cemetery forever and perpetual care is provided.
- Minutes of Aug 27th Bid Opening. Motion to accept minutes made by Scott and 2nd by Darwyn

Clerk's Report

- Bank Loans - 2024 loan was paid off completely in Sept. Accepted the final $80,000 of new 2026 loan.
- White Pine Cemetery bank account is officially closed
- Coverage while clerk absent:
  - Absentee Ballots received and mailed out 9/10. Kim Johnson from County Clerk office will monitor any absentee applications
  - Karen has ability to make any payments required
  - All bills up to date, none expected
  - Required posting for Electors meeting will be administered by Scott
- DOT Drug test was administered incorrectly; I chose not to require a duplicate. Will be noted on our file if issues arise.
- To date: 67.5 hours of FML have been paid

Treasurer's Report

- Total receipts: $325,114.81 = Aug Settlement / transfer of WPC account into checking / transferred $140,000 from saving to checking. Disbursement $ 156,523.02 = Loan payment
  - Motion to accept Treasurer Report made by Scott and 2nd by Mitch
- Karen announced an appointment of a Deputy Treasurer, Renae Judd
  - Motion to accept Deputy Treasurer position and appointment of Renae made by Mitch, 2nd by Soctt and agreed by Darwyn
    - Responsibilities to attend new systems training and to process 2026 property tax process with continuous oversight and guidance from Karen.
    - Wages will be made as a 1099 consultant at $15/hr throughout 2026. Adjustment to W2 employee discussed Jan 2027. Insurance and Bond coverage will be determined.
    - Access to bank accounts will be granted.
    - Oath taken and signed

Financial Report

- August settlement received now at full Levy. Still expect Shared Revenue, Transportation Aid and LRIP Reimbursement. Expenses can be allocated between accounts as year end balances are made available. Election and Insurance still unused.

2027 Budget Preparation

- State granted a 0.956% increase for 2027 plus added Truck loan gives 2.9% overall Levy increase.
- Discussed various accounts and expected expenses such as salary and elections. The expected 90% grant reimbursement for Herrick Rd appear in a few numbers.
- Meet again prior to Oct 12th to finalize budget numbers prior to Electors meeting.

White Pine Cemetery

- Completed Transfer in to General Account and closure of bank account.
- 1 burial 2 weeks ago and another this week.
- Monuments coming in, one needs correction
- Updated Swedberg Taylor on payment procedure

Website Update

- Up to Date, Email has been canceled, saving some expense.

Chairman's Report

- Herrick and Town Line Rd work has begun
  - Hopkins Sand & Gravel working on the culverts on Herrick and Town Line
  - Purchased the felt to help stabilize the road, Town will be installing next day or two.
  - Eliminated large expense for Engineering support of grant work. Darwyn/Town taking responsibility.
  - Gravel, Culverts and Tree removal this year
- Old Dump truck – Mitch makes a motion to place out on bid, 2nd by Scott. Discuss value and bid process options such as Face Book Market Place or newspaper announcement, both.
  - Must state "As Is"
  - Sander pieces extra.
  - Next meeting to discuss and open bids

Roads Items

- Doug has been mowing

Resident Issues

- In Aug meeting residents asked about lowering speed limits, tabled until tonight for resident participation
  - Town allowed to lower speeds 10 mph from posted.
  - Scott made a motion, 2nd by Mitch to lower the speed limit from posted 55 mph to 45 mph on:
    - Anchor Inn Road (from Warner Lake Rd, South)
    - Bertram Rd (from Anchor Inn to where it meets the current low speed limit).
  - It was requested in Sept that due to excessive speeds and pedestrian traffic, speed bumps be placed on Bertram Rd
    - Darwyn made a motion to place removal rubber speed bumps on Bertram Rd, after discussion motion was not seconded until further research accomplished.
    - Potential of rumble strips, more research needed
- Garbage continuously dumped on Warner Lake Rd, resident Mark Pettis cleans. Mitch will look into costs of camera to identify and track offender.

- Data Centers – Anne Taylor asks if LaFollette, having no zoning, is protected against potential Data Center building. Possible to make future agenda item of discussion.
  - If a County Ordinance is passed, will / how does that protect La Follette?
    - Patti Hurd, LaFollette resident and representative for the Burnett County Board of Supervisors, stated County is having a Land Use meeting to set up Tech Energy Zoning, results probably not applicable to Towns.
    - Let County do initial and difficult research and then Town determine if the County Ordinance applicable to LaFollette. May revise and adopt as guided by Town Attorneys.
    - Keith Mogel mentioned Polk County going through same process for CAFO as well as Data Centers.
    - Ability for towns or county to enforce any regulations is limited.

- Patti Hurd, LaFollette representative for the Burnett County Board of Supervisors
  - Resolution on Nov ballot to reduce County Supervisors from 21 to 15. Informational meeting 9/24/26 at 6:00 pm at Government Center.
  - Discussion of how Land Use violations are processed. Frustration of small fines easier than asking permission, difficult to bring to court. Board of Adjustments assists County.

<u>Bills and Correspondences</u>
- Payments made
- Insurance policy changes
- Land Services – Short Term Rentals and County Hearing of offenders.
- Bankruptcy filing, DISH TX – prior personal property owner, will bring to County

Scott made a motion to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Mitch

Adjourned: 8:20 pm

Sandy Hinkley, Town Clerk

Town of La Follette
Sept. 14, 2026

RECEIPTS

Burnett Cty. - fire sign	$38.00
WPC - Close account	15,894.45
Burnett Cty. - Aug. settle.	169,132.36
Swedberg-Taylor - grave open.	50.00
Savings acct transfer	140,000.00
	$325,114.81

ROAD

$10,005.92
139,780.63 (Loan)
$149,786.55

GENERAL

$6736.47

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
$156,523.02

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS
$394,361.06
(less $160,000.00 to savings)
=$234,361.06

Comm. Bank: (Int. $29.40)
- Checking: $20,444.85
- Savings $187,981.17
- WPC - Closed out

An item for discussion on agenda... Deputy Treasurer.
Below are the comments I received from WTA.
I have a call into Karen to discuss this with her. She is aware of the "deputy" role.
Will talk more at the meeting.

There's not an option to have 2 treasurers at once, but the current treasurer could appoint this person as a deputy treasurer under Wis. Stat. s. 60.341, which would give them authority to perform any of the treasurer duties as needed.

Follow up:

The person serving as treasurer is responsible for appointing their own deputy, so the town board doesn't vote on the issue unless the board is voting on how much compensation to provide for the deputy position. There is no requirement for a treasurer to post a specific type of notice if they're considering appointing someone as their deputy. The treasurer simply has to ask the person to come on board and have them sign the official oath of office form under oath in the presence of the clerk/chair (the same as every other town official was required to do when they took office). Wis. Stat. s. 60.341 also requires the treasurer to be bonded with the town's insurance, and of course if you want the deputy to have the power to sign checks in the treasurer's absence, you'll have to add them to the town's bank signature card as well.

When the current treasurer retires, the town board simply needs to vote, at a properly noticed town board meeting, to appoint someone else to fill the position. That someone else could of course be the person who was serving as deputy treasurer.

Sandy Hinkley
Clerk, Town of LaFollette
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TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 13-Aug-26 2026 BUDGET	2026 Approved Budget October 2025	2026 Revised Budget Ongoing	2026 YTD Total	2026 Revised/YTD Difference
INCOME				
TAXES (LEVY)				
Property Taxes:	$287,353	$287,353	$260,856	$26,497
Siren Fire Department Increase				
Road Loan Payments:				
Sterling Bank Road Loan Levy #1				
Community Bank Loan Levy #2	$139,903	$139,903		$139,903
Road Loan Levy #3				
State Funded Road Loan Levy #4				
LEVY TOTAL	**$427,256**	**$427,256**	**$260,856**	**$166,400**
INTERGOVERNMENTAL :				
MFL/FCL	$10,000	$21,154	$21,154	$0
Shared Revenue	$48,623	$48,623	$7,566	$41,057
Transportation Aids	$117,261	$125,668	$94,251	$31,417
DNR	$610	$610	$552	$58
State Fire Aids	$3,000	$3,000		$3,000
Fire Signs	$200	$200		$200
License & Permits	$2,500	$2,370	$2,370	$0
Fuel Tax Refund	$400	$400	$69	$331
LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT				$0
TRIP Warner Lake Road				$0
TRIP Indian Creek Road	$186,375	$122,842		$122,842
Fire Department 2%		$6,234	$6,234	$0
Fire Department SAP	$5,100	$2,318	$2,318	$0
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :	**$374,069**	**$333,420**	**$134,514**	**$198,906**
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Bank Interest	$1,000	$1,090	$1,090	$0
Community Bank Loan				$0
Personal Property Tax	$0	$0		$0
Dog License Fees	$300	$289	$289	$0
Land/Equipment Sale		$200	$200	$0
Exempt Computer/Misc Income	$500	$2,270	$2,270	$0
Cash from Dec 30 Reconcilation		$25,845	$25,845	$0
Set-a-side for Truck Purchase	$0	$94,000	$94,000	$0
Community Bank Loan for Truck		$280,000	$200,000	$80,000
White Pine Cemetery Income	$17,482	$15,895	$15,895	$0
Over Paid Taxes	$2,061	$3,657	$3,657	$0
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:	**$21,343**	**$423,246**	**$343,246**	**$80,000**
INCOME TOTAL	**$822,668**	**$1,183,921**	**$738,615**	**$445,306**

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 13-Aug-26 2026 BUDGET	2026 Approved Budget October 2025	2026 Revised Budget Ongoing	2026 YTD Total	2026 Revised/YTD Difference
EXPENSES				
General Fund:				
Board Salary	$14,600	$14,600	$0	$14,600
Board Expenses	$2,000	$2,000	$1,332	$668
Legal Fees/Publications	$500	$700	$690	$10
Town Clerk Wages	$16,200	$16,200	$9,450	$6,750
Clerk Expenses & Website	$9,500	$31,721	$3,868	$27,853
Accounting Expenses	$0	$0	$0	$0
Payroll Expenses	$22,250	$22,250	$5,765	$16,485
Treasurer Wages	$9,000	$9,000	$4,500	$4,500
Treasurer Expenses	$5,000	$5,000	$1,012	$3,988
Bank Charges	$50	$50	$5	$45
Assessor	$8,400	$8,400	$5,600	$2,800
Election Wages	$3,000	$3,000	$762	$2,238
Election Expenses	$7,900	$7,900	$928	$6,972
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	$7,600	$7,600	$60	$7,540
Siren Fire Department	$11,013	$11,661	$11,660	$0
Hertel Fire Department	$12,000	$13,692	$13,692	$0
Hertle Fire Department SAP	$5,800	$5,566	$5,036	$529
Ambulance Services	$37,000	$39,300	$39,300	$0
Town Infrastructure	$10,000	$10,000	$761	$9,239
Utilites	$4,000	$4,000	$2,119	$1,881
Dog License Paid to County	$100	$100	$0	$100
White Pine Cemetery Expenses	$17,482	$0	$0	$0
Overpaid Taxes Refund		$3,657	$3,657	$0
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	**$203,395**	**$216,396**	**$110,198**	**$106,199**
Road Fund:				
Hwy Wages	$80,000	$80,000	$41,066	$38,934
Outside Contractors	$1,500	$1,500	$0	$1,500
Highway Expense	$174,495	$252,441	$197,197	$55,244
Highway Grants Expense	$186,375	$122,842	122,842	$0
New Truck Purchase		320,690	320,690	$0
Equipment Maintenace	$8,000	$13,624	$12,890	$734
Highway Insurance	$8,000	$8,000	$0	$8,000
Fuel	$8,000	$8,000	$6,429	$1,571
Bldg Maintenance	$5,000	$12,525	$11,372	$1,153
Shop Supplies	$1,000	$1,000	$677	$323
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	$6,000	$6,290	$5,720	$570
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning	$1,000	$710	$710	$0
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL	**$479,370**	**$827,622**	**$719,593**	**$108,029**
Loan Payments:				
Principle Equip Loan	$0	$0		$0
Interest Equip Loan	$0	$0		$0
Road Loan Principle	$133,539	$133,539		$133,539
Road Loan Interest	$6,364	$6,364		$6,364
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL	**$139,903**	**$139,903**	**$0**	**$139,903**
EXPENSE TOTAL	**$822,667**	**$1,183,921**	**$829,790**	**$354,131**
INCOME TOTAL	**$822,668**	**$1,183,921**	**$738,615**	**$445,306**
Available			**Current**	**Projected**
			$91,175	**$0**

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Special Meeting to Approve Levy to be Presented at Elector's Meeting
September 26, 2026

Attendance: Chair Darwyn Brown, Supervisor Scott Lauder,

Meeting Start: *8:16am*

Verification of meeting posting: Posted notice on website, Town Hall and Coomer

The board reviewed the Levy amount of $ 439,989 (a 2.98% increase over the previous year). Scott moved and Darwyn seconded approval of the Levy amount to be presented and voted upon at the Elector's Meeting on October 13, 2026.

Adjourned: 8:22am

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 25-Sep-26 2027 BUDGET	2026 Approved Budget October 2025	2026 Revised Budget Ongoing	2027 Proposed Budget	2027 Change from 2026 Budget
INCOME				
TAXES (LEVY)				
Property Taxes:	$287,353	$287,353	$290,102	**0.96%**
Siren Fire Department Increase				
Road Loan Payments:				
Community Bank Road Loan Levy #1	$139,903	$139,903		
Community Bank Truck Loan Levy #2			$149,884	
Road Loan Levy #3				
Road Loan Levy #4				
LEVY TOTAL	**$427,256**	**$427,256**	**$439,986**	**2.98%**
INTERGOVERNMENTAL :				
MFL/FCL	$10,000	$23,886	$20,000	
Shared Revenue	$48,623	$48,623	$50,000	
Transportation Aids	$117,261	$125,668	$129,442	
DNR	$610	$610	$610	
State Fire Aids	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	
Fire Signs	$200	$200	$200	
License & Permits	$2,500	$2,370	$2,500	
Fuel Tax Refund	$400	$400	$400	
LRIP-S Herrick Road and Town Line Road			$523,862	
TRIP Warner Lake Road				
TRIP Indian Creek Road	$186,375	$122,842		
Fire Department 2%		$6,234	$6,300	
Fire Department SAP	$5,100	$2,318	$2,400	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :	**$374,069**	**$336,152**	**$738,714**	**97.48%**
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Bank Interest	$1,000	$1,119	$1,200	
Community Bank Loan				
Personal Property Tax	$0	$0	$0	
Dog License Fees	$300	$289	$300	
Land/Equipment Sale		$200		
Exempt Computer/Misc Income	$500	$2,296	$1,500	
Cash from Dec 30 Reconcilation		$25,845	$20,000	
Set-aside for Truck Purchase	$0	$94,000		
Community Bank Loan for Truck		$280,000		
White Pine Cemetery Income	$17,482	$15,944	$1,200	
Over Paid Taxes	$2,060	$3,657	$0	
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:	**$21,342**	**$423,351**	**$24,200**	
INCOME TOTAL	**$822,667**	**$1,186,758**	**$1,202,900**	**46.22%**

	BUDGET YEAR		
LaFollette	**2026**	**2027**	**% Change**
Levy Amount	427,256	439,986	2.98%
Equalized Value	176,349,600	179,015,000	1.51%
Levy/$1000 EV	$2.4228	$2.4578	1.45%

PROPOSED

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 25-Sep-26 2027 BUDGET	2026 Approved Budget October 2025	2026 Revised Budget Ongoing	2027 Proposed Budget	2027 Change from 2026 Budget
EXPENSES				
General Fund:				
Board Salary	$14,600	$14,600	$25,100	
Board Expenses	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000	
Legal Fees/Publications	$500	$700	$500	
Town Clerk Wages & Benefits	$16,200	$16,200	$18,010	
Clerk Expenses & Website	$9,500	$31,721	$32,000	
Accounting Expenses	$0	$0	$0	
Payroll Expenses	$22,250	$22,250	$11,000	
Treasurer Wages & Benefits	$9,000	$9,000	$9,450	
Treasurer Expenses	$5,000	$5,000	$5,500	
Bank Charges	$50	$50	$50	
Assessor	$8,400	$8,400	$8,400	
Election Wages	$3,000	$3,000	$2,000	
Election Expenses	$7,900	$7,900	$1,500	
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	$7,600	$7,600	$7,600	
Siren Fire Department	$11,013	$11,661	$13,000	
Hertel Fire Department	$12,000	$13,692	$14,000	
Hertel Fire Department SAP	$5,800	$5,566	$6,000	
Ambulance Services	$37,000	$39,300	$42,000	
Town Infrastructure	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	
Utilites	$4,000	$4,000	$4,000	
Dog License Paid to County	$100	$100	$100	
White Pine Cemetery Expenses	$17,482	$2,090	$2,000	
Overpaid Taxes Refund		$3,657		
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	**$203,395**	**$218,486**	**$214,210**	**5.32%**
Road Fund:				
Hwy Wages	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	
Outside Contractors	$1,500	$2,618	$1,500	
Highway Expense	$174,495	$252,070	$192,484	
Highway Grants Expense	$186,375	$122,842	$523,862	
New Truck Purchase		320,690	$0	
Equipment Maintenace	$8,000	$13,624	$9,000	
Highway Insurance	$8,000	$8,000	$9,000	
Fuel	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	
Bldg Maintenance	$5,000	$12,525	$5,000	
Shop Supplies	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	$6,000	$6,290	$8,000	
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning	$1,000	$710	$1,000	
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL	**$479,370**	**$828,369**	**$838,846**	**74.99%**
Loan Payments:				
Principle Equip Loan	$0	$0	$138,224	
Interest Equip Loan	$0	$0	$11,620	
Road Loan Principle	$126,461	$126,461		
Road Loan Interest	$13,442	$13,442		
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL	**$139,903**	**$139,903**	**$149,844**	**7.11%**
EXPENSE TOTAL	**$822,668**	**$1,186,758**	**$1,202,900**	**46.22%**
INCOME TOTAL	**$822,667**	**$1,186,758**	**$1,202,900**	**46.22%**

PROPOSED