

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
Monthly Town Board Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025**

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

Residents: 10, attached sign-in

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

Verification of Posting: Posted notice on website, Town Hall and Coomer on May 5, 2025

Reading of Minutes:

April 14, 2025 Monthly Town Board Meeting. Motion to accept minutes made by Mitch, 2nd by Scott
April 17, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion to accept minutes made by Mitch, 2nd by Scott
May 5, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion to accept minutes made by Scott, 2nd by Mitch

Clerk's Report

- Reporting requirements
 - CT-100 (financial report) completed
 - Maintenance of Effort, due 7/1. Required to receive shared revenue from State. Received documents from EMS, need from fire departments.
- Board of Review preparation
 - No declarations made at this time
 - Ordinance 2025-001 Name Alternates, motion to accept made by Scott and 2nd Mitch.
 - Ordinance 2025-002 Confidentiality of Information, motion made to accept by Scott, 2nd by Mitch
- Liquor Licenses
 - The following liquor licenses applications for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 were filed.
 - Coyland Creek – Class B Beer & Liquor – application complete, compliance with ordinances verified – moved to award application made by Scott, seconded by Darwyn.
 - Misty Pines Tavern - Class B Beer & Liquor – application complete, compliance with ordinances verified – moved to award application made by Scott, seconded by Mitch
 - Sandbar on 70 – Class B Beer & Liquor – application complete, compliance with ordinances verified – moved to award application made by Scott, seconded by Mitch
 - AMVets Post 1993 – Class B Beer + Tobacco – application complete, compliance with ordinances verified – moved to award application made by Scott, seconded by Mitch
 - St Croix Hertel Casino - Class B Beer & Liquor – application complete, compliance with ordinance verified – moved to award application made by Scott, seconded by Mitch
 - St Croix Hertel Store - Class A Beer & Liquor + Tobacco – application complete, compliance with ordinances verified – moved to award application made by Mitch, seconded by Scott
 - While renewing 2024 license, the physical printed license for Class A Beer was printed in error to also include Class A Liquor.
 - Board approved the ability for St Croix Hertel Store to apply and be awarded both Class A beer and liquor for 2025.
 - Class A and Class B cannot be at same premise, will require two licenses to be processed for the St Croix Casino locations.
 - Invoices for fees will be sent, if paid in full, licenses will be present at June Board meeting

Treasurer's Report

- Transportation Aid, Personal Property Aid and PILT from State
- Dog License and Liquor licenses
- Received payment for plot at White Pines
- Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Mitch, 2nd by Scott

Monthly Financial Report

- As presented at Annual Meeting, on track, good shape
\$65K chip sealing was encumbered at previous meeting, is noted on report and will be recorded when expense made.
- Sandy presented the detail of the Financial Report as presented at annual meeting. Verifying the totals of report as reformatted to match the numbers presented in Quick Books. Verified cash on hand.

Website Update

- Annual meeting minutes are updated - 2024 approved, 2025 unapproved and date for 2026 Annual meeting on calendar.

Road Items

- Darwyn requests a new posting board at Coomer – occasionally board is filled over capacity and makes it ineffectual for notification.
 - Proper posting requirement is 1 physical location (townhall) if also have website, but nice to offer posting at second site on other side of town (Coomer)
 - Scott moved to allow Darwyn to build vs cost of purchase.
- Twin Lake Road – Widen and preparation for increased road usage due to new development.
 - Doug removed trees all winter to open up.
 - BCHD removed stumps, make berm, shape ditches. Bulldozing took longer than expected, higher than estimate but extra help was critical.
 - Stumps left on land as instructed by landowner, Jared Washburn
 - Grass seed purchased; hay coverage donated by Darwyn
 - Gravel being hauled and laid – a town priority to get all gravel laid ASAP to protect from potential rain damage.
- Dump Truck broke bracket, BC Hwy Maintenance to do work to repair bracket (est \$1900 parts) as well as new muffler (est. \$700) and alignment
 - While truck being repaired, renting a dump truck from Town of Marshfield at \$25 / hour so work on hauling gravel can continue.
- Trees within road right-of-way will either be mowed or cleared.
 - Multiple residents have had concerns.
 - After checking with WTA attorneys, safety of right-of-way is priority. Cannot ask owner to move, however are allowed to warn them via letter that you are clearing / mowing road right of way.
- Road Tour – schedule for May 21st, at 7:00 am
 - Create a 3-year road plan
 - Need to determine and document width of local roads, also identify easements
 - If no history provided, assume 4 rod road. But if documented anywhere, that is the assumed width.
 - Malone Rd – Patti Hurd – pavement bulging, south side of bridge, need to evaluate.
- Chip Sealant – Town already on list at county, hope to be early.
- Used new grinder, discovered an oil leak.

White Pine Cemetery

- Annual meeting suggested to raise plot prices for non-landowners to cover cost of perpetual care. Current fee is \$400.
 - Darwyn made motion to raise rates for non-landowners to \$800, none seconded
 - Mitch made a motion to raise rates for non-landowners to \$1000, Scott seconded. So moved

Resident Issues

- Critter control, Mitch made a motion to reinstate gopher payments of \$2, Scott seconded.
 - Gopher tail to be provided.
- Enhanced Wake Ordinance
 - Sent draft ordinance to DNR for review and approval.
 - DNR responded with a few minor technical changes, response is attached to meeting minutes.
 - Not enough copies provided at meeting; Darwyn read the response letter out loud.
 - Village powers were not granted during annual meeting, so again lack of enforcement of an ordinance became evident.
- Darwyn made a motion to table the Enhanced Wake Ordinance, motion seconded by Mitch, so moved.
 - Motin based upon advice from Town Attorney, WTA lawyers, Insurance carrier, other Town Boards as well as concern of liabilities.
 - The issue of an Enhanced Wake Ordinance is complex. The opinions and advice given to and researched by the Town Board since the topic was opened in March is broad and varying. Residents have spoken with passion concerning the reasons, dangers and concerns on all sides as recorded in prior meetings.
 - Discussion of actions that can be taken beyond issuing a town ordinance include:
 - As discussed at Annual meeting, the town will write a letter to prominent political figures and the DNR to consider regulations at the State level, versus expecting individual towns to regulate.
 - The Town board will create, sign and send such endorsement.
 - Meeting to proof and sign letters set May 14th, following close of BOR
 - Potential power of a Lake Associations to give voice to members of a lake. Help to monitor lake, create neighborhood committees, etc.
- Discussion / concern about potential of contamination of local waters largely due to contaminated water being drained from the ballast of wake boats. Discussion of a permit process or another way to protect the waters from contamination. Again, DNR or State regulations are needed, or local Lake Assoc.
- Viola Lake hoping to establish a Lake Assoc to drive preservation and potential grants to help habitat.
 - Discussion of culverts on Viola Lake
- Harvey Asmus – Town has participated in critter control with beaver trapping.

Bills & Correspondences

- Building permit, Polk Burnett Ballot, Sirentel potential eliminate phone or webmail later, Sign Checks

Motion to adjourn made by Darwyn, seconded by Mitch

Meeting Adjourn: 8:54 pm

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk