

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
Monthly Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, Aug 6th, 2025**

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

Residents: 5

Meeting Start: 7:01 pm

Verification of Posting: Posted notice on website, Town Hall and Coomer on July 30, 2025

Darwyn made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Chairmen's Report following the Treasurer's report.
Seconded by Scott.

Scott made a motion to amend the agenda to address resident issues earlier, not seconded.

Reading of Minutes:

July 14, 2025 Monthly Town Board Meeting. Correction to Financial Report section which had stated the incorrect roads effected by chip sealing within Highway expenses. Eliminated the statement.

Motion to accept minutes with corrections made by Scott and 2nd by Mitch.

July 31, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting, Styles Road. Correction of attendance made

Motion to accept minutes with correction made by Mitch and 2nd by Scott.

Clerk's Report:

- Shared Revenue first installment received (15% in July, 85% in Nov 17th): Verify the regular vs supplemental amounts. Stressed importance of the Maintenance of Effort reporting to the supplemental amount received.
- Received WTA membership cards and the updated directory

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report presented by clerk using QuickBooks report of actual checks written since last meeting as well as a statement of 7/31/25 bank account balances.
- Motion to accept Treasure Report made by Mitch and 2nd by Scott

Chairman's Report

- Burnett County Ambulance statistics county wide, total calls by levels, 911, facility transfers, all calls under 15 minutes according to county requirement.
 - LaFollette these quarter = 18 responses (9 code 2 / 9 code 3). Average response was 15 min 56 sec.
- Shared revenue – The base line revenue will go up by 4.2 % and another 3% following year

Monthly Financial Report:

- On track with \$484,791 income received
- Just a report for guidance, sometimes move dollars around, highway expenses are the big variable. Equipment expenses high, moved elections as no more expected. Loan payment in September.
- Projected \$2,000 surplus at year end

White Pine Cemetery:

- Continuation of Scott's research into responsibilities and expectations of a Town that manages a private cemetery that was abandoned.
- The town took over the cemetery in 2011; have done survey and plotted out. 400 sites, about 100 sold.
- Town offers perpetual care, take cares of grass, etc. but family can maintain if so choose.
- A Town Ordinance needs to be defined,
 - Scott provided a sample of state statute suggested ordinance; walked through all details that need attention for potential LaFollette customization. Town Board needs to get familiar with all the areas that need to be addressed in a potential ordinance.
 - A future special meeting will address adoption of such an ordinance for Town of LaFollette specifications.
 - After special meeting and Board agreement of ordinance specifications, then will present to an attorney for approval and finalization.

Website Update:

- Up to date, begin preparation for 2026 calendar
- Handout provided for a visual guide to website navigation to Recreational Craft

Road Items

- County down on staff, behind on truck repair. Price for part increased, but new vs repair is needed.
- TRIP entitlement program is in November, need to plan on this year's submittals. LaFollette probably not eligible, yet always want to submit, just in case. Gravel is now acceptable for entitlement program. This is a 50/50 program so expenditures are needed.
 - Recommendation - to gravel 4 inches Kent Lake Road, 2.11 miles
 - Scott so moved, Mitch 2nd
- TRIP D is 50/50, past awards for Indian Creek Road, Williams Road, Malone Road, etc.
- Application for future TRIP D and/or TRIP S
 - Herrick Rd, currently the highest trafficked road (beyond those previously fixed) Could be 250 cars a day on event dates.
 - Scott will begin process of application, ideas for letters from farmers and bus company.
 - Schedule a special meeting in October to complete the application.
- Discussion and recommendation of future road plan, based on entitlement award received

Road Plan Recommendations

2026 – Indian Creek Road - Pave and Shoulder (graveled in 2025)

2027 – Herrick Road and Townline Road – Gravel

2028 – Herrick Road and Townline Road - Pave

2029 – Kent Lake Road – Gravel

2030 – Kent Lake Road - Pave

Recommendations based on receipt of Entitlement awards

Scott moved to accept the road plan, Darwyn seconded.

- Placing culverts across Styles Rd
- Determined the “end” of Spencer Lake Road, 5 feet past Mark’s driveway. Will add gravel and grade up to that point.

Resident Issues:

- Terry Averill (resident) and Steve Johnson (non-resident) as well as two additional residents addressed Board with concerns and inquiries of furthering the Wake Enhanced Boat Ordinance. Discussion of potential next steps and things to do to be proactive for 2026 season. Stressing environmental issues and sharing state and local town experiences with ordinance and enforcement.
 - Board has previously voted to table the ordinance
 - Prior to that vote the Board did submit potential ordinance to DNR.
 - All information submitted and processed by town is available on the website
 - Town Board suggests resident action should reach beyond town authorization and stress issues to State or County or other officials.
- Siren Fire Department meeting – Darwyn unable to attend, Mitch will try
 - Want approval from towns for purchase of fire truck
 - Potential of up to \$150K, LaFollette portion estimated at \$12,000.
 - Scott made motion to accept one time cost of new truck, Mitch 2nd
 - Will determine payment method during 2026 budget development (budget or levy increase).
 - Replace outdated gear for 5 @ \$3500. LaFollette portion \$1400 – in budget so not coming back to town.
 - Fire Dues of \$700 returned to Siren FD
 - Activity as of 7/16 = 3 calls (1 structure fire, 2 vehicle fires), plane crash, gas leak, and missing person
 - Received a 50/50 grant for air packs, various fundraising and resident donations

Bills and Correspondences:

- County hazardous waste disposable available 8/15
- Public Hearing notice
- Potential Bridge Grant notice

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

Adjourned: 8:33 pm

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk

Town of La Follette
Aug. 6, 2025

RECEIPTS

Pmt. of MFL or FCL taxes - WI	306.90
State of WI - quart. trans. aids	29,315.31
WPC - to-pay bill	65.00
WI - fire dues	5,762.01
WI - exempt. comp. aid	5.19
WI - DOR: shared revenue	7,053.56
	<u>\$42,507.97</u>

ROAD
\$20,210.47

GENERAL
\$22,710.02

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
42,920.49

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS
\$43,741.91

Comm. Bank	{	\$43,741.91	check
(Int. \$125.04)		294,583.92	savings
		\$15,881.95	WPC

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
6-Aug-25
2025 BUDGET

2025
Approved
Budget
October 2024

2025
Revised
Budget
Ongoing

2025
YTD
Total

2025
Revised/YTD
Difference

INCOME

TAXES (LEVY)

Property Taxes:	\$283,471	\$283,471	\$263,987	\$19,484
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

\$423,374 \$423,374 \$263,987 \$159,387

INTERGOVERNMENTAL :

MFL/FCL	\$137	\$20,153	\$20,153	\$0
Shared Revenue	\$47,024	\$47,024	\$7,326	\$39,698
Transportation Aids	\$117,261	\$117,261	\$87,946	\$29,315
DNR	\$610	\$610	\$552	\$58
State Fire Aids	\$3,000	\$3,000		\$3,000
Fire Signs	\$200	\$200	\$38	\$162
License & Permits	\$2,500	\$2,621	\$2,621	\$0
Fuel Tax Refund	\$400	\$400		\$400
LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT				\$0
TRIP Warner Lake Road				\$0
TRIP Indian Creek Road				\$0
Fire Department SAP	\$3,200	\$5,762	\$5,762	\$0

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :

\$174,332 \$197,031 \$124,398 \$72,633

MISCELLANEOUS:

Bank Interest	\$500	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$0
Community Bank Loan				
Personal Property Tax	\$130	\$0		\$0
Dog License Fees	\$300	\$300	\$221	\$79
Land/Equipment Sale				
Exempt Computer/Misc Income	\$100	\$1,712	\$1,712	\$0 \$900 from Road Services
Cash from Dec 30 Reconciliation		\$24,600	\$24,600	\$0
Highway Projects carried from 2024		\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
Over Paid Taxes	\$0	\$3,794	\$3,794	\$0

MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:

\$1,030 \$96,486 \$96,407 \$79

INCOME TOTAL

\$598,736 \$716,891 \$484,791 \$232,100

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 6-Aug-25 2025 BUDGET	2025 Approved Budget October 2024	2025 Revised Budget Ongoing	2025 YTD Total	2025 Revised/YTD Difference	
EXPENSES					
General Fund:					
Board Salary	\$14,600	\$14,600	\$0	\$14,600	
Board Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,399	\$601	
Legal Fees/Publications	\$500	\$800	\$709	\$91	
Town Clerk Wages	\$16,200	\$17,000	\$8,100	\$8,900	
Clerk Expenses & Website	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$4,851	\$4,149	
Accounting Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Payroll Expenses	\$22,250	\$9,600	\$3,873	\$5,728	
Treasurer Wages	\$9,000	\$9,500	\$4,500	\$5,000	
Treasurer Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$583	\$417	
Bank Charges	\$50	\$50	\$5	\$45	
Assessor	\$5,700	\$7,950	\$5,150	\$2,800	
Election Wages	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,243	\$1,757	
Election Expenses	\$7,900	\$2,499	\$815	\$1,684	Moved \$3300 6/10
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$296	\$7,304	
Siren Fire Department	\$11,570	\$11,570	\$11,058	\$512	
Hertel Fire Department	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$2,283	\$8,417	
Hertle Fire Department SAP	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$4,942	\$858	
Ambulance Services	\$37,000	\$37,101	\$37,101	\$0	
Town Infrastructure	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$110	\$9,890	
Utilities	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,256	\$1,744	
Dog License Paid to County	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	
Overpaid Taxes Refund	\$0	\$6,462	\$6,462	\$0	\$2060.31 to be refunded by county in Feb 2026
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	\$174,970	\$170,332	\$95,736	\$74,597	
Road Fund:					
Hwy Wages	\$70,000	\$80,000	3,821	\$76,179	
Outside Contractors	\$1,500	\$1,500	0	\$1,500	
Highway Expense	\$175,363	\$198,933	102,739	\$96,194	Committed \$30,600 chipsealing 4/
Highway Project carried from 2024		\$65,000	65,000	\$0	--Comitted \$48,823 Indian Creek
Equipment Maintenance	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$8,789	\$1,211	--Comitted \$10,830 Styles Rd
Highway Insurance	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$60	\$7,940	
Fuel	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$5,446	\$2,554	
Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$1,817	\$3,183	
Shop Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$639	\$361	
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$2,224	\$3,776	
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL	\$283,863	\$384,433	\$191,036	\$193,397	
Loan Payments:					
Principle Equip Loan	\$0	\$0		\$0	
Interest Equip Loan	\$0	\$0		\$0	
Road Loan Principle	\$126,461	\$126,461		\$126,461	
Road Loan Interest	\$13,442	\$13,442		\$13,442	
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL	\$139,903	\$139,903	\$0	\$139,903	
EXPENSE TOTAL	<u>\$598,736</u>	<u>\$694,668</u>	<u>\$286,772</u>	<u>\$407,896</u>	
INCOME TOTAL	<u>\$598,736</u>	<u>\$716,891</u>	<u>\$484,791</u>	<u>\$232,100</u>	
Available			Current \$198,020	Projected \$22,223	
HAIL DAMAGE 2023	Income	Expenses	Balance	Available \$14,503	
2023 Initial Payment Firemans Ins	\$9,995		\$9,995		
2023 Second Payment Firemans Ins	\$2,911		\$12,906		
2024 Payment for Shop Roof	\$6,413	\$4,816	\$14,503		
WHITE PINE CEMETERY				\$15,882	
Beginning Balance	\$15,494		\$15,494		
Plots Sold	\$400		\$15,894		
Expenses		\$12	\$15,882		