MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
Monthly Town Board Meeting
Monday, Sept 8th, 2025

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

Residents: 2

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

Verification of Posting: Posted notice on website, Town Hall and Coomer on September 1, 2025

<u>Reading of Minutes:</u>
August 6, 2025 Monthly Town Board Meeting. Correction to add Townline to the 2027 road plan as stated in minutes. Motion to accept minutes with corrections made by Scott and 2nd by Darwyn.

<u>Clerk's Report:</u>
- New Population report – 563. Eligible voters are 462
- Our Workers Compensation Ins carrier, West Bend, is droppings all Worker Comp coverage. They will continue to work any open cases. New carrier is Employers Mutual Casualty Insurance Companies (EMC).
- Verify 2026 MFL Applications – accepted.
- Road Reports – 5-year plan

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>
- Aug Settlement received of $170,310.78, exact distribution to accounts not know at time of meeting.
- Transfer $30,000 from Savings to Checking
- Motion to accept Treasure Report made by Scott and 2nd by Darwyn

<u>Chairman's Report</u>
- WISLR paving ratings reported every 2 years, Darwyn completed. Assisted with Lorraine
- Siren FD new truck is being negotiated, LaFollette portion would be 8.4965%. Potential total costs up to $125,000.
  - LaFollette will cover down payment of truck with immediate payment
  - Expenses can be covered directly by shifting budget dollars versus a loan
  - Previous meeting accepted motion to pay up to $12,000
  - During budget discussion Scott moved to allow immediate payment for Siren Fire Truck downpayment, 2nd by Darwyn.
  - New account will be added to identify Siren Fire Truck payment vs SFD operating expenses.

<u>Monthly Financial Report:</u>
- Monthly Budget – accepted with August settlement recorded but distribution yet undefined
- Discussed the recording of overpaid tax vs. the refund of county/school/college portion expected in 2026.
- Expenses good according to budget. Need to move excess budgets to assist with year-end analysis.
  - Elections expenses, Hertel SAP
  - Hertel Fire Dept may need more if billed prior to year end.

Preliminary 2026 Budget

- Proposed budget presented
  - Total levy is $427,256. Includes 1.37% State Levy increase and loan payment
  - Fire truck could be levy – need to verify options
  - TRIP Approval of Indian Creek should be in next year budget.
  - Discussion of basic requirements for each account
  - Schedule special budget meeting Sept 22nd and set proper notice for Electors Meeting Oct 13th

White Pine Cemetery

- Scott moved to change the WPC checking account to an interest-bearing account, Darwyn seconded. Will wait until the WPC ordinance is approved before final decision of banking options.
- Discussion of Ordinance creation.
  - Specific details to make a town specific version based off Wisconsin statute example.
  - Will need a sign to post at cemetery once ordinance approved
  - Will make changes and send to attorney for approval
- Sold 4 plots in August

Website Update:

- Two issues occurred, hacked and automatic calendar updating capabilities. Researched and updated. Hours and dollars spent to resolve and added 3-year insurance policy.

Road Items

- Truck back with adjusted brakes.
- Worked on Styles Rd water problem, gravel being hauled
- Application for TRIP Programs coming soon.

Resident Issues:

- Notification of meeting date changes, keep on website until after usual date.
- Asked about mowing edge of road – working on it after gravel

Bills and Correspondences:

- Three large big checks this month – paid loan, Burnett County Hwy, Polk Burnett for pole replacement
- CWG Insurance policy changes

Went to a Closed Meeting

Returned to Open Meeting

- Determined 2026 pay rate for Doug

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

Adjourned: 8:03 pm

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk

Town of La Follette
Sept. 8, 2025

RECEIPTS

St. Croix Chip. Indians - SAP	362.83
Burnett Cty. - Aug. settlement	170,310.78
Dog license fees - Tarnowski	6.00
Transfer from savings	30,000.00
	$200,679.61

ROAD	GENERAL
$9960.89	$3927.44

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
$10288.33

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS
$244,421.52

Comm. Bank (Int. - $125.10)
- $30,486.36 (8/31/25) - checking
- $294,709.02 - savings
- $ 17,481.95 WPC ($1600 deposit)

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 22-Sep-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	$283,471	$0	
Siren Fire Department Increase					
Road Loan Payments:					
Sterling Bank Road Loan Levy #1					
Community Bank Loan Levy #2	$139,903	$139,903	$139,903	$0	
Road Loan Levy #3					
State Funded Road Loan Levy #4					
LEVY TOTAL	**$423,374**	**$423,374**	**$423,374**	**$0**	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL :					
MFL/FCL	$137	$23,138	$23,138	$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	$76	$124	
License & Permits	$2,500	$2,400	$2,400	$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	$2,376	$2,376	$0	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :	**$174,332**	**$196,409**	**$123,813**	**$72,595**	
MISCELLANEOUS:					
Bank Interest	$500	$1,205	$1,205	$0	
Community Bank Loan					
Personal Property Tax	$130	$0		$0	
Dog License Fees	$300	$227	$227	$0	
Land/Equipment Sale					
Exempt Computer/Misc Income	$100	$1,168	$1,168	$0	$900 from Road Services
Cash from Dec 30 Reconcilation		$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**	**$95,994**	**$95,994**	**$0**	
INCOME TOTAL	**$598,736**	**$715,776**	**$643,181**	**$72,596**	

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
22-Sep-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	$1,411	$589	
Legal Fees/Publications	$500	$800	$709	$91	
Town Clerk Wages	$16,200	$17,000	$10,800	$6,200	
Clerk Expenses & Website	$6,000	$9,000	$5,216	$3,784	
Accounting Expenses	$0	$0	$0	$0	
Payroll Expenses	$22,250	$9,600	$4,653	$4,947	
Treasurer Wages	$9,000	$9,500	$4,500	$5,000	
Treasurer Expenses	$1,000	$3,000	$608	$2,392	
Bank Charges	$50	$50	$5	$45	
Assessor	$5,700	$7,950	$5,850	$2,100	
Election Wages	$3,000	$1,243	$1,243	$0	
Election Expenses	$7,900	$815	$815	$0	Moved $3300 6/10
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	$7,600	$7,600	$296	$7,304	
Siren Fire Department	$11,570	$20,830	$20,829	$0	
Hertel Fire Department	$10,700	$12,141	$2,283	$9,858	
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	
Utilites	$4,000	$4,000	$2,430	$1,570	
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**	**$179,592**	**$110,262**	**$69,329**	
Road Fund:					
Hwy Wages	$70,000	$80,000	$45,525	$34,475	
Outside Contractors	$1,500	$1,500	$0	$1,500	
Highway Expense	$175,363	$184,474	$102,739	$81,735	Committed $30,600 chipsealing 4/
Highway Project carried from 2024		$65,000	65,000	$0	--Comitted $48,823 Indian Creek
Equipment Maintenace	$8,000	$15,000	$13,915	$1,085	--Comitted $10,830 Styles Rd
Highway Insurance	$8,000	$8,000	$60	$7,940	
Fuel	$8,000	$8,000	$7,525	$475	
Bldg Maintenance	$5,000	$5,000	$2,555	$2,445	
Shop Supplies	$1,000	$1,200	$1,059	$141	
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**	**$375,174**	**$241,102**	**$134,072**	
Loan Payments:					
Principle Equip Loan	$0	$0		$0	
Interest Equip Loan	$0	$0		$0	
Road Loan Principle	$126,461	$126,461	$126,461	$0	
Road Loan Interest	$13,442	$13,442	$13,442	$0	
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL	**$139,903**	**$139,903**	**$139,903**	**$0**	
EXPENSE TOTAL	**$598,736**	**$694,669**	**$491,268**	**$203,401**	
INCOME TOTAL	**$598,736**	**$715,776**	**$643,181**	**$72,596**	
			Current	**Projected**	
Available			**$151,913**	**$21,108**	

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				**$17,482**
Beginning Balance	$15,494		$15,494	
Plots Sold	$2,000		$17,494	
Expenses		$12	$17,482	

2025 Road Plan Recommendations
As Discussed at August 6th Monthly Town Board Meeting

2026 – Indian Creek Road - Pave and Shoulder (graveled in 2025)
2027 – Herrick Road & Town Line Road – Gravel
2028 – Herrick Road & Town Line 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.

MEETING MINUTES
Town of LaFollette - Special Meeting
Monday, September 22, 2025   7:00 pm

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Treasurer Karen Mangelsen

Residents: 1
Meeting Start: 7:00 pm
Verification of Posting: Posted notice on website, Town Hall and Coomer on Sept 15, 2025

<u>2025 Monthly Budget report update</u>
- Presented with updated changes as discussed at 9/8 monthly meeting
  - Moved unused budget from certain categories to Highway expenses and Siren Fire Dept
  - Siren Fire Department bill for fire truck was presented and will be paid

<u>Preliminary 2026 Budget</u>
- 1.37% increase to levy plus loan brings 2026 levy amount to $427,256 a .92% increase
- Increase in Intergovernmental largely due to expected TRIP dollars received for Indian Creek Road
- White Pine Cemetery is now a line item in both revenue and expenses
  - Ordinance has been sent to attorney
- Remaining 2025 year end income cannot be identified at this time
- General Fund expenses remain basically consistent with a 16.25% increase
- Highway Expenses, with inclusion of TRIP expenses for Indian Creek Road, increase 68.87%

Darwyn moved to accept and submit 2026 budget as presented, 2nd by Mitch, unanimously accepted.

<u>Roads</u>
- Town paid Polk Burnett $5660.60 for cost to repair power lines poles. Discussion of cause and fault and payment options, it was determined town will simply cover cost.
- TRIP Application for Herrick Rd and Townline Rd should include assistance from Cooper Engineering
  - Scott will gather initial application data, farmer support in letters as well as Coyland Creek for State tournaments, etc.
  - Scott moved to hire Cooper Engineering for assistance and validation of TRIP application for Herrick and Townline roads. Seconded by Darwyn. Mitch abstained
- Future bids for road work should include that driveways and shoulders be replaced with whatever is their current material, not default to gravel.

Went to a Closed Meeting

Returned to Open Meeting
- Renae Judd is approved to assist Karen on a contractor basis for 2026 tax processing and year end duties.

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

Adjourned: 7:50 pm

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LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT				
TRIP Warner Lake Road				
TRIP Indian Creek Road			$186,375	
Fire Department SAP	$3,200	$8,137	$5,100	
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Dog License Fees	$300	$221	$300	
Land/Equipment Sale				
Exempt Computer/Misc Income	$100	$1,563	$500	
Cash from Dec 30 Reconciliation		$24,600		
Highway Projects carried from previous yr	$0	$65,000	$0	
White Pine Cemetery Income			$17,482	
Over Paid Taxes		$3,794	$2,060	
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:	**$1,030**	**$96,383**	**$21,342**	
INCOME TOTAL	**$598,736**	**$719,212**	**$822,667**	**37.40%**

	BUDGET YEAR		
LaFollette	**2025**	**2026**	**% Change**
Levy Amount	423,374	427,256	0.92%
Equalized Value	190,807,400	190,807,400	0.00%
Levy/$1000 EV	$2.2189	$2.2392	0.92%

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Clerk Expenses & Website	$6,000	$9,000	$9,500	
Accounting Expenses	$0	$0	$0	
Payroll Expenses	$22,250	$9,600	$22,250	
Treasurer Wages & Benefits	$9,000	$9,500	$9,000	
Treasurer Expenses	$1,000	$3,000	$5,000	
Bank Charges	$50	$50	$50	
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Shop Supplies	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	
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