

MEETING MINUTES TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Monthly Meeting and Public Hearing of Proposed 2026 Budget

Monday, October 13, 2025
7:00 pm

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

Residents: 2

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

Verification of Posting: Posted notice and proposed budget on website, Town Hall and Coomer on 9/28/2025

Reading of Minutes:

- Sept 8th Monthly Meeting – Correction of “day” heading
 - Motion to accept minutes with corrections made by Scott and 2nd by Darwyn
- Sept 22nd Budget Meeting – Correction of Levy amount to \$427,256
 - Motion to accept minutes with corrections made by Mitch and 2nd by Scott

Clerk’s Report

- Nothing from clerk, Scott discussed potential of new voter registration policies as discussed at State

Treasurer’s Report

- Transferred funds from savings to checking. Received Transportation Aid and Motor Fuel refund.
 - Motion to accept Treasurer’s report made by Scott and 2nd by Mitch
- Bond needed for Karen to cover handling of year-end tax monies to full extent of liability
 - Motion to approve purchase of Bond made by Scott and 2nd by Mitch, agreed by Darwyn.

Chairman’s Report

- Siren Fire did purchase and receive new rescue truck. FEMA gave grant for new SCBA equipment, will ensure the year end donations received are used properly.
- Road Grant Application
 - Took pictures for TRIP application, near future meeting with Cooper Engineering to initiate application.
 - Town will initiate letter in application. Letters of support should be created (farmers, athletic directors, Coyland Creek, etc.).
 - Will need to work with Scott to coordinate documentation.
 - Burnett WTA meeting on 10/23 will discuss applications and process.

Financial Report – 2025 Monthly Budget

- In good shape, most expected annual is received.
- Expenses, made a few account transfers for balancing.
- Estimated \$190K of budgeted dollars remaining with a few large bills such as insurance not yet received.
- Clerk shared actual dollars received and spent in 2025. Notice of actual cash available to date.

White Pine Cemetery

- Have contacted Attorney, very specific on needs from legal, 1) deed restrictions 2) ordinance. After several emails and calls, still have not received response at this time. Have sent all relevant information in hope to keep their scope focused.
- Town needs a new basket for mower; WPC will expend as used for cemetery maintenance.
 - Motion to have WPC cover cost made by Scott and 2nd by Mitch

Website Update

- Up to date

Road Items

- New chain saw and several chains were purchased as well as repaired.
- Doug, patching and graveling
- Potential of a new dump truck in future since major repairs were needed. Emissions regulations are changing in 2027, may be need to consider purchase next year. Will begin research for info.
- Karen – blade stored on her property has an offer of \$120 offer. Maybe worth more as scrap. Need more research, next month

Resident Issues

Bills and Correspondences

- Document of all checks created since previous meeting, highlighted largest ones.
- SB Madison will send us a check then print new, correct invoice. Upon receipt will issue payment.

Closed regular meeting

Open Public Hearing on Proposed 2026 Budget

The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection on the town's website at www.townoflafollette.com as well as posted with this agenda notice.

Proposed budget presented, no questions were asked

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

Adjourned: 7:43 pm

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk

Town of La Follette,
Oct. 13, 2025

RECEIPTS

Transfer from savings (10/6)	\$30,000.00
WI - Quart. trans. aids	29,315.31
WI - Motor fuel tax refund	237.00
	<u>\$59,552.31</u>

ROAD
\$196,594.07

GENERAL
\$1908.71

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
\$198,502.78

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS
\$108,471.05

Community Bank } \$32,517.36 - check.
(Int. \$110.43) { \$264,819.45 - sav.
 { \$17,481.95 - WPC

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
13-Oct-25
2025 BUDGET

	2025 Approved Budget October 2024	2025 Revised Budget Ongoing	2025 YTD Total	2025 Revised/YTD Difference
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INCOME

TAXES (LEVY)

Property Taxes:	\$283,471	\$283,471	\$283,471	\$0
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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
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Road Loan Levy #3

State Funded Road Loan Levy #4

LEVY TOTAL

	\$423,374	\$423,374	\$423,374	\$0
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL :

MFL/FCL	\$137	\$23,138	\$23,138	\$0
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Shared Revenue	\$47,024	\$47,024	\$7,326	\$39,698
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Transportation Aids	\$117,261	\$117,261	\$87,946	\$29,315
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DNR	\$610	\$610	\$552	\$58
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State Fire Aids	\$3,000	\$5,762	\$5,762	\$0
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Fire Signs	\$200	\$200	\$76	\$124
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License & Permits	\$2,500	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
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Fuel Tax Refund	\$400	\$400	\$237	\$163
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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
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :

	\$174,332	\$199,171	\$129,812	\$69,358
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Bank Interest	\$500	\$1,315	\$1,315	\$0
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Community Bank Loan

Personal Property Tax	\$130	\$0		\$0
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Dog License Fees	\$300	\$227	\$227	\$0
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Land/Equipment Sale

Exempt Computer/Misc Income	\$100	\$1,212	\$1,212	\$0 \$900 from Road Services
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Cash from Dec 30 Reconciliation		\$24,600	\$24,600	\$0
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Highway Projects carried from 2024		\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
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Over Paid Taxes	\$0	\$3,794	\$3,794	\$0
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MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:

	\$1,030	\$96,148	\$96,148	\$0
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INCOME TOTAL

	\$598,736	\$718,693	\$649,334	\$69,359
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TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 13-Oct-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	\$1,294	\$1,294	\$0
Town Clerk Wages	\$16,200	\$17,000	\$12,150	\$4,850
Clerk Expenses & Website	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$5,216	\$3,784
Accounting Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payroll Expenses	\$22,250	\$9,600	\$5,212	\$4,388
Treasurer Wages	\$9,000	\$9,500	\$6,750	\$2,750
Treasurer Expenses	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$633	\$2,367
Bank Charges	\$50	\$50	\$5	\$45
Assessor	\$5,700	\$7,950	\$6,550	\$1,400
Election Wages	\$3,000	\$1,243	\$1,243	\$0
Election Expenses	\$7,900	\$1,380	\$1,380	\$0
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$296	\$7,304
Siren Fire Department	\$11,570	\$21,651	\$21,651	\$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	\$2,509	\$7,492
Utilites	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,604	\$1,396
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 2025
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	\$174,970	\$181,472	\$119,690	\$61,782
Road Fund:				
Hwy Wages	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$49,230	\$30,770
Outside Contractors	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Highway Expense	\$175,363	\$182,594	\$102,739	\$79,855
Highway Project carried from 2024		\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
Equipment Maintenance	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$13,915	\$1,085
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	\$373,294	\$244,808	\$128,486
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	\$504,401	\$190,269
INCOME TOTAL	\$598,736	\$718,693	\$649,334	\$69,359
Available			Current \$144,934	Projected \$24,024
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	

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
Town Electors Meeting

Monday, October 13, 2025

Immediately following public hearing of proposed 2026 budget

Attendance: Chair Darwyn Brown, Supervisor Scott Lauder, Supervisor Mitch Coyour, Treasurer Karen Mangelsen as electors. Clerk Sandy Hinkley as non-resident.

Residents: 2 - Renae Judd and Doug Coyour

Immediately following the closure of the Public Hearing of the proposed 2026 budget, the Electors Meeting was opened.

Meeting Start: 7:45 pm

Verification of Posting: Posted notice and proposed budget on website, Town Hall and Coomer on 9/28/2025

The total 2025 Levy of \$427,256 to be collected in 2026 was presented, no further questions or comments were raised.

Renae Judd proposed to accept the 2025 Total Town Levy of \$ 427,256.00
Doug Coyour seconded

6 town electors voted AYE
0 town electors voted NAY

See attached Resolution # 2025-001, Resolution of Town Electors to Adopt the Total Town Levy

Scott made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded. Meeting to adjourn voted unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 pm

Sandy Hinkley.
Town Clerk

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
22-Sep-25
2026 BUDGET

2025 Approved Budget October 2024	2025 Revised Budget Ongoing	2026 Approved Budget October 2025	2026 Change from 2025 Budget
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INCOME

TAXES (LEVY)

Property Taxes:	\$283,471	\$283,471	\$287,353	1.37%
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				
Road Loan Levy #4				

LEVY TOTAL \$423,374 \$423,374 \$427,256 0.92%

INTERGOVERNMENTAL :

MFL/FCL	\$137	\$20,202	\$10,000	
Shared Revenue	\$47,024	\$47,024	\$48,623	
Transportation Aids	\$117,261	\$117,261	\$117,261	
DNR	\$610	\$610	\$610	
State Fire Aids	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Fire Signs	\$200	\$200	\$200	
License & Permits	\$2,500	\$2,621	\$2,500	
Fuel Tax Refund	\$400	\$400	\$400	
LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT				
TRIP Warner Lake Road				
TRIP Indian Creek Road			\$186,375	
Fire Department SAP	\$3,200	\$8,137	\$5,100	

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL : \$174,332 \$199,455 \$374,069 114.57%

MISCELLANEOUS:

Bank Interest	\$500	\$1,205	\$1,000	
Community Bank Loan				
Personal Property Tax	\$130	\$0	\$0	
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%

LaFollette	BUDGET YEAR		% Change
	2025	2026	
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%

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 22-Sep-25 2026 BUDGET		2025 Approved Budget October 2024	2025 Revised Budget Ongoing	2026 Approved Budget October 2025	2026 Change from 2025 Revised Budget
EXPENSES					
General Fund:					
Board Salary	\$14,600	\$14,600	\$14,600		
Board Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Legal Fees/Publications	\$500	\$800	\$500		
Town Clerk Wages & Benefits	\$16,200	\$17,000	\$16,200		
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		
Assessor	\$5,700	\$7,950	\$8,400		
Election Wages	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Election Expenses	\$7,900	\$815	\$7,900		
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$7,600		
Siren Fire Department	\$11,570	\$20,830	\$11,013		
Hertel Fire Department	\$10,700	\$12,141	\$12,000		
Hertel Fire Department SAP	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800		
Ambulance Services	\$37,000	\$37,101	\$37,000		
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		
Overpaid Taxes Refund		\$6,462			
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	\$174,970	\$181,349	\$203,395	16.25%	
Road Fund:					
Hwy Wages	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$80,000		
Outside Contractors	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Highway Expense	\$175,363	\$184,474	\$174,495		
Highway Grants Expense		\$65,000	\$186,375		
Equipment Maintenance	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$8,000		
Highway Insurance	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000		
Fuel	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000		
Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Shop Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000		
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL	\$283,863	\$374,974	\$479,370	68.87%	
Loan Payments:					
Principle Equip Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Interest Equip Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Road Loan Principle	\$126,461	\$126,461	\$133,539		
Road Loan Interest	\$13,442	\$13,442	\$6,364		
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL	\$139,903	\$139,903	\$139,903	0.00%	
EXPENSE TOTAL	<u>\$598,736</u>	<u>\$696,226</u>	<u>\$822,667</u>	37.40%	
INCOME TOTAL	<u>\$598,736</u>	<u>\$719,212</u>	<u>\$822,667</u>	37.40%	
HAIL DAMAGE 2023					
	Income	Expenses	Balance	Available	
2023 Initial Payment Firemans Ins	\$9,995		\$9,995	\$14,503	
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		

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
LOCATION: COYLAND CREEK
Monday, October 20, 2025
8:00 am**

Attendance: Chair Darwyn Brown, Supervisor Scott Lauder, Supervisor Mitch Coyour
Doug Coyour, Aaron Scharf

Meeting called to order by Darwyn Brown at 8:03 am

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

- Met with Aaron Scharf of Cooper Engineering to discuss road grants for Herrick Road and Town Line Road. Want them to develop a TRID proposal for Herrick Road and Town Line Road with 4 inches of gravel and 3 inches of black top.
- Updated Two Year Road Plan
 - 2026 Projects
 - Black top Indian Creek Road to 25th Street with 3 inches of black top
 - Gravel Kent Lake Road
 - Gravel Herrick Road
 - Gravel Town Line Road
 - 2027 Projects
 - Black top Herrick Road
 - Black Top Town Line Road
- Scott made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mitch

Adjourned: 8:30 am

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

8:00 am

Attendance: Chair Darwyn Brown, Supervisor Scott Lauder, Supervisor Mitch Coyour
Doug Coyour, Bill Fischer with Transwest.

Meeting called to order by Darwyn Brown at 8:03 am

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

- **Review dump truck options with potential vendor**
 - New dump truck proposal was presented by Transwest. Discussion of each line item, making several modifications to fit LaFollette's needs. Transwest will revise the proposal according to discussion and present to Darwyn.
 - Transwest currently has one truck available on their lot that possibly meets town's specifications. A future date will be determined to view the available truck.

- **Discuss road grants and letters for Herrick Road and Town Line Road TRID Application**
 - Two letters of support were identified to be include with the grant application; Coyland Creek and Albee Farms.
 - Scott will create the drafts and make available by November 5th.

Mitch made motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott

Adjourned: 8:47 am

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk