

MEETING MINUTES TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Monthly Meeting Monday, November 10th, 2025 7:00 pm

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

Residents: 2

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

Verification of Posting: Posted notice and proposed budget on website, Town Hall and Coomer on 11/03/2025

Reading of Minutes:

- Oct 13th Monthly Meeting / Oct 13th Electors – Levy Approval / Oct 20th & Oct 28th Special Meetings Roads
 - Motion to accept each set of minutes made by Scott and 2nd by Darwyn

Clerk's Report

- Levy and Tax Preparations
 - 2026 LEVY Filed with DOR
 - Received packet from county for 2026 tax calculations. Additional required documents will be received on 11/20 before able to begin reporting.
 - Received approval from DOR concerning the 2024 tax refund processed in Jan 2025. DOR sending invoices for payments to County and schools.
 - Shared Siren School District portion of tax collection
- Bank Loan issued identified and resolved
- Election
 - Training requirements for 26-27 completed.
 - No referendums or officer changes identified for LaFollette, due date 11/25.

Treasurer's Report

- Monthly Receipts - \$76 fire signs and transfers between savings and checking accounts.
 - Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Scott and 2nd by Darwyn

Chairman's Report

- Siren Fire Assoc will provide another letter to be include within tax statements for donations towards fire truck purchased in 2027 – will ask if Fire Dept provide printing / folding of letter.
- Ambulance statistics. Average response for code 3 is 12.31 min.
 - Highest number responses for County.
 - Lafollette had 13 calls, 7 code 3, 11.33 min response time.

Financial Report

- 2025 Monthly Budget in good shape. Revenue waiting for final shared revenue deposit. Have monies that can be redistributed into Highway. About \$138K budget dollars total left to spend. Looking at final amount of unspent dollars that may be flagged for capital expenditure.
- The end of year 2024 spend of early 2025 expenses may have lowered budget expectations.
- Quick Book report of YTD Actuals, shows cash levels to compare to December expected expenses. Working to identify the expected cash/budget remaining at year end and potential to spend remainder.
- Will update report to include new cash movement

Scott moved to formally approve the 2026 Budget and the Levy approved at the Electors 10/13 meeting, seconded by Darwyn. 2026 Budget and Levy approved.

White Pine Cemetery

- Spoke with Attorneys on Nov 5th – ordinance as written is good.
 - Two references to ownership of cemetery yet no deed that shows town ownership. Attorney recommends a title search. If nothing identified could do eminent domain. If owner identified, can determine solution. We are beyond time frames required for any deed covenants. Need to ensure land swap was properly done.
 - Darwyn made a motion for Scott to contact title company for search and take the next step, such as processing a quit claim. Seconded by Scott.

Website Update

- Update for 2025. Will begin 2026 calendar and copy write, etc.

Road Items

- Because receipt of entitlement in 2024 the town doesn't qualify this year, but still submitted application to gravel 4 inches Kent Lake Road.
- TRIPS/D – completed application for Herrick Rd. Submitted with Cooper Engineering and included 5 letters of endorsement Frederic School District, Robert Warder Logging, Albee Farms, Siren Bus Comp, and Coyland Creek.
 - Application needs to be signed, scanned and sent to Cooper Engineering.
 - Estimated project cost was listed at \$751,380. Possible 70/30 or 50/50 reimbursement.
 - Feb or March notification of award
- Purchase of new Truck
 - Darwyn, Doug and Jeff Christianson traveled to look at options and details of a new truck. TransWest vs International are the options. Details, differences and preferences were discussed such as warranties, options, box types, costs, delivery date. Decisions landed between cost vs. delivery date.
 - TransWest appears about \$40,000+ more expensive. Many extra features but not all needed. Can have in January.
 - International cheaper with reputable engine, etc. Also, stainless steel box. Guarantee available in 2026, but not until summer.
 - Need to order – hope current truck lasts through winter.
 - Payment / loan not needed until chassis delivered.
 - Scott makes motion to spend up to \$335,000 on the International truck, allowing Darwyn and Doug to purchase additional warranty coverage options. Seconded by Darwyn.

Resident Issues

John Schultz, resident, curious about resident on Ancho Inn Road, i.e. septic, rental. Darwyn will research.

Bills and Correspondences

List of all checks written since prior meeting.

Correspondence of Short TR listed.

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

Adjourned: 8:18 pm

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk

Town of La Follette

Nov. 10, 2025

RECEIPTS

Burnett Cty. - 2 property # signs \$76.00

2 transfers from savings \$125,000.00

\$125,076.00

ROAD

\$133,701.85

GENERAL

\$608.15

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$139,710.00

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS

\$93,837.05

Community Bank { \$77,398.69 - Checking
(Int. \$86.02) { \$109,905.47 - Savings
 { \$17,481.95 - WPC

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
11-Nov-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
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
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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	\$117,261	\$0
DNR	\$610	\$610	\$552	\$58
State Fire Aids	\$3,000	\$5,762	\$5,762	\$0
Fire Signs	\$200	\$200	\$152	\$48
License & Permits	\$2,500	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
Fuel Tax Refund	\$400	\$400	\$237	\$163
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	\$199,171	\$159,203	\$39,967
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Bank Interest	\$500	\$1,401	\$1,401	\$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	\$1,212	\$1,212	\$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	\$96,234	\$96,234	\$0
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INCOME TOTAL	\$598,736	\$718,778	\$678,811	\$39,967
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TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 11-Nov-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	\$13,500	\$3,500
Clerk Expenses & Website	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$5,313	\$3,687
Accounting Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payroll Expenses	\$22,250	\$9,600	\$5,676	\$3,924
Treasurer Wages	\$9,000	\$9,500	\$6,750	\$2,750
Treasurer Expenses	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$658	\$2,342
Bank Charges	\$50	\$50	\$5	\$45
Assessor	\$5,700	\$7,950	\$7,250	\$700
Election Wages	\$3,000	\$1,243	\$1,243	\$0
Election Expenses	\$7,900	\$1,805	\$1,805	\$0
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$7,600	\$4,575	\$2,128	\$2,447
Siren Fire Department	\$11,570	\$21,651	\$21,651	\$0
Hertel Fire Department	\$10,700	\$2,283	\$2,283	\$0
Hertle Fire Department SAP	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$4,942	\$858
Ambulance Services	\$37,000	\$37,101	\$37,101	\$0
Town Infrastructure	\$10,000	\$2,509	\$2,509	\$0
Utilities	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,814	\$1,186
Dog License Paid to County	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
Overpaid Taxes Refund	\$0	\$6,462	\$6,462	\$0
				\$2060.31 to be refunded by county in Feb 2026
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	\$174,970	\$161,423	\$124,793	\$36,630
Road Fund:				
Hwy Wages	\$70,000	\$80,000	53,940	\$26,060
Outside Contractors	\$1,500	\$1,400	0	\$1,400
Highway Expense	\$175,363	\$200,044	125,107	\$74,937
Highway Project carried from 2024		\$65,000	65,000	\$0
Equipment Maintenace	\$8,000	\$17,600	17,593	\$7
Highway Insurance	\$8,000	\$8,000	60	\$7,940
Fuel	\$8,000	\$8,000	7,605	\$395
Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000	2,555	\$2,445
Shop Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,300	1,265	\$35
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	\$393,344	\$275,849	\$117,495
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	<u>\$598,736</u>	<u>\$694,670</u>	<u>\$540,545</u>	<u>\$154,125</u>
INCOME TOTAL	<u>\$598,736</u>	<u>\$718,778</u>	<u>\$678,811</u>	<u>\$39,967</u>
Available			Current \$138,266	Projected \$24,109
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	