

MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Monthly Meeting
Monday, December 8th, 2025
7:00 pm

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

Residents: 3

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

Verification of Posting: Agenda/Notice posted on website, Town Hall and Coomer on 12/1/25

Motion to change agenda – added new topic to Clerk report (insurance) and Chair Report (truck loan, grader) and Financial Report (yearend payments), eliminate SAP discussion. New agenda changes approved by Mitch and seconded by Scott.

Reading of Minutes:

- Nov 10th Monthly Meeting - correction noted - Motion to accept minutes with correction made by Scott and 2nd by Mitch

Clerk's Report

- Presented roster of appointed Election Inspectors for 2026 – 2027 Term.
 - Appointed Officials approved by Mitch, 2nd by Scott
- Insurance policy for liability for buildings and equipment presented. Signatures required. Value of each building approved, qualified drivers' info verified. New policy rider on terrorism, verified day after meeting that included within regular policy. Insurance cards for vehicles distributed.
- Shared Mill Rate as shown on taxes presented.

Treasurer's Report

- Receipts, SB Madison cleared and refunded, tax refund from college, final shared revenue deposit.
 - Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Scott and 2nd by Mitch

Chairman's Report

- Siren Fire Dept – Approval of new Fire Chief, John Doric
 - Oath of office presented by Darwyn Brown and sworn to by John Doric, document signed
- Truck purchase / Bank loan
 - International Truck with universal box
 - Determined to opt for lining to be on bottom vs entire bed.
 - Price to be \$318,382.44, include tariff and extended warranty
 - Estimated delivery in June
 - When final expenses and balances for year are determined, will then discuss eligibility for downpayment and loan amount.
- Scott made a motion to reserve \$25,000 for general town expenses going into 2026, any remainder dollars in budget/accounts for 2025 to be allocated for new truck expenses. Mitch seconded the motion.
- Karen has received a \$200 bid for the grader on her property. Mitch made a motion to accept the bid, Scott seconded. Karen will notify award and administer transfer.

- Darwyn shared a thank you to everyone for 2025, no major issues, no resident issues, fantastic board. Fortunate for Doug and all the help from residents to chip in. A great 2025!!
- Darwyn & Mitch to attend meeting tomorrow, 12/9 at Siren Town Hall for rating of TRIP applications.

Financial Report

- No more major income expected in 2025. December deposits (tax payments) will be 2026 income
- Expenses – mostly accounted for. Can move remaining dollars of budget. Salaries still have a lot remaining. Insurance invoice just received, split expense between Highway vs town coverage.
- Estimate dollars of remaining, beyond \$25K for town carry over, but will wait until January 2026 for final 2025 dollars to be calculated
- Went through QuickBook version of year-end numbers and estimate of remaining cash flow.
- Year End Employee Payments > Christmas bonus and 5% in lieu of pension for Doug.
 - Christmas bonus amounts – Darwyn motion to increase Christmas Bonus \$200 for each employee for 2025, seconded by Scott

White Pine Cemetery

- After title research, discovered nobody owns WPC. Unable to track history.
- Do a quit claim deed and take possession. Need to find Attorney to finalize title.
 - Darwyn made a motion to use Attorney Anderson Law in Grantsburg, Scott seconded.
 - Scott will initiate in 2026

Website Update

- Website is updated to 2026, i.e. copyright, all elections and public tests. Notification for caucus in 2027

Road Items

- Issues with pickup, plow controls. To Olby to fix.
- Purchased Truck – no payment needed until expected delivery. Community bank promised locked interest
 - Will initiate a resolution when dollars are defined.
- Wing on plow and grader – dump truck still working.

Resident Issues

- Sand Lake now plowing Larabee Subdivision.
- Bob Berquist, cemetery needed attention, Doug took care of it.
- Hertel Fire Dept Christmas Party Thurs @ 6:00 Junk Yard Bar

Bills and Correspondences

- List of all bills paid since last meeting. Tech College reimbursement of tax credit. Clerk expense reimbursement
- Highway winter material prices and on-call list.
- Applications for MFL

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

Adjourned: 7:58 pm

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk

Town of La Follette
Dec. 8, 2025

RECEIPTS

Refund from Steve Madison	\$4968.00
(Error on invoice)	
Northwoods Tech. - tax refund	57.51
Burnett Cty. - sign	38.00
State of WI - shared revenue	39,970.17
WPC -	<u>150.00</u>
	<u>\$45,190.68</u>

ROAD
\$35,293.32

GENERAL
\$1933.71

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
\$37227.03

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS
\$101,800.70

Community Bank
(Int. \$45.17) } \$85,317.34 Check.
} \$109,950.64 Sav.
} \$17,331.95 WPC

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 9-Dec-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	\$139,903	\$139,903	\$139,903	\$0
Community Bank Loan Levy #2				
Road Loan Levy #3				
State Funded Road Loan Levy #4				

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

MFL/FCL	\$137	\$23,138	\$23,138	\$0
Shared Revenue	\$47,024	\$47,296	\$47,296	\$0
Transportation Aids	\$117,261	\$117,261	\$117,261	\$0
DNR	\$610	\$552	\$552	\$0
State Fire Aids	\$3,000	\$5,762	\$5,762	\$0
Fire Signs	\$200	\$152	\$152	\$0
License & Permits	\$2,500	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
Fuel Tax Refund	\$400	\$237	\$237	\$0
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
\$199,174
\$199,173
\$0
MISCELLANEOUS:

Bank Interest	\$500	\$1,446	\$1,446	\$0
Community Bank Loan				
Personal Property Tax	\$130	\$0		\$0
Dog License Fees	\$300	\$227	\$227	\$0
Land/Equipment Sale		\$200	\$200	\$0
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
\$96,479
\$96,479
\$0
INCOME TOTAL
\$598,736
\$719,027
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\$0

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EXPENSES				
General Fund:				
Board Salary	\$14,600	\$14,582	\$14,581	\$0
Board Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,423	\$2,423	\$0
Legal Fees/Publications	\$500	\$1,294	\$1,294	\$0
Town Clerk Wages	\$16,200	\$17,000	\$16,200	\$800
Clerk Expenses & Website	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$5,812	\$688
Accounting Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payroll Expenses	\$22,250	\$11,862	\$7,749	\$4,113 projected w/ bonus
Treasurer Wages	\$9,000	\$9,500	\$9,000	\$500
Treasurer Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$883	\$917
Bank Charges	\$50	\$50	\$5	\$45
Assessor	\$5,700	\$7,950	\$7,950	\$0
Election Wages	\$3,000	\$1,243	\$1,243	\$0
Election Expenses	\$7,900	\$1,805	\$1,805	\$0 Moved \$3300 6/10
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$7,600	\$2,128	\$2,128	\$0
Siren Fire Department	\$11,570	\$21,651	\$21,651	\$0
Hertel Fire Department	\$10,700	\$2,283	\$2,283	\$0
Hertel Fire Department SAP	\$5,800	\$4,944	\$4,942	\$2
Ambulance Services	\$37,000	\$37,101	\$37,101	\$0
Town Infrastructure	\$10,000	\$6,709	\$6,146	\$563
Utilities	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,902	\$1,098
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	\$161,286	\$152,559	\$8,727
Road Fund:				
Hwy Wages	\$70,000	\$71,000	\$60,812	\$10,188
Outside Contractors	\$1,500	\$1,392	\$1,000	\$392
Highway Expense	\$175,363	\$211,852	\$126,852	\$85,000
Highway Project carried from 2024		\$65,000	65,000	\$0
Equipment Maintenance	\$8,000	\$18,600	\$18,425	\$175
Highway Insurance	\$8,000	\$8,180	\$8,180	\$0
Fuel	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$7,711	\$289
Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$2,805	\$695
Shop Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,369	\$131
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$2,224	\$3,776
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$0
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL	\$283,863	\$395,524	\$294,879	\$100,645
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	\$696,713	\$587,341	\$109,372
INCOME TOTAL	\$598,736	\$719,027	\$719,027	\$0
Available			Current \$131,686	Projected \$22,314
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				\$17,332
Beginning Balance	\$15,494		\$15,494	
Plots Sold	\$2,000		\$17,494	
Expenses		\$162	\$17,332	