

MEETING MINUTES TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Monthly Meeting Monday, February 9, 2026

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

Residents: 6

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

Verification of Posting: Agenda/Notice posted on website, at Town Hall and Coomer on 2/1/26

Reading of Minutes:

- Minutes of Jan 12th Monthly Meeting presented - Motion to accept minutes made by Mitch and 2nd by Scott

Clerk's Report

- Housing Report completed by assessor showed dwelling increased by 3 and decreased by 1
- eSLA injury & illness for 2025 reporting completed and posted per requirements
- Reporting for 2% Fire Dues reporting completed for Siren, town portion of Hertel also done. Waiting for Hertel Fire Dept to complete.
- Schedule for Open Book – May 27th 4:00 – 6:00 and Board of Review June 10th 5:00 – 7:00pm
 - Darwyn volunteered to attend the remote training when date announced.
- Began a discussion for the creation of an Employee Policy Handbook. Town is compliant but should document. Want to ensure current employees gets flexibility yet ensure greatest benefit. Handbook documentation needed to assist any future employees, appointed or elected - or new town clerk.

Treasurer's Report

- Receipts – \$4,954.48, Disbursements \$196,386.45 (included January payments)
- Tax payments are due 1/31. Checks can be physically received and processed into Feb due to post marks prior to 1/31. However, a postmark is not always obvious or printed. The County will enforce a deadline when they close their system. At that point any checks received by town are sent directly to the county for processing.
 - Suggested topic for annual meeting to remind residents about new postmark processes and potential effect of tax payments and/or election ballots.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Scott and 2nd by Mitch

Chairman's Report

- Appreciate coverage of last month meeting while he was absent.
- Received a notification of a state grant for potential culvert work. Will call Delmore, the consultant that completed our 2024 mandatory culvert report. Don't know specifics of grant at this time.

Financial Report

- 2026 Budget – always great at beginning of year – set aside monies for Indian Creek, Truck purchase and Town Hall insurance repair.
- Scott attended the WTA meeting
 - LRIP program reported no change in Town's ranking position. Next meeting for decision is undetermined.
 - Ambulance report for quarter – Avg time to respond 14.12 min. Received 11 calls. Discussion of potential merge with Washburn County due to synergies, may increase budget.

White Pine Cemetery

- Working with Attorney Knute Norenberg – hope to be wrapped up by Friday.
- Since this Attorney is responsive, should transfer the outstanding information concerning the quit deeds on Anchor Inn Rd from Atty Ryan Benson and request Norenberg begin the process. Want to get these parcels to proper owner.
- Scott able to sign documents concerning WPC, others may require Darwyn

Website Update

- Up to date, deleted Spring primary off calendar.
- Will add BOR and Open Book dates.

Road Items

- Indian Creek Rd – west side, mow branches to keep trees from right of way.
 - Doug will need assistance to get blade on due to weight and safety.
- Resident had salt request, Doug fulfilled immediately.
- Doug's responsiveness is a credit to town. His efforts are appreciated.
- LRIP history stated, currently requesting grant for Herrick Rd and Town Line Rd.

Resident Issues

- none

Bills and Correspondence

- Signed blank checks
- Presented report of all checks since prior meeting, highlighted all non-payroll large payments

Mitch made a motion to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Scott
Adjourned: 7:38 pm

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk

Town of La Follette
Feb. 9, 2026

RECEIPTS

Jonas Beachy	\$200.00
Burnett Cty. - dog fund refund	4.73
CoreLogic - tax pmt.	3255.90
Siren schools - part ⁿ tax	
refund - Johnson	1493.85
	<u>\$4954.48</u>

ROAD
\$14,558.23

GENERAL
\$181,828.22

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
\$196,386.45

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS
\$45,108.95

Comm. Bank { \$36,081.89
Int. (\$221.99) { \$935,560.48
 { \$15,894.45

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 9-Feb-26 2026 BUDGET	2026 Approved Budget October 2025	2026 Revised Budget Ongoing	2026 YTD Total	2026 Revised/YTD Difference
INCOME				
TAXES (LEVY)				
Property Taxes:	\$287,353	\$287,353	\$40,792	\$246,561
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	\$427,256	\$427,256	\$40,792	\$386,464
INTERGOVERNMENTAL :				
MFL/FCL	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$4,824	\$5,176
Shared Revenue	\$48,623	\$48,623		\$48,623
Transportation Aids	\$117,261	\$125,668	\$31,417	\$94,251
DNR	\$610	\$610		\$610
State Fire Aids	\$3,000	\$3,000		\$3,000
Fire Signs	\$200	\$200		\$200
License & Permits	\$2,500	\$2,500		\$2,500
Fuel Tax Refund	\$400	\$400		\$400
LRIP-S Williams Road – WISDOT				\$0
TRIP Warner Lake Road				\$0
TRIP Indian Creek Road	\$186,375	\$186,375		\$186,375
Fire Department SAP	\$5,100	\$2,786		\$2,786
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :	\$374,069	\$380,161	\$36,241	\$343,920
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Bank Interest	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$222	\$778
Community Bank Loan				\$0
Personal Property Tax	\$0	\$0		\$0
Dog License Fees	\$300	\$300	\$5	\$295
Land/Equipment Sale		\$200	\$200	\$0
Exempt Computer/Misc Income	\$500	\$1,494	\$0	\$1,494
Cash from Dec 30 Reconciliation		\$25,845	\$25,845	\$0
Set-a-side for Truck Purchase	\$0	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$0
Community Bank Loan for Truck				\$0
White Pine Cemetery Income	\$17,482	\$15,895	\$15,895	\$0
Over Paid Taxes	\$2,061	\$2,085	\$1,494	\$591
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:	\$21,343	\$140,818	\$137,661	\$3,158
INCOME TOTAL	\$822,668	\$948,236	\$214,693	\$733,542

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9-Feb-26
2026 BUDGET

	2026 Approved Budget October 2025	2026 Revised Budget Ongoing	2026 YTD Total	2026 Revised/YTD Difference
EXPENSES				
General Fund:				
Board Salary	\$14,600	\$14,600	\$0	\$14,600
Board Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$65	\$1,935
Legal Fees/Publications	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
Town Clerk Wages	\$16,200	\$16,200	\$1,350	\$14,850
Clerk Expenses & Website	\$9,500	\$35,345	\$107	\$35,238
Accounting Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payroll Expenses	\$22,250	\$22,250	\$531	\$21,719
Treasurer Wages	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000
Treasurer Expenses	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$50	\$4,950
Bank Charges	\$50	\$50	\$5	\$45
Assessor	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$1,400	\$7,000
Election Wages	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Election Expenses	\$7,900	\$7,900	\$0	\$7,900
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$0	\$7,600
Siren Fire Department	\$11,013	\$12,983	\$10,960	\$2,022
Hertel Fire Department	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
Hertle Fire Department SAP	\$5,800	\$5,566	\$5,036	\$529
Ambulance Services	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$0	\$37,000
Town Infrastructure	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Utilites	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$618	\$3,382
Dog License Paid to County	\$100	\$100		\$100
White Pine Cemetery Expenses	\$17,482	\$15,895		\$15,895
Overpaid Taxes Refund				\$0
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	\$203,395	\$229,388	\$20,123	\$209,265
Road Fund:				
Hwy Wages	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$5,591	\$74,409
Outside Contractors	\$1,500	\$1,500		\$1,500
Highway Expense	\$174,495	\$180,046		\$180,046
Highway Grants Expense	\$186,375	\$186,375		\$186,375
New Truck Purchase		\$94,000		\$94,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$404	\$7,596
Highway Insurance	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000
Fuel	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$1,373	\$6,627
Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Shop Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$239	\$761
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$3,096	\$2,904
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$710	\$290
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL	\$479,370	\$578,921	\$11,412	\$567,510
Loan Payments:				
Principle Equip Loan	\$0	\$0		\$0
Interest Equip Loan	\$0	\$0		\$0
Road Loan Principle	\$133,539	\$133,539		\$133,539
Road Loan Interest	\$6,364	\$6,364		\$6,364
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL	\$139,903	\$139,903	\$0	\$139,903
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$822,667	\$948,212	\$31,535	\$916,677
INCOME TOTAL	\$822,668	\$948,236	\$214,693	\$733,542
Available			Current \$183,158	Projected \$24
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				\$15,895
Beginning Balance	\$15,895		\$15,895	
Plots Sold			\$15,895	
Expenses			\$15,895	