NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Monday, October 12, 2026
7:00 pm

- Verification of Posting
- Reading of Minutes
  - Sept 14th Monthly Meeting
  - Sept 26th Board meeting to approve 2027 Levy

- **Siren School Board – Mindy Zappa**

- Clerk's Report
- Treasurer's Report

- Financial Report
- 2027 Budget Preparation

- White Pine Cemetery
- Website Update

- Chairman's Report
  - Siren Fire Dept Resolution
  - Bid for Old Dump Truck
  - Ambulance Contract Proposal
- Road Items
- Resident Issues
- Bills and Correspondences
  - Bills paid, checks signed
  - Land Services
- Adjourn

Electors Meeting to adopt Levy immediately following

Upcoming Town Meetings:

Nov 9, 2026	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting
Dec 14, 2026	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting
Jan 11, 2027	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting

Sandy Hinkley, Town Clerk

Posted Oct 5, 2026

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
Monday, October 12, 2026

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

Residents: 6 + Representatives from Siren Schools, Mindy & Kevin

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

Verification of Posting: Agenda/Notice posted on website, at Town Hall and Coomer on 10/5/26

Reading of Minutes

- Minutes of Sept 14th Monthly Meeting presented. Motion to accept minutes made by Scott and 2nd by Mitch
- Minutes of Sept 26th Board to Approve Levy presented. Motion to accept minutes made by Darwyn and 2nd by Scott

Siren School Board presentation – Mindy Zappa / Kevin Shetler discussed Siren School District Referendum on the Nov ballot to exceed revenue limit. Passing of referendum makes school solvent for 4 years. Discussion of effect on property taxes, steps the school has already taken to improve expenditures, options to dissolve or consolidate discussed, FAQ code for questions, upcoming annual meeting at school.

Clerk's Report

- No issue occurred while absent
- November election – 10/26 public test at 10:00 am. In-person voting begins on 10/20.

Treasurer's Report

- Total receipts - $137,954.78 Road, Total Disbursements $153,574.59
- Scott moved to accept Treasurer Report, Mitch 2nd.

Financial Report

- Current 2026 budget shows $350 short, but only the budget and will settle correctly as actuals get confirmed and possibly reallocated. Actuals show strong income with more expected.

2027 Budget Preparation

- Proposed 2027 Levy was approved by Board at 9/26 meeting.
- Base levy increases 1% and overall levy increases 2.98% due to truck loan.
  - Discussion over old truck and purchase of new and chosen loan terms
  - Budgeted revenue and expenses discussed
  - Electors' approval of Levy happens in meeting immediately following.

White Pine Cemetery

- A burial occurred on 9/19 and another expected on 10/20. Received $1,000 for sale of plot and $50 for burial prep.

Website Update

- Website up to date, will add "in-person" voting dates

Chairman's Report

- Siren Fire Dept passed a resolution to increase their annual levy to $135,837. Which equates to total of $11,391 ($431.43 increase) due from LaFollette.

- State statute requires all municipalities served by Siren Fire Department to pass a resolution to allow any municipalities to increase their levy.
  - LaFollette does not require an increase in Levy, the town will cover the additional Fire Dept charges in normal budget procedures.
  - Discussion of passing a resolution that will not be executed.
  - Solution, LaFollette will vote to pass Resolution 2026-007: Resolution to Exceed State Levy Limit for Sole Purpose of Funding Charges Assessed by Siren Fire Department - but the levy increase amount is stated as zero dollars, $0
    - Darwyn made motion to adopt resolution # 2026-007: Resolution to Exceed State Levy Limit for Sole Purpose of Funding Charges Assessed by Siren Fire Department with Levy increase stated as $0. Mitch seconded motion, Scott opposed
    - Resolution passed by majority vote
- An ad has been placed in the Advertiser and on Face Book Market Place to open bids for old dump truck.
  - Bids will be opened on 10/17 at 6:00 pm.
- North Memorial Ambulance has submitted a proposal of two cost scenarios for 2028 contract, one with basic per capita increases, another with a new Power Truck which adds $25.50 per capita expense. Options should be discussed at town meeting, then representative from the town attend the BC Towns Assoc meeting on 10/22/26 to share LaFollette's opinion.
  - LaFollette discussion if a Power Truck really will decrease response time of 14/13 minutes
  - Town board all determined LaFollette recommends only per capita increase, not purchase of Power Truck. Darwyn will attend meeting.

Road Items

- Doug and Darwyn working hard to prepare Herrick and town Line Rds.
  - Placed fabric on Herrick Rd with help from Jeff Chritianson and Gary Merian.
  - Placed big rocks on culvert ends. Small as well to hold culverts and protect ends. Put stakes and flag poles
  - Ready, graded and packed by Hopkins
  - Will meet with Hopkins to measure out blacktop to prepare for an early spring bid
- Indian Creek Rd reimbursement $120K received
- Cranberry Marsh Rd culvert plugged by beaver dam, Doug & Darwyn cleared.
- Vesley Rd also dammed – will remove soon. Will arrange for beaver trapping to slow future damage.
- While brushing with boom mower, back mower was damaged. Jeff Christianson welding and repairing
  - Jeff also made cradle to get wing off new truck.

Resident Issues

- Anne Taylor – wants to keep focus on potential block of data centers in LaFollette. This will be a topic in the upcoming Town Assoc meeting. WTA also offering virtual meeting on how communities can regulate data centers. What Burnett County is working on does not pertain to townships. Polk County, Town of Lorain is also working on something and Darwyn is in contact with their chairperson. Hope to get more information at the Town Assoc meeting upcoming week, LaFollette hoping another town will write moratorium that we can duplicate.
- Bertram Rd speed limit was discussion last meeting, maybe look into a flashing electronic speed sign to warn drivers. Looking into the pricing and possibility. To discuss in future meeting, potential February.

Bills and Correspondences

Bills paid, checks signed – larger bills highlighted
Land Services notification of upcoming hearings

Mitch made a motion to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Sott
Adjourned: 8:33 pm

Electors Meeting to adopt Levy immediately following
Sandy Hinkley, Town Clerk

Town of La Follette
October 12, 2026

RECEIPTS

Burnett County - fire sign	$38.00
WI - LRIP - Indian Creek Rd.	122,792.23
Savings acct. - transfer	15,000.00
Refund payback	124.55
	$137,954.78

ROAD	GENERAL
$151,201.34	$2373.25

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
$153,574.59

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS
$218,741.25

Community Bank:
Checking: $145,825.04
(Int. $51.05) Savings: $113,038.22

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 12-Oct-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	$287,353	$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	**$427,256**	**$427,256**	**$427,256**	**$0**
INTERGOVERNMENTAL :				
MFL/FCL	$10,000	$23,886	$23,886	$0
Shared Revenue	$48,623	$48,623	$7,566	$41,057
Transportation Aids	$117,261	$125,668	$94,251	$31,417
DNR	$610	$610	$552	$58
State Fire Aids	$3,000	$3,000		$3,000
Fire Signs	$200	$200	$76	$124
License & Permits	$2,500	$2,370	$2,370	$0
Fuel Tax Refund	$400	$400	$69	$331
LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT				$0
TRIP Warner Lake Road				$0
TRIP Indian Creek Road	$186,375	$122,792	$122,792	$0
Fire Department 2%		$6,234	$6,234	$0
Fire Department SAP	$5,100	$2,318	$2,318	$0
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL :	**$374,069**	**$336,102**	**$260,114**	**$75,988**
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Bank Interest	$1,000	$1,176	$1,176	$0
Community Bank Loan				$0
Personal Property Tax	$0	$0		$0
Dog License Fees	$300	$289	$289	$0
Land/Equipment Sale		$200	$200	$0
Exempt Computer/Misc Income	$500	$2,309	$2,309	$0
Cash from Dec 30 Reconcilation		$25,845	$25,845	$0
Set-a-side for Truck Purchase	$0	$94,000	$94,000	$0
Community Bank Loan for Truck		$280,000	$280,000	$0
White Pine Cemetery Income	$17,482	$15,944	$15,944	$0
Over Paid Taxes	$2,061	$3,657	$3,657	$0
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:	**$21,343**	**$423,421**	**$423,421**	**$0**
INCOME TOTAL	**$822,668**	**$1,186,778**	**$1,110,791**	**$75,987**

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 12-Oct-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	$1,332	$668
Legal Fees/Publications	$500	$700	$690	$10
Town Clerk Wages	$16,200	$16,200	$12,150	$4,050
Clerk Expenses & Website	$9,500	$31,721	$4,152	$27,568
Accounting Expenses	$0	$0	$0	$0
Payroll Expenses	$22,250	$22,250	$7,875	$14,375
Treasurer Wages	$9,000	$9,000	$6,750	$2,250
Treasurer Expenses	$5,000	$5,000	$1,062	$3,938
Bank Charges	$50	$50	$5	$45
Assessor	$8,400	$8,400	$7,000	$1,400
Election Wages	$3,000	$3,000	$1,497	$1,503
Election Expenses	$7,900	$7,900	$1,004	$6,896
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	$7,600	$7,600	$60	$7,540
Siren Fire Department	$11,013	$11,661	$11,660	$0
Hertel Fire Department	$12,000	$13,692	$13,692	$0
Hertle Fire Department SAP	$5,800	$5,566	$5,036	$529
Ambulance Services	$37,000	$39,300	$39,300	$0
Town Infrastructure	$10,000	$10,000	$1,124	$8,876
Utilites	$4,000	$4,000	$2,444	$1,556
Dog License Paid to County	$100	$0	$0	$0
White Pine Cemetery Expenses	$17,482	$2,090	$2,090	$0
Overpaid Taxes Refund		$3,657	$3,657	$0
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	**$203,395**	**$218,386**	**$122,580**	**$95,806**
Road Fund:				
Hwy Wages	$80,000	$80,000	$50,916	$29,084
Outside Contractors	$1,500	$2,618	$2,618	$0
Highway Expense	$174,495	$251,606	$210,286	$41,320
Highway Grants Expense	$186,375	$122,842	122,842	$0
New Truck Purchase		320,690	320,690	$0
Equipment Maintenace	$8,000	$13,627	$13,627	$0
Highway Insurance	$8,000	$8,000	$0	$8,000
Fuel	$8,000	$8,000	$6,757	$1,243
Bldg Maintenance	$5,000	$12,525	$12,169	$356
Shop Supplies	$1,000	$2,054	$2,054	$0
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	$6,000	$6,290	$6,144	$146
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning	$1,000	$710	$710	$0
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL	**$479,370**	**$828,962**	**$748,813**	**$80,150**
Loan Payments:				
Principle Equip Loan	$0	$0		$0
Interest Equip Loan	$0	$0		$0
Road Loan Principle	$133,539	$133,539	$133,539	$0
Road Loan Interest	$6,364	$6,241	$6,241	$0
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL	**$139,903**	**$139,781**	**$139,781**	**$0**
EXPENSE TOTAL	**$822,667**	**$1,187,129**	**$1,011,173**	**$175,955**
INCOME TOTAL	**$822,668**	**$1,186,778**	**$1,110,791**	**$75,987**
Available			**Current**	**Projected**
			$99,618	**$350**

Burnett County Towns Association Ambulance Contract Proposal

The Contract committee has been discussing items that we believe our next contract should include. We are looking for feedback from the Municipalities involved on the choices to have in the new contract.
2027 Ambulance cost is **estimated** at $ 75.05 per capita based on January 1 2026 estimated population data.
We are looking for feedback from the Municipalities involved on the option of the number of Ambulance units in the Contract. The Power Truck option can be added later in the contract if wanted later instead of now.

1: Number of Ambulance units.
A; Status Quo, 3 units. **Estimated** cost for 2028 $ 82.85 per population capita based on January 1 2026 estimated population data.
2029 **Estimated** cost $87.82 per capita based on January 1 2026 estimated population data.

B: Add an Additional unit of a Power Truck(BLS staffed by EMTs, 12 hour shift each day) , **Estimated** cost for 2028 $ 108.35 per population capita based on January 1 2026 estimated population data. This means an additional expense of $ 25.50 per capita over the status quo option.
The 2029 cost would be determined after reviewing 2028 numbers.

The Power truck may decrease response time when other units are on calls. North Memorial is looking at options to revise how trucks are repositioned in the County when a unit is called which may reduce times also.

These estimated costs will change with any population capita change.

Contract will include: A 10 year contract with contract subsidy increases negotiated every 2 years.
360 days out of contract clause.
Subsidy cap limits no minimum, max cap limit of 7.5% annually.
Review financial reports at quarterly Ambulance Committee meetings.
15 minute County average response time, any response exceeding 30 minutes to be reviewed at Committee quarterly meetings.
2 units in the county available for calls, only 1 out for Inter Facility Transfers at a time.

Please discuss the Contract options of A: Status Quo or B: adding a Power Truck, with your Board.
Please send a representative from your Municipality to the BC Towns Association meeting on October 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm to provide feedback on which option you would prefer to proceed with or contact a committee officer.

Another thing to consider is the option of forming an Ambulance Association District, this may give an option to add the dues as a line item on property tax roll, removing it from the general levy.

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Ramona Moody - Vice Chair chairman@townoftradelake.org
Wayne Wiberg - Secretary wwiberg@gmail.com

Ambulance Contract Proposal			
Population Count	564	Price per capita	
2027		$75.05	$42,328.20
2028 Status Quo		82.85	$46,727.40
2029 Status Quo		87.82	$49,530.48
2028 w/ Power Truck (+$25.50)		108.35	$61,109.40
2029 w/ Power Truck		undetermined	

RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE STATE LEVEY LIMIT FOR SOLE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CHARGES ASSESSED BY SIREN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town of LaFollette, Burnett County
Resolution No. 2026-007

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin imposes limits on the property tax levies of local governments under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h) provides an exception to these levy limits, allowing a municipality to exceed its limits by the amount that its charges for joint fire department services or joint emergency medical services increase over the prior year's charges; and

WHEREAS, the Siren Fire Department provides critical fire protection and emergency medical services to the Town of LaFollette and its neighboring member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Siren Fire Department has accessed charges for the year 2027 that represent an increase over the prior year's charges; and

WHEREAS, the percentage increase in the total charges assessed by the joint department does not exceed the maximum percentage allowed under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h)2.a.; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h) requires that the governing body of each municipality served by the joint department adopt an identical or matching resolution in favor of the levy limit increase;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of LaFollette, Burnett County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of its members-elect, that:

1. The Town of LaFollette, Burnett County, Wisconsin hereby approves an increase in its 2026 levy to be collected in 2027 by the amount of $ Zero to pay for its portion of the increased joint fire departments charges.

2. This increase is authorized pursuit to Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(h)

3. The town clerk is directed to submit the appropriate documentation and this adopted resolution the Wisconsin Department of Revenue as required by Law.

Passed and Adopted this 12th day of October, 2026

Approved by Town Meeting Chair: _____

Attested by Town Clerk: _____

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE

Special Meeting to Review and Approve Bids for Sale of Old Dump Truck
October 17, 2026

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

Meeting Start: 6:07p*m*

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

The board reviewed the one bid we received for the sale of the old dump truck. The bid was awarded to Roger Colby for $8,600.00 on a motion by Mitch and seconded by Scott with Darwyn approving.

Darwyn call Roger to inform him of the winning bid and made arrangements to transfer ownership. Roger was also offered the old sander for $3,000.00 which Roger declined.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Scott and seconded by Mitch.

Adjourned: 6:15pm