

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
Monthly Town Board Meeting
Monday, July 14th, 2025**

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

Residents: 1

Meeting Start: 7:02 pm

Verification of Posting: Posted notice on website, Town Hall and Coomer on July 8, 2025

Reading of Minutes:

June 9, 2025 Monthly Town Board Meeting. Discussion of Sunlight Report receiving notifications. County previously stated must comply, but since June meeting, WEC has recommended non-compliance. One grammar correction. Motion to accept minutes with corrections made by Scott, 2nd by Mitch.

June 12, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting, Bid Opening. Motion to accept made by Mitch, 2nd by Scott.

Clerk's Report:

- 2% Fire Dues received. Discussion of amount to forward to Siren FD, will research history of overpayment made. (Per research and text received from Darwyn on 7/16, will forward \$700 to Siren Fire Dept.)
- Hertel Express Casino has requested a day permit to serve alcohol in the Amphitheater parking lot on 9/6/25. Scott moved to amend the "premise" of the current liquor license to include the parking lot for that day only, Darwyn seconded.
- AmVets Post 1993 has been deactivated 7/3/25. Since Liquor License only valid one day, town will offer a full refund of \$105, liquor and tobacco license. Scott moved to send refund. Letter of cancelation of license and refund signed and sent along with refund.
- Maintenance of Effort Reporting complete 6/17/25
- New Transfer Station opened

Treasurer's Report:

- \$957.78 received, transferred \$20,000 from Savings to Checking account
- Road - \$9175.75 General \$2,347.04
- Motion to accept Treasure Report made by Scott, 2nd by Mitch

Monthly Financial Report:

- Hwy Expenses - Mainly spent on Twin Lake Rd

White Pine Cemetery:

Scott provided extensive research into responsibilities and expectations of a Town that manages a private cemetery that was abandoned.

- Finances can be incorporated with Town Money – but must be reported as a separate line item for income and expenses. Will continue current practice until all information gathered and completed.
- Certified plot maps and survey were done and filed 2/2011. Required a land swap and quit claims. Earlier surveys were completed with land use discrepancies, but nothing done. Boundaries not defined.

- Town should pass an ordinance to guarantee perpetual care, number of interments, etc. Scott will research State Statute and other samples of ordinances, compose a version for LaFollette, work with Attorney for approval then present to Town Board for approval.
 - Motion to authorize attorney fees made by Darwyn, 2nd by Mitch
 - Town currently offers guarantee of perpetual care as stated on reverse side of deed plot documents.
- Town should appoint an administrator to oversee cemetery functions – Town had previously appointed Scott Lauder.
- Town must abide by any deed restrictions. Difficult to find any proper records. Do have copy of pieces of original document from School land sale, need attorney to interpret and define any restrictions.
- Lots of oral history, but few documents. Potential of a title search could offer more history.

Website Update:

- Fireworks notification coming down.
- Will post response letter received from DNR concerning enhanced wake boat.

Road Items

- Dump truck still not fixed, Darwyn will contact county of need. Have returned the borrowed truck to West Marshfield.
- Cannot finish cul-de-sac on Twin Lake Rd until dump truck, but will by year end
- Doug busy with trees, Jeff Christianson straighten out old mower.
- \$4000 bill for repair - for hydraulic hoses and pump, blades and parts
- Doug – blacktopping, grinding, filling potholes, etc,

Resident Issues:

- Siren Fire Department proposing one-time expenses beyond usual budget.
 - Replace outdated gear for 5 @ \$3500. LaFollette portion \$1400
 - Potential of new truck purchase, estimated \$12,000 for LaFollette
 - We can cover costs within budget or potential to raise levy to cover. Will determine during 2026 budget development.
- Unknowingly blocked a resident's access gate on Twin Lake Rd. Darwyn removed them.

Bills and Correspondences:

- Viewed list of checks written since previous monthly meeting
- Per article in newspaper, Central Burnett County Fair canceled, will void Town contribution check.
- Momentum Computer, \$500 for new year of computer update support as required by WEC

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

Adjourned: 7:53 pm

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk

Town of La Follette
July 14, 2025

RECEIPTS

Burnett Cty. - ag conversion chg.	\$49.50
WI - CFL, FCL + MFI land pmt's.	769.28
St. Croix AM VETS - lig. lic.	125.00
Dog license fees	14.00
Transfer from savings	20,000.00
	<u>\$20,957.78</u>

ROAD
\$9,175.75

GENERAL
\$2347.04

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
\$11,522.79

BALANCE BEFORE BILLS
\$314,343.29

Comm. Bank	{	\$44,154.43 - CHECKING
(Int) 127.81		\$294,458.88 - SAVINGS
		\$15,893.95 - WPC

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE
14-Jul-25
2025 BUDGET

2025
Approved
Budget
October 2024

2025
Revised
Budget
Ongoing

2025
YTD
Total

2025
Revised/YTD
Difference

INCOME

TAXES (LEVY)

Property Taxes: \$283,471 \$283,471 \$263,987 \$19,484

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 \$423,374 \$423,374 \$263,987 \$159,387

INTERGOVERNMENTAL :

MFL/FCL \$137 \$19,846 \$19,846 \$0

Shared Revenue \$47,024 \$47,024 \$272 \$46,752

Transportation Aids \$117,261 \$117,261 \$87,946 \$29,315

DNR \$610 \$610 \$552 \$58

State Fire Aids \$3,000 \$3,000 \$3,000

Fire Signs \$200 \$200 \$38 \$162

License & Permits \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$0

Fuel Tax Refund \$400 \$400 \$400

LRIP-S Williams Road -- WISDOT \$0

TRIP Warner Lake Road \$0

TRIP Indian Creek Road \$0

Fire Department SAP \$3,200 \$5,762 \$5,762 \$0

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUBTOTAL : \$174,332 \$196,603 \$116,916 \$79,687

MISCELLANEOUS:

Bank Interest \$500 \$827 \$955 \$128

Community Bank Loan

Personal Property Tax \$130 \$0 \$0

Dog License Fees \$300 \$300 \$221 \$79

Land/Equipment Sale

Exempt Computer/Misc Income \$100 \$1,155 \$1,155 \$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 \$95,676 \$95,725 \$207

INCOME TOTAL \$598,736 \$715,653 \$476,628 \$239,281

TOWN OF LaFOLLETTE 14-Jul-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	\$1,399	\$601
Legal Fees/Publications	\$500	\$800	\$709	\$91
Town Clerk Wages	\$16,200	\$17,000	\$8,100	\$8,900
Clerk Expenses & Website	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$4,629	\$4,371
Accounting Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payroll Expenses	\$22,250	\$9,600	\$3,684	\$5,916
Treasurer Wages	\$9,000	\$9,500	\$4,500	\$5,000
Treasurer Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$558	\$442
Bank Charges	\$50	\$50	\$5	\$45
Assessor	\$5,700	\$7,950	\$4,450	\$3,500
Election Wages	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,243	\$1,757
Election Expenses	\$7,900	\$4,499	\$815	\$3,684
Misc Insurance/Bond/WC	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$296	\$7,304
Siren Fire Department	\$11,570	\$11,570	\$10,358	\$1,212
Hertel Fire Department	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$2,283	\$8,417
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	\$110	\$9,890
Utilites	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,077	\$1,923
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 2026
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	\$174,970	\$172,332	\$93,720	\$78,612
Road Fund:				
Hwy Wages	\$70,000	\$80,000	35,551	\$44,449
Outside Contractors	\$1,500	\$1,500	0	\$1,500
Highway Expense	\$175,363	\$198,933	83,395	\$115,538
Highway Project carried from 2024		\$65,000	65,000	\$0
Equipment Maintenance	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$7,312	\$688
Highway Insurance	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$60	\$7,940
Fuel	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$3,695	\$4,305
Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$1,817	\$3,183
Shop Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$624	\$376
Highway Materials - Salt/Sand	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$2,224	\$3,776
Animal Control/Culvert Cleaning	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$600	\$400
ROAD FUND SUBTOTAL	\$283,863	\$382,433	\$200,277	\$182,156
Loan Payments:				
Principle Equip Loan	\$0	\$0		\$0
Interest Equip Loan	\$0	\$0		\$0
Road Loan Principle	\$126,461	\$126,461		\$126,461
Road Loan Interest	\$13,442	\$13,442		\$13,442
LOAN PAYMENT SUBTOTAL	\$139,903	\$139,903	\$0	\$139,903
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$598,736	\$694,668	\$293,998	\$400,670
INCOME TOTAL	\$598,736	\$715,653	\$476,628	\$239,281
Available			Current \$182,630	Projected \$21,241
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				\$15,894
Beginning Balance	\$15,494		\$15,494	
Plots Sold	\$400		\$15,894	
Expenses			\$15,894	

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LAFOLLETTE
Special Meeting – Styles Road
Thursday, July 31, 2025**

Attendance: Chair Darwyn Brown, Supervisor Scott Lauder, Supervisor Mitch Coyour, Doug Coyer,
Representative from S B Madison.

Meeting Start: 8:16 am

Verification of Posting: Posted notice on website, Town Hall and Coomer on July 30, 2025

Examined Styles Road from Spencer Lake Road to the extent of existing black top, approximately ¼ mile.

Agreed to grind and gravel the section of road.

SB Madison's estimate was \$1,290.00 for grinding and additional \$9,540.00 for gravel, leveling and compacting. SB Madison already on site for current work, can complete Styles.

Darwyn indicated that the town could supply the gravel to reduce the project cost.

Mitch moved and Scott seconded a motion to spend up to \$10,830.00 to repair the indicated section of Styles Road.

The board also inspected Spencer Lake Road from Indian Creek to the end of the town's responsibility. The board agreed that our responsibility for grading and snow removal ended 10 feet beyond Troy Road.

Mitch makes a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Scott

Adjourned: 8:25 am

Sandy Hinkley,
Town Clerk