MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN
September 21, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnstown was called to order by Chairman Mawhinney. Supervisors Fleming, Mair, Hillmann and O'Leary were present, along with Clerk Kat Mawhinney and Treasurer Patsy Weber.

Following the posted agenda:

- Chairman Mawhinney called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- **Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Fleming, seconded by Mair, motion carried.

Fire and EMS Report:

- Chief Pickering was not in attendance. Chairman Mawhinney gave an update regarding the delay in financing for the proposed fire stations for the Lakeside Fire District.
- The sheriff department was not in attendance

Clerk Report:

- A motion to approve the August minutes as submitted was made by O'Leary and seconded by Mair. The motion carried.
- Clerk Mawhinney advised that another meeting is set for 9/23/26 with FEMA representatives to complete the next step of the town's application for disaster grant funding following the April 2026 storms. She noted that the town is still waiting for quotes for culvert replacement to be submitted through the mediation program.
- It was announced that in person absentee voting will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am for the November general election.

Financial Report:

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Patsy Weber. Motion by Hillmann, seconded by O'Leary, to approve the report. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mair, seconded by Hillmann, to transfer funds ($59,460.46) and pay bills in the total amount of $65,578.66. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Report: Officer Hoyt was not in attendance.

Action on Zoning Committee recommendations:

- The board agreed with the zoning committee's recommendation to conditionally approve the rezone application for Sandra and Terry Kelly, 1320 N. Lima Center Road, Whitewater based on the following conditions:
    - Receipt of a new conforming application.
    - Request a 3.5- acre split to be zoned A-3.
    - The parent parcel has now been split, and the remaining 51 acres cannot be divided again.

Motion by Fleming, seconded by Mair, to approve. Hillmann abstained. Motion carried.

- The variance request from Evan and Taylor Welter was reviewed by the committee, and able to work with the property owner to adjust their needs with the application so that it complies with the zoning code as a conforming request. No further action is needed.

Chairman Report:

- Chairman Mawhinney had no additional information.

BECI Resolution:

- Discussion was held regarding the Town's position on the proposed BECI Transmission Project. The board reviewed the opposition resolution adopted by neighboring townships and determined that the Town would also adopt the same resolution opposing the project. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-2 was made by Fleming and seconded by Mawhinney. The motion passed.

Zoning Officer Position:

- Chairman Mawhinney received a complaint regarding Zoning Officer Lloyd Hoyt answering the phone inappropriately when a township resident called for zoning information. It was determined that Hoyt should apologize to the resident and continue his current position. Additional discussion included the possibility of appointing a deputy or assistant zoning officer.

Recycle Contract:

After review of the contract, Clerk Mawhinney determined that the recycling services vendor search process will be conducted in 2027, as the current contract expires in December 2027 rather than January 2027. Weber requested the contract increase be determined as soon as possible so adjustments can be made for the tax bills in a timely manner.

Road Work:

- Mawhinney provided an update on the dedicated township road person assigned by the County to complete township maintenance.
- Hillmann suggested that larger road projects be sourced from businesses outside the County DPW, provided the town has met its contract requirements.

Community Center:

- The Prairie Preschool LLC opened September 8, 2026.
- A reminder that the facility is rented on a limited basis:
    - Township resident - 75 people - No alcohol
- The board will review this again in January 2027, as the facility may no longer be rented for any purpose other than 4-H activities, Town meetings and election use.
- The current maintenance staff member has resigned. Clerk Mawhinney is in the process of securing a replacement who would provide repair and maintenance for the township

portion of the center, mow the town commons, and mow and maintain the cemetery on Cemetery road.

Citizen Input: None

Board Member Community Engagement:

- Fleming attended the Wisconsin Towns Association meeting and provided highlights. He also attended the Renewal Energy Academy and gave a green energy update. .

Next Meeting:

- The next Town Board meeting will be held on October 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Mair, seconded by O'Leary, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kat Mawhinney
Clerk
Town of Johnstown