

MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN

July 20, 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 all present, along with Clerk Kat Mawhinney and Treasurer Patsy Weber.

Following the posted agenda:

- Chairman Mawhinney called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 unable to attend due to high call volume at meeting time.
- No representative from the Sheriff Department was present.

Clerk Report:

- A motion to approve the June minutes as submitted was made by Fleming and seconded by O'Leary. The motion carried.
- Clerk Mawhinney provided an update on in-person absentee voting hours, the possibility of purchasing new election machines in 2027 & 2029, and open records request received and the provided information in regards to the township completing an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) along with an Emergency Management Authority Ordinance

Financial Report:

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Patsy Weber. Motion by Hillmann, seconded by Mair, to approve the report. Motion carried.
- Motion by Fleming, seconded by O'Leary, to transfer funds (\$2826.53) and pay bills in the total amount of \$8,944.73. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Report:

- Officer Hoyt was not in attendance but shared one Zoning Permit was issued (Schober on Hwy KK for a new home)
- Clerk Mawhinney shared a permit request was received from Feldco for new windows (Dunham property on County Line Road) and that an application was received from the Rock Prairie Presbyterian Church to zone off 1.5 acres as Rural Residential.
- Motion by Fleming, seconded by Hillmann to set the Planning & Zoning Committee Hearing date for the church request at 5:30 p.m. on August 17, 2026. Motion carried.

Chairman Report:

- Chairman Mawhinney reported on various meeting he attended since the last meeting, including a meeting with the attorney to discuss the retainer, fees and ordinance review, Solar webinar, Farmland Preservation Review, Disaster Funding from April 2026 storms and a call received regarding the push for county level zoning.

- Old Johnstown Cemetery is in need of some repairs and maintenance. It was discussed to have a work day to trim trees in the fence line, clean up/stand up headstones and other items as needed. He will reach out with dates for those who would like to volunteer. Looking into options to have a perpetual care fund established.

Road Work:

- Town of Richmond Board members were present to discuss the Road Agreement for the boundary road we share. There is not a current written agreement and the division of the 5.5 miles is confusing and unequal. It was decided that Johnstown will be responsible for Hwy M to Kucaba fence line with Richmond maintaining the remaining stretch of roads. Richmond will draft an agreement to be shared with Clerk Mawhinney before the next meeting.
- County Line road was repaired but not to the specifications that was authorized by the township – there was less repairs made.
- Other items mentioned: trees that are overgrown on Emerald Grove Road and Lima Center Road, along with gravel piles in the shoulder
- A new county road person assigned to the township should start on 7/20/2026

Community Center:

- The Prairie Preschool LLC is still waiting on their final inspection as well as the final lease to present to the board.

Citizen Input:

- Evan Welter and Todd Onsgard were present seeking information on the process to obtain a conditional use permit or variance to build a 40x40 shed on their property which is shaped like a triangle. They will submit an application for review at the planning and zoning committee meeting on August 17, 2026.

Board Member Community Engagement:

- Supervisor Fleming shared the information he received at the annual Rock County WTA meeting he attended.

Next Meeting:

- The next Town Board meeting will be held on August 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. (following the planning & zoning committee meeting)

Adjournment:

- Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Mair, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kat Mawhinney
 Clerk
 Town of Johnstown

