TOWN OF POPPLE RIVER

FOREST COUNTY, WISCONSIN

JULY 12TH, 2025

* Call to Order at 6pm.
* Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN BUSINESS

* June Minutes read by Katie Haen. Motion to approve the minutes by Mary Sullivan and seconded by Dale Nichols.
* Treasurer’s Report read by Audi Howen. Bills, Checks and Reports presented by Katie Haen. Motion to approve the financials made by Mary Sullivan and seconded by Dale Nichols.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT read by Chief Paul Behrens

* There were 3 calls for Newald and 2 calls for Popple River. The calls for Popple River were to help a citizen water their cattle when their well went dry.
* During July’s training, the department practiced drafting water from Popple River bridge on Old 139 Road and from Pine River on Stevens Lake Road. All members were present and know how to use this equipment. Next training will be on ladders.
* Chief Paul was notified that they will not receive a grant from the Potawatomi. The 2025 Forest Fire Protection grant has been filed with the DNR.

MAINTANANCE – EQUIPMENT

* Dale Nichols patched the roof of the tractor due to a small leak. He changed to oil on the grader. He emptied the sand out of the plow truck. He still needs to replace the belts on the Tractor and the wear bars on the mower.

MAINTANANCE – BUILDINGS

* The Town Hall still needs ceiling fans and WIFI thermostat installed.
* To prepare for the two 20ft shipping container delivery, the area must be prepped. Gravel pad to be installed, suggested 1ft high to prevent water damage, a gravel sloped approach, possible 10ft from property line. As soon as the containers are in place, we can move forward with removing the old quonset and storage shed.
* Before the quonset hut is removed, Katie Haen contacted the WTA lawyer about getting a liability waiver template and they did not have one but suggested we contact our insurance company to get one. Katie was waiting for a response. Mary Sullivan volunteered to find a template for the liability waiver.

ROAD WORK

* Katie Haen sent a text to Colton from Farhner to get an ETA on the Chipseal/Fogseal project on Old 139. He informed Katie that the job is set for July 30th for chipseal and August 29th for fogseal. He also asked if we had a staging area the company could use. After some discussion, it was decided that they could use the Town Hall parking lot or Katie will suggest that they make contact with Northeast Asphalt to use their space for staging. Katie will keep the public informed via Facebook with any updates on a timeline for work.
* Mary Sullivan mentioned the LRIP grant has begun. Katie Haen stated she has not received any information on the start of the LRIP. The previous board claims they lost out on the last LRIP grant due to some paperwork not completed by either the county or the state. The last highway commissioner Bill Anderson told our previous Chairman Jerry Gilligan that he would push Popple River to the front of the line for the next grant. Katie will get in touch with the previous Clerk Pat Gilligan for a little more detail and then make some inquiries about the LRIP cycle.
* Wade Haen said once the wear bars are replaced on the mower he will start mowing the ditches. Dale Nichols let Wade know he can still mow without the wear bars being on and if Wade had time to help him, they could be replaced the next day. Wade says he will start mowing soon, weather permitted.
* Mary Sullivan asked if we should hire someone to help with Town work. Dale Nichols and Wade Haen both agreed they have a handle on the workload.

OLD BUSINESS

* New Truck: Katie Haen had to submit a mileage statement signed by the pevious owner to the DMV. Fingers crossed we will have plates soon. The registration is completed, and it is fully insured.
* Culvert north on Old 139: Dale is working on patching the wash out with large rocks.
* Culvert Program through the State: the State received all the data collected last year and we are waiting to see if the State will give funds to repair culvert issues.
* Storm Damage: Hours have been documented, and Mary Sullivan will finalize the submission tomorrow.
* It was agreed that we need all 3 signatures (Chair,Clerk & Treasurer) to remove any cash from any of the Town accounts. A motion was made by Dale Nichols and seconded by Wade Haen.
* Old Plow Truck: Dale Nichols is trying to line up fixing the truck with someone's help, but their schedules have not been able to line up. He thinks it's the injection pump and will try to get it looked at by the next meeting. Katie Haen stated we are still paying insurance on this truck. It's costing us money for a truck that hasn't moved in two years. The plan is to fix it and put it up for sale. If it can't be fixed, sell it AS IS. The value of the truck is possibly around $5000.

NEW BUSINESS

* Katie Haen presented the Liquor/Beer license and Bartender licenses, for Haen’s Popple River BrewPub to the town for approval. A motion to accept was made by Mary Sullivan and seconded by Dale Nichols.
* Katie Haen stated she made an appointment for the 21st with James of Nauncka to clean up the Clerk and Treasurers’ laptops and install anti-virus software. Mary Sullivan suggested checking into the County Digital Navigator to see if they could possibly help. Katie will call the Digital Navigator tomorrow.
* Dale Nichols asked if Katie would call and get the propane filled for the Town Hall before winter comes and price of propane is cheaper during summer months,

PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Rosie Konitzer asked what will be done with the space once the quonset is moved. And suggested that it be more parking for the Town Hall use. It was said that we have to wait and see once it is moved.

**Next Meeting will be on Tuesday August 12th, 2025 at 6pm**

Motion to adjourned was made by Mary Sullivan seconded by Wade Haen and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Katherine A. Haen

July 15th, 2025

CITIZENS PRESENT

Mary Sullivan – Chairperson Rosie Kontizer

Dale Nichols – Supervisor Cal Peters

Wade Haen – Supervisor Jeanie Peters

Audi Howen – Treasurer Chief Paul Behrens

Katie Haen - Clerk