

Town of Otter Creek – June 24, 2025
Otter Creek Town Hall – E5905 County Road S, Wheeler WI
Special Town Board Meeting – 6 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair LeAnn Ralph*
Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes*
Supervisor 2 Bob Bernier*
Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier
*Board Members

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Discussion and possible equipment purchase.

Bernier talked about the price of the tractor and the details of the mower. Flail mowers are more maintenance, uses the updraft. 24 month warranty. Transmission and motor have a longer warranty. Comes with loader, weights, mower. Motion to move forward of the Farmall based upon feedback from Johnson Tractor on IH vs New Holland. If there is something not workable with the IH, Bernier will come to the board with more information Second by Ralph, MC.

Discussion and possible for financing of new equipment.

Motion by Hayes to borrow \$40,000 from Dairy State Bank at the rate of 5.392% for 5 years, to secure the purchase of a new tractor/mower, second by Ralph, MC. Balance of funds to come from equipment fund.

Discussion and possible sale of current equipment.

Agree to put on the current JD 410J Tractor and backhoe on the market soon, put on heavy equipment website. We have a 60" grass mower, 3' brush mower and will sell the mowers separately. Clerk to check out the heavy equipment website vs. the surplus auction website.

Discussion and possible upgrade of security system.

Need to determine if the new security equipment will be affected by the town hall not being temperature controlled. Would need to be put on our insurance policy. Check to see if we have the loudest volume on our current system. Motion by Ralph to purchase security system if it is not temperature sensitive, second by Bernier, MC.

Prioritizing of road work for 2025.

Chair has 14 loads ordered from Milestone now. We need to determine what roads the patrolman is planning on and how many roads. 1180th needs material. 14 loads going to school forest road. Put larger gravel on 1180th/SS section. Wirth will drop the material in that area.

Bernier to speak with Gary about road plans. Bernier to speak with Gary about no longer needing to do weekly road checks.

Discussion and possible postponement of shed repair to 2026.

Decision to move any shed repair to 2026.

Clerk to contact Sheriff's department and Dunn County Hwy letting them know Gary's last day is July 31, 2025. Any future contact is to be with Ralph, Hayes, Bernier with resident calls on trees down.

Review updates to Employee Manual

The board was given a copy of the updated employee manual to review and bring any suggestions back to the July regular board meeting.

Adjournment of Special Town Board Meeting.

At 7:42 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Bernier, second by Hayes, MC.

Respectfully submitted – Beverly Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

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