

TOWN OF OTTER CREEK SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Otter Creek Town Hall – E5905 County Rd S, Wheeler WI

6 P.M. Monday, June 30, 2025

Present: Chair LeAnn Ralph

Supervisor 2 Bob Bernier

Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes for the first several minutes

Clerk Treasurer Bev Bernier

The special town board meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 6:09 p.m.

Discussion and possible equipment purchase – 2024 Case IH Tractor/mower: Discussion regarding 12 gear vs 24 gear tractor. The only 24 gear tractor was at UW River Falls and has a small number of hours on it, and discussion regarding a larger mower. Final price after municipal discount and hours discount (\$10,000), is \$116,892.49. Motion to modify the previous motion of June 25, 2025: Motion to approve purchase of 120C IH Tractor with larger parallel arm mower, small amount of hours, for the purchase price of \$116,892.49, by Ralph, second by Bernier, MC. Bernier will contact Johnson Tractor to confirm sale.

Discussion and possible financing of new equipment – discuss whether to borrow \$40,000 or \$45,000. Decide to pay \$71,893 from the equipment fund and borrow \$45,000 from Dairy State Bank, total of 5 yrly payments \$51,438.65, total interest \$6,438.65, yearly payment of \$10,287.73. The additional interest is \$715.40 over 5 years for borrowing \$5,000 more. Motion to modify the previous motion of June 25, 2025: Motion to borrow \$45,000 from Dairy State Bank by Ralph, second by Bernier, MC. 5.392% for 5 years, first payment due December, 2025. Clerk to send documentation to Dairy State Bank, once funds are received they will be deposited into the general funds account.

Equipment fund current balance:	\$73,707	Tax account current balance:	\$156,527
yearly deposit for equip fund	\$12,500	transfer to equip fund	\$12,500
yearly deposit for fire truck	<u>\$11,000</u>	transfer to equip-fire truck	\$11,000
		Potential tax acct	
Total equip fund avail	\$97,207	balance	\$133,027
Fire truck payment due 2026	<u>-</u>		
	\$40,000		
Sale of current back hoe/mower	<u>\$30,000</u>		

Discussion and possible sale of 2008 JD 410 Backhoe, 6065 hours, and advertising - we can use Wisconsin Surplus – free to the Town, we can either accept the high bid or decline. The buyer pays a fee to Wisconsin Surplus. Other option is to use Machinery Trader - \$260/month advertising charge for website and 1 printing in magazine for one region. The North central region is 12 states, including the Dakotas, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, etc. We set the price of the equipment. Based on a quick search, our tractor/loader would be from \$35,000 to

\$41,000, they suggest an asking price of \$41,000. We can note that there is a mower available, but list it separately. The buyer pays no fee to Machinery Trader. Motion by Bernier to use Wisconsin Surplus to advertise 2008 JD 410 Backhoe and mower, second by Ralph. MC. Need photos and description.

Prioritizing of road work for 2025 – from Bill Flatland to Chad Mogen, from Solheim to end of road. Mostly grading for July.

Cemetery - board to assist with mowing.

Employee Manual - review updates to Employee Manual – discuss at July 8 2025 regular board meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Bernier, second by Ralph, MC. Adjournment of special meeting of town board.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Treasurer Bev Bernier