

Town of Otter Creek – December 9, 2025
Otter Creek Town Hall – E5905 County Road S, Wheeler WI
Regular Town Board Meeting – 6 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair LeAnn Ralph*

Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes*

Supervisor 2 Bob Bernier*

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Guests: Erica Kragness, Dustin Kragness, Riley Rice

*Board Members

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 6:18 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. Meeting minutes from the November 11, 2025 Budget/Special Meeting for Levy Limit and Regular Board Meeting were not read by Clerk as the Town Board reviewed the minutes prior to tonight's meeting and agreed that the minutes did not need to be read. Motion by Hayes to approve the November 11, 2025 Budget/Special Levy Limit/Regular Board Meeting minutes, second by Bernier, motion carried.

Public Comments - Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes. As per the state's Open Meetings law, there will be no back and forth discussion with the town board. The state Attorney General's guidance is that board members can ask clarifying questions but that back and forth discussion is not advised.

Communication from Town Chair – LRIP application submitted 11/14/2025 for 670th using 4" of road material.

Communication from Town Supervisors

Supervisor 1 – happy with road plowing

Supervisor 2 – put the wing on plow truck, put cover on salt/sand with Gary Axness and Jeff Dehnhoff. Paid \$351 so far for tarp, have enough tarp stored for about 2-3 years. Pay for tarp as we use it. Purchased EGO electric chainsaw \$268.18, put in plow truck. Purchased new heated windshield wipers and oil filter for plow truck, free delivery from Cameron (former Meyer Truck). Purchased DEF from Menards so we have a jug to refill. Got laminated maps from Dunn County of Otter Creek roads for drivers.

Dustin Kragness – recommend putting counter weight on back of tractor to help when loading sand. Dustin will look at old mowers sitting in yard to use for weight. Look at replacement plow at some point.

Communication from Clerk –

- Land Use Permit issued for Stacey Asmus
- Another billing from Nuss Truck, contacted Rural Mutual Adjuster, Jeff White and Nuss Truck
- Address issued for Brad Ingram, E5972 1090th Ave., Wheeler WI 54772
- Address issued for Jeff Anderson of Minneapolis for cabin N10519 765th St., Colfax WI. They will need a driveway permit, have an old cabin on the property they may replace
- Brent & Kacey Danzinger built a structure off of 1090th Avenue. They are trying to obtain phone/internet service and have not obtained any permits for construction. Dunn County Planning & Land Use is looking into this.
- Update on fire extinguisher – Tuffy Ostenson

Discussion and possible determination – consider purchasing chains for the town truck. One set on the back of the truck, cost around \$100 to \$200. Motion to purchase chains by Ralph, second by Bernier, MC. Dustin will purchase chains.

Discussion and possible determination – consider purchasing new front tires for the town truck. Closed shoulder tires – more of a highway tire. Get open shoulder will grab better and help with sliding on corners. \$675/tire. Motion by Bernier to purchase tires, second by Ralph, MC.

Discussion and possible determination – fuel contracting from April to Nov. 2026. Bernier will phone and see what we can get it for. Put on agenda for January.

Poll Workers 01/01/2026 through 12/31/2027 – review list and possible board approval. Motion by Ralph to approve the list, second by Hayes, MC.

SW&R permits, dog license reminders, mailed out in December. Possibly reminders regarding worn out fire number signs.

DNR MFL – Andy Johnson, Gov Lot 7 – 40 acres closed; Bob Bernier, 90 acres closed

PIN Transfers – November - Stacey Asmus – Quit Claim Deed to Stacey, Zachariah, Caleigha Asmus; Del Shay personal representative deed to Gregory Tuschl, \$315,000; Russell Beebe to Rusk Prairie Farms, LLC - \$870,000. December – Casey & Kari Peterson – Affidavit of Correction to Kyle & Kelsey Benton; David Buchner to Travis & Angela Kay Seehaver \$200,000; Kurtis & Jennifer Hagen to David & Kelynn Regnier, \$545,000; MT Sinz LLC to Becky & Brad Gustafson, \$585,000.

Flatland September Inspection report –

Scott & Melissa Jordan, N11943 County Rd SS, Occupancy granted 11/24/25

Stacey Asmus - N10231 600th St, Permit issued electrical and HVAC inspection passed

Katherine Wilson, E6503 1090th Ave, service changeout

Treasurer - Review treasurer's report. Motion to accept the financial report by Hayes, second by Bernier, MC.

Auditing of bills for payment. Bills circulated and approved by the Town Board. Motion by Hayes to approve the treasurers, second by Bernier. MC.

Any other business. Riley Rice lives on 1070th Avenue, both times it snowed, dead end road has not been sanded. Dustin saw it was plowed, he assumed a neighbor may have plowed it. Today not plowed or sanded. Was not graded in the fall.

Adjournment of Regular Board Meeting. Motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. by Cecil, second by Bernier, MC. Respectfully submitted – Beverly Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

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