

Town of Otter Creek – March 10, 2026
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

*Board Members

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Meeting minutes from the February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and February 27, 2026 Zoom Special 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 Bernier to approve the February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and February 27, 2026 Zoom Special meeting, second by Ralph, 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 – see below

Communication from Town Supervisors –

- **Supervisor 1** – nothing.
- **Supervisor 2** - water heater, cooler, refrigerator found dumped on Friday, February 13, 2026 from 690th/670th. Took refrigerator & cooler to town hall to clean out, water heater to dump. After cleaning all items taken to dump. Checked road weight limit signs with Dustin. Dairyland Power wanted to turn around on part of Otter Creek road at 1170th/530th while weight limits in effect. Call regarding trucks racing.

Communication from Clerk – see below.

Report from Dustin Kragness – Dustin will follow up on automatic truck chains.

Road materials or supplies needed; equipment needing repair, any damage to roads/trees down.

EMS District – Consideration and Possible Action on Proposed Colfax Area EMS District Agreement (Innovation Grant Application). **Motion:** Motion to approve the EMS Shared Services Agreement for purposes of participation in the Wisconsin EMS Innovation Grant application with the understanding that any creation of an EMS district or transfer of EMS services shall require separate approval by the Otter Creek Town Board, such as an intergovernmental cooperation agreement and bylaws. Motion to approve said motion by Hayes, second by Ralph, roll call – Supervisor Bernier – yes; Supervisor Hayes – yes; Supervisor Ralph – yes. Motion carried.

Pay Adjustment - Discussion and possible action on adjustment of patrolman pay for Dustin Kragness. Motion by Bernier to increase pay by \$1, modify to \$29/hour and this rate is for all hours worked, second by Hayes. MC. Effective date is March 10, 2026. Other workers remain at \$28 plow/grade, \$25 mowing. Kragness to text mileage to clerk when incurred.

WTA Resolution - Discussion and possible action on WTA request for resolution supporting transportation funding solution. Ralph made motion to approve the resolution, second by Bernier, MC. Clerk will submit to WTA.

Road Weight Limit - Discussion and possible action on request by Friendenfel's Builders for road ban weight exception on 730th and 693rd. The board is not allowing any exceptions at this time.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 3/20/2026 – District 2 training – Rice Lake – Election & Alcohol updates
- 3/25/2026 – Chief Inspector training in Menomonie

- 4/1/2026 – deadline to request dog licenses/tags
- 4/4/2026 – public test of voting equipment
- 4/7/2026 - Spring Election
- 4/15/26 – WMCA Conference in Eau Claire
- 4/21/2026 - Annual Town Mtg, Monthly Board Mtg
- 6/1/2026 – Open Book 3 – 5 pm
- 6/9/2026 – BOR 6 – 8 pm
- Schedule Spring road inspection – move to April meeting.

Flatland Inspections – Raze permit and building permit issued for Kurt Malcore, N12096 730th St, Wheeler

Zoning permits – Kurt Malcore, sanitary and zoning permit

Land Use Permit application for Kurt Malcore, N12096 730th St., B-1-2026

Transfers – Steven Kragness to Jacob Nandory, E7071 1070th Ave, Wheeler; Jacob Nandory to Averett Family Trust

Timber cutting notice – Hakansan property, Travis Anderson is the logger. Access on County Rd S

MFL Land – Zaffiro, LLC (Nick Komro) transfer to MFL, 29 acres closed; Mitchell Sinz – withdrawal of 5 acres closed formerly owned by Dean Naber; Dale Schiferl transfer of 3-40 acre closed plots; Zaffiro, LLC – withdrawal of 6 acres closed formerly owned by Dean Naber.

Treasurer - Review treasurer’s report. Bernier motioned to approve the report, second by Ralph, MC.

Auditing of bills for payment

Any other business – none.

Adjournment of Regular Board Meeting. Motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. by Bernier, second by Ralph, MC.

Respectfully submitted – Beverly Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS IN ORDER OF CALLING:

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Bob Bernier – 715-577-6310;

Dustin Kragness – 715-704-0152

Cecil Hayes – 715-577-6334

Bev Bernier – 715-658-0131;

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