

Town of Otter Creek – May 12, 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* - ABSENT

Supervisor 2 Bob Bernier*

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Guests: Chuck Boyer

*Board Members

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Meeting minutes from the April 21, 2026 Annual meeting and April 21, 2026 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 Ralph to approve the April 21, 2026 Annual meeting minutes and the April 21, 2026 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 – see below.

Communication from Town Supervisor 1 – absent.

Communication from Town Supervisor 2 – got the plow off the truck, got salt off truck, did not get the mower on yet. Need to get the grader cleaned up.

Communication from Clerk –

complaints from residents on burnouts on 690th and N, also on 1090th
need driveway permit returned from Seyer
marked grave site for Alan Seeger, sent email to UW-EC regarding GPR
WTA dues June 15, 2026 – TAC Membership \$133.75; WTA dues \$959.15
Upcoming dates:

- 6/1/2026 – Open Book 3 – 5 pm – moved to 8/4/26, 3 pm to 5 pm
- 6/9/2026 – BOR 6 – 8 pm – moved to 8/18/26 from 6 pm to 8 pm
- 6/16/2026 – MOE report due from Fire/EMS to clerk
- 7/1/2026 – Clerk to file SL-305 from MOE report info

Road work – Decision of 2026 road work based on road inspection, in addition to 670th. Paser report from Fall of 2025 and recommendations for maintenance. 13.27 miles for chip sealing, \$300,000 if done at one time. 600th north of 1030 – put 4" of ¾" limerock – about 12 loads, about \$4,000. Have Wirth bring the material and use box blade. Motion by Bernier, second by Ralph, MC. Clerk to contact resident on the road to inform them. N to 1090th about ½ mile, put 1 ¼ limerock to pack into the sand, follow up with box blade. Motion by Ralph, second by Bernier, MC. Hold off on crack filling and chip sealing to put money toward road trimming.

Road clearing – discuss roads/routes to have trees processed, no grinding. Clerk contacted 6 individuals for pricing information - **Goettl Logging**, Bell Timber 715-638-6492 – does not do this, suggested to contact Jace Luedtke 715-491-2054. Krohn Forest Products 715-933-1361 –

does not provide this service; M&L Wood, Elk Mound WI – 715-556-6368; **Hakes Logging**, Cornell 715-579-2735 – needs to see the area, does it by the hour or by the job depending on the conditions, DC Dustin Binder – needs to see route. Phillip Field – Forestry Mulching Services-715-308-9486. Supervisor Bernier will look at the possible routes that need trimming, 730th, etc.

Weight limit signs – how many flipable signs to be ordered. Need 35 with same limits as the County. Motion by Ralph to order 35 signs, Bernier second. MC. Clerk to order.

EMS district agreement – additional information and signature needed. Motion by Bernier to authorize Chair Ralph to sign documents on behalf of the Town of Otter Creek, second by Ralph, MC.

Timber cutting permits

Matt and Lisa Mueller – using existing driveway

Dylan Rice – no response from logger on driveway being used

Manufactured home – Alaina Anderson, E7339 County Road S would like to move in manufactured home. 1979 16x80 Marshfield. Town board to approve/deny. Table until decision on tax situation.

Kurt Malcore – N12096 739th St., raze complete, old house has been removed. 4/20/26 Footing passed, 4/30/26 foundation and drain tile passed

Jason Spetz – DC Emergency Management – Review/update Emergency Action Plan. Motion to approve resolution 2026-03 and 2026-04.

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

Auditing of bills for payment

Any other business

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

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS IN ORDER OF CALLING:

LeAnn Ralph – 715-308-6336;

Bob Bernier – 715-577-6310;

Dustin Kragness – 715-704-0152

Cecil Hayes – 715-577-6334

Bev Bernier – 715-658-0131;

Town Shop - 715-658-1319;