

Town of Otter Creek Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes
Otter Creek Town Hall – E5905 County Road S, Wheeler WI 54772
July 14, 2026 – 6 p.m.

Chair LeAnn Ralph*

Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes* - absent

Supervisor 2 Bob Bernier*

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Guests: Denise Axness, Gary Axness

*Board Members

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Meeting minutes from the June 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and July 8, 2026 Special 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 June 16, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes and the July 8, 2026 Special 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 Chair – LRIP update. Ad submitted for next 2 weeks publication, 4" limerock. EMS Resolution to discuss. Dunn County received a grant for the daily radio use, \$2.4 million, all county agencies, EMS, \$10,000 radios offered for \$5,000 and grant covers part. Co-pay is 20%. Colfax was not included.

Communication from Supervisors –

Supervisor 2 met with Wirth- reviewed roads. Will get back to us with pricing. Did patching. Mowed all the roads in Otter Creek, 26 hours. Mowed the town hall 2 times. Faron Flatland proposes to use his tractor, with a blade we have made, to grade the roads. If we use our tractor, we would need the mower removed. Faron will take the top part of the grader apart and take it to Ridgeland to repair. 1180th needs some material.

Communication from Clerk – bid meeting for LRIP bids – Wed., July 29, 2026 – 6 pm; Question from T. Beyrer re: logging a couple of acres and crossing 670th to use Matt Mueller's driveway and landing. Kevin Blaisdell logging.

Road work – any roads needing road material, grading, etc. Discussed above. 600th and 1180th and by the Turkey barns.

Road brushing – need someone to work with potential tree trimmers. These are the services we are aware of: **Goettl Logging** 715-491-7843; **Jace Luedtke 715-491-2054**. 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 2 will contact the potential trimmers. Mark Warner's road, and other close roads because of hauling equipment.

Driveway Permit – Alyssa Schultz – 670th Street driveway for building new ag building. She applied for an address/fire number with Dunn County, then we will look at the driveway.

Discussion and consideration of cost of town hall mowing. Currently paying \$50 for mowing the town hall/shop. Takes 2 people 1 ½ hour, with one mowing and one weed eating. Propose \$75. Motion by Ralph to pay \$75 for the Town Hall mowing, second by Bernier, MC.

Flatland June Inspection report – Kurtis Malcore N12096 730th st Colfax

6-2 plumbing air test; 6-6 Rough inspection; 6-7 Rough reinspect; 6-9 Insulation
Lance Owen N9917 550th st Colfax, 6-12 occupancy, 6-27 Occupancy granted.
Mark & Cynthia Seyer N9991 670th st Colfax, 6-26 Footing inspection.

Building Ordinance – review update regarding trailer/mobile homes already in the Town being moved to new location within the Town. Motion by Ralph to rescind the previous ordinance and approve Building Ordinance 07-14-2026 – 04, Bernier second, MC.

EMS Resolution – review and discussion of resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 acknowledging creation of the district by Ralph, second by Bernier, MC. Bernier made motion to continue with Ralph being the representative, second by Ralph, MC. Motion to appoint the alternate for Ralph to be Bev Bernier by Supervisor 2, second by Ralph, MC.

Grader repair – need radiator washed out and gear box drive chain issue – Faron will look at the grader at the Town shop and possibly take the grader to Ridgeland for repair. See above.

Snow plow – discussion and decision on replacement. Supervisor 2 will see Dustin on Wednesday to see what price he has found for a snow plow.

Cutting notices –

- Steven Pember, 570th St, Wheeler, logger is Travis Anderson
- Barney Loback, 590th St, Colfax, logger is Travis Anderson

PIN transfers (from reg. of deeds) – Albert Rice to Deanna Rice - \$46,000; Patricia Loback estate to Donald Loback, Jr.; Donald Loback, Jr. to MacKenzi Loback

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

Auditing of bills for payment. Bills circulated and approved by the Town Board

Any other business

Adjournment of Regular Board Meeting. Motion to adjourn at 7:30 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

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