Town of Oconto Falls Budget Planning Meeting Minutes
Monday October 13, 2025, 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Roll Call-Alsteen, Peterson, Kaczmarek, Rieth, Mogged present for the board. Bob April, Barb & Bob Wolf, Mary Renel present for the public.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Alsteen, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

The levy limit, shared revenue and General Transportation Aid increased Town revenue by $13,857. On the expense side, refuse pickup costs and assessing/revaluation costs increased. The board decided to increase the curbside refuse pickup cost to $168, up from $158 annually. The recycling fee will stay at $42 for a total special assessment fee of $210, up from $200 annually. Overall, the budget increased 2%.

There was no public comment.

To be able to plan for future purchases and debt, Mogged asked if the Town was going to work on selling our fire tenders and from now on it would be the city's responsibility to supply them. Dave will talk to the city about it.

The motion to adjourn was made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Town of Oconto Falls Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday October 13, 2025, 6 p.m. at the Town Hall

Chairman Alsteen called the meeting to order at 6pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call-Alsteen, Peterson, Kaczmarek, Rieth, Mogged present for the board. Barb & Bob Wolf, Bob Maloney, Mary Renel, Bob April, Sharon & Wayne Wenzel, Gail & Jerry Schroeder, Randy Schlorf, Keith Meyer present for the public.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Rieth presented the treasurer's Report.

The motion to pay bills was made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Our 2026 agreements are as follows; OFFD-$63,466 plus all tender insurance and maintenance and the 2% fire refund from the DOR; OFAAS-$59,092; C of OF-40% of recycling center costs plus 22% of the maintenance costs on the closed city landfill; R&R Assessing-a 4 year average, $1535 per month with 2027 being our revalue year; Olson Oil- $1.39 per gallon for LP and $2.59 per gallon for diesel; GFL-$10.35 per household per month for curbside pickup and $55 a ton for disposal.

The Plan Commission and County have approved the rezone of property owned by Bob and Laurie Maloney. Motion to approve the rezone at the Town level made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

The Plan Commission and County have approved a land division of the same property owned by Bob and Laurie Maloney. Motion to approve the land division made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

In order for the County to be compliant with State Statute when informing municipalities of County Ordinance changes, the municipality must respond to the County email within 2 working days. Since most municipalities in Oconto County do not have regular office hours, to bypass the Statute requirement, we need to approve this resolution. Motion to approve the County Resolution made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

UDC/Building Ordinance #9, when our new building inspector contacted the State to let them know the Town of Oconto Falls had a new building inspector, they told him we had been out of compliance since 2017 when the State added the reference to camping units under section 3. Tom Smith has asked us to approve this revised building inspector ordinance and he will forward it to the proper State Authorities. Motion to approve the revised building inspector ordinance made by Peterson, second by Alsteen. Motion carried.

It is customary that we approve the building inspector fees. Tom Smith's fees for the Town of Oconto Falls are comparable to Bobbies fees and the fees he charges the Town of Morgan. Motion to approve the building inspector fees was made by Peterson, second by Alsteen. Motion carried.

The Town Hall Rental Agreement has been revised to include a "hold harmless" portion provided by our insurance carrier. After lengthy discussion it was decided to add "grounds" to the wording, "Building and grounds must be cleaned after use" and to increase the fee to $75, with a $15 deposit returned after inspection. A motion was made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried to approve the changes to the Town's Hall Rental Agreement and move it from ordinances to procedures.

There has been ongoing discussion concerning the roundabout at the intersection of 22/32 and its unsightliness. When the State repaves Hwy 22 in 2030, they have offered to update the roundabout. Total price tag would be $42,000. The share the Town would pay or share with the Town of Gillett would be $8,400 plus annual maintenance. The Town decided we should ask if the Town of Oconto Falls could improve it ourselves? Mogged will send that email.

Oconto County has asked us to update our Hazard Mitigation Site list. The only update was to better describe the location of the snowmobile bridge which is east of Maple Avenue.

Discussion on Plan Committee members was tabled from September. In response to sometimes having difficulty getting a quorum of 3, Kaczmarek will be the designated Town Board alternate serving in Alsteen's absence and Keith Meyers will be the designated member at large alternate. Randy Schlorf, Plan Commission Chair and Mogged have been working on a plan commission ordinance. When questions on quorums came up, the plan commission realized the Town does not have a Plan Commission ordinance. The Town relies on Village Powers and is required to follow State Statute in plan commission, zoning and conditional use matters. It will make everything clearer and simpler if the Town has its own ordinance.

Public Discussion- Bob Wolf questioned why we pay the City of Oconto Falls 40% of the total recycling center costs. He believes the Town could save significant dollars by doing recycling and central refuse collection ourselves. Randy Schlorf asked for clarification as

to how the alternates for the plan commission will be contacted. He also asked about the road ROW cutting agreement along Holtz Rd and if the County could be contacted about clearing some of the branches that are getting taken down by farm equipment. Sharon Wenzel asked if the sight corners could get cleaned up on the south corners of the intersection of Elm Lawn Rd and Golden Corners Rd. There were several more comments about all the trees down near town roads. The road crew has been working on clearing the ROW in preparation for plowing season.

Town Board Discussion-**Kaczmarek**-None **Peterson**-None **Mogged**-Reminded everyone that the November meeting date is changed to November 3 at 5:00. Tom Smith mails a copy of all permits to the clerk every month to keep the Town up to date on building projects. Election workers are attending trainings to prepare for the 2026-2027 election season. Mogged and Alsteen have received several phone calls concerning the Town of Oconto Falls property the City is supposedly annexing. So far, we have gotten no legal notices to that affect. I have sent 2 final notices for partial year garbage cart charges. If not paid, the charges will go on the 2026 tax bills. I have started publishing items in the Peshtigo Times. The Times Herald readership in this area is down and they no longer use the online posting software. Kim Pytleski, the county clerk liked how the Town did the in person absentee events for the 2024 presidential election and has asked Mogged to do a presentation for one of the in person clerk events to be held in 2026. **Rieth**- None **Alsteen**- Chestnut Rd and Busy Nook Rd are scheduled to be done next year. Alsteen has filed grant requests for them. We will try for a 50/50 grant for a new town hall.

The motion to adjourn was made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

Susan Mogged, Clerk