

TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2026 7 P.M. – TOWN HALL

Chairman: Dave Alsteen

Supervisors: Vic Peterson, Mike Kaczmarek

Treasurer: Sandy Rieth

Clerk: Susan Mogged

Present: Public- Patrick & Angie Ahlgrihm, Joel & Ginny O’Harrow, Tim & Deb O’Harrow, Kris & Chuck Seidel, Mike & Melissa Brahmmer, Bob Wolf, Gayle & Jerry Schroeder, Virgie Damp, Travis Schindel, Randy Schlorf, Keith Meyers, Gail & Charles O’Harrow

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman Dave Alsteen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call-Alsteen, Kaczmarek, Peterson, Reith, Mogged present.

Clerk Susan Mogged read the minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting. Randy Schlorf moved to approve the minutes as read; Bob Wolf second; motion carried.

Treasurer Sandy Reith presented the financial report for 2025. Copies were available for the public. The Town spent \$18,000 more in 2025 than they took in, but still has a \$332,000 fund balance. Mogged gave a recount of the debt the Town currently carries. There is still \$35,000 owed on our 2023 plow truck and the Town has just drawn \$126,000 to pay for the 2026 plow truck. A decision will need to be made when to take the \$111,000 draw to pay for the installation of the plow equipment (plow, wing, spreader). Ginny O’Harrow moved to approve the annual financial & debt report, Virgie Damp second, motion carried.

Angie & Patrick Ahlgrihm of the Oconto Falls Area Joint Ambulance Service, Inc. reported 1586 total calls in 2025 and they are better staffed and their staff is better trained than ever.

OFAJAS

now has intercept agreements with 6 neighboring communities and has 2 high school and several college students doing ride alongs. OFAJAS is proud of their out the door times. 4 minutes out the door is required, 90% are in 1 minute and the average is 2 minutes. There was a question about the transports they used to do to return nursing home residents back to the nursing home after hospital stays. Medicare pays nursing homes for transporting their residents. If the ambulance bills for the service, Medicare would end up paying for a service twice. To eliminate any confusion, or double billing, they have stopped doing this as a service. There was a question about how they managed in the storm we just had. Personnel on duty were encouraged to stay and continue to be paid and the service is fortunate to share a parking lot with the hospital that was kept clear. They do have a 4 wheel drive rig and would have called the county or town plows if they needed assistance. Ginny O’Harrow thanked them for being there and the OFAJAS was given a round of applause. The community was invited to their annual meeting to be held at 6:30pm on July 29th at the ambulance service located at 831 S Main St, Oconto Falls.

Dave Alsteen, representing the City of Oconto Falls Fire Department, reported on the fire calls for 2025. Total department fire calls for 2025 was 261. 30 were Town of Oconto Falls calls.

The city is looking at buying tenders (tanker trucks) in 2027 or 2028 to replace the ones the Town of Oconto Falls owns. Our contract with the OFFD gives us a credit because we own and maintain the 2 tenders so if they buy their own, our contract will probably go up but the tenders may still have resale value and we will no longer have maintenance costs.

Bob Wolf represents OCB District #23, the southern half of the Town of Oconto Falls and the southern half of the Town of Gillett. He recommended checking the county website for

information and talking to a district supervisor to get information or to discuss things. Last year, Oconto County discontinued the commission on aging and took over meals on wheels and the senior center in Oconto Falls. Both are going well. A private contractor has moved into the kitchen at the senior center and is providing the meals. The county highway department is always struggling for funds. Costs continue to go up. They are paving 10-12 miles of road every year when they should be doing around 16 miles. They have a 10 year turnaround on trucks. It is a struggle to find good employees and compete against the private sector. The department has outgrown its facility in Oconto. They are looking for a site to relocate. The land and building will be paid for with county sales tax. They are also looking to consolidate services to make better use of the time of the skilled employees. The size of the new equipment and double wing vehicles for the highway create door and storage issues. They have also had trouble getting the trucks equipped once a truck is purchased and may look to create their own outfitting shop. The recent storm has created issues with the bridge and roads that washed out which will take time to engineer and repair. After the recent election, there are 9 new members on the county board. Other than the highway department, staff seems to be stable. Bob was asked about the sex offender that is going to be relocated to the Town. Discussion went on for some time and then was stopped by the chair. We will again pass on to the county board, local residents want a public forum to discuss the matter.

Randy Schlorf asked about the broken guard rail at the intersection of Maple St and Konitzer Rd. It happened the Thursday before the big storm on dry pavement.

Gayle Schroeder asked if we could have a public forum on the sex offender issue with the County Administrator, County Council, County Chairman and Head of County Health and Social Services. We will pass the request along.

Gayle Schroeder requested we also put a pause on opening more gravel pits and building data centers and solar farms. Randy Schlorf, chair of the Town planning commission explained the Heimke pit would not have been approved except Peters Concrete who opened the pit, set a pit length of 10 years with a full reclamation of property when it closes.

Mike and Melissa Brahmmer introduced themselves as the new owners of Club 32. They, and some of their kids already work there so not much should change. They have been in the school district and active in the area for 26 years and are looking forward to continuing Club 32 as a family business. Randy Schlorf thanked them and welcomed them to the area. They were given a round of applause

Susan Mogged reminded everyone about the electronics recycling event to be held at the Town Hall on May 16th from 8-12. The full list of items to bring can be found on the town website.

The Town has been in talks with the O'Harrow family about land at the intersection of State Highway 22 and County K to be used for a new town hall/equipment storage building area. The Town has applied for a Hazard Mitigation FEMA grant. If the Town gets the grant, building plans will move forward, if we do not get the grant, we will continue to move forward with our long range plan of being shovel ready by 2030.

At 8:05 pm, Bob Wolf moved to adjourn, Randy Schlorf second, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mogged, Clerk