Town of Oconto Falls Hearing on the Budget Minutes
Monday November 9, 2026, 5pm at the Town Hall

Chairman Alsteen called the Public Budget Hearing to order at 5pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call Board-Dave Alsteen, Mike Kaczmarek, Vic Peterson, Sandy Rieth, Susan Mogged

Public-Jerry & Gail Schroeder, Phil Konitzer, Keith Meyers, Patrick & Angie Ahlgrim, Heather Hodkiewicz, Paul Mogged, Tim O'Harrow

Review of 2027 Proposed Budget- No questions from the floor.

Phil Konitzer made the motion to close the Public Budget Hearing, Keith Meyers second. Motion carried.

Town of Oconto Falls Special Town Elector Meeting to Approve the 2027 Levy Minutes

Chairman Alsteen called the Special Town Elector Meeting to order at 5:05pm to set the Levy.

Keith Meyers made the motion to Approve the Levy for 2027, Phil Konitzer second. Motion carried.

Phil Konitzer made the motion, Keith Meyers second to close the Special Town Elector Meeting. Motion carried.

Town of Oconto Falls Special Meeting to Approve the Budget Minutes

Chairman Alsteen called the Special Town Board Meeting to approve the budget to order at 5:07pm.

Phil Konitzer made the motion and Keith Meyers second, to Adopt the 2027 Town of Oconto Falls Budget. Motion carried.

Keith Meyers made the motion, Phil Konitzer second to close the Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Regular Town of Oconto Falls Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2026

Chairman Alsteen called the Regular November Town Board Meeting to order at 5:11.

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

The motion to approve the Minutes of the last regular Meeting and the budget planning meeting held on 10-12-26 was made by Kaczmarek, second by Peterson. Motion carried

The Treasurer's Report was given by Rieth.

Mogged received the invoice from the county for the paving of Chestnut Rd the day of the meeting and asked for it to be included in the approval motion so a check could be cut and the invoice paid in a timely manner. The motion to pay bills, including the additional county check was made by Alsteen, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

The Land Division Request by William & Sally Holtz has been approved by the Plan Commission and the County. The motion to give Town approval to the land division request by the Holtz' was made by Peterson, second by Kaczmarek. Motion carried.

The Hodkiewicz Request to remove the "Reserved for Future Road" designation from the deeds of Hemlock Heights subdivision Lots 36 & 37, was tabled until December. Clarification was requested about the wording "reserved" versus "designated" on the deeds and a prior Town action concerning this matter. Peterson made the motion to table the request, Kaczmarek second. Motion carried.

The Blohowiak Request for the Town to approve a "Slow No Wake" area along his Oconto River property to create a safer swimming area was denied. The Town was cautioned by the WDNR about creating any "Slow no Wake" areas because no one owns the waterways and even if there were public hearings held, the river is free to use by everyone. The motion to take no action concerning a "Slow No Wake" area west of County K on Gray Lake Rd was made by Alsteen, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Oconto County has requested input from the municipalities on Data Centers.

The Committee is requesting input from the town on the following questions:

1. Has your town been consulted by a developer for any proposed large scale data center within the last year?
   BOARD-NO
   PLAN COMMISSION-NO
2. Does your current Comprehensive Plan contain text that would support a change in zoning to an Industrial District for a large-scale Data Center?
   BOARD-NO
   PLAN COMMISSION-NO
3. Most town Comprehensive Plans Future Land Use maps woul not show large swaths of acreage designated for Industrial land use. Would your town support an individual requesting an amendment to your Comprehensive Plan to designate a large area for Industrial Land Use at any time in the near future?
   BOARD-NO
   PLAN COMMISSION-NO
4. Does your town support the County to continue with a proposed moratorium so the County can better understand the impacts of Data Centers and to fully explore, analyze and research the environmental, economic, health and safety impacts of Data Centers and associated infrastructure?
   BOARD-YES
   PLAN COMMISSION-YES
5. Any additional comments?
   PLAN COMMISSION-HAS ANYONE FROM THE TOWN OR COUNTY OR ANY INDIVIDUAL BEEN ASKED TO SIGN AN NDA (Non-Disclosure Agreement)? THE MAIN CONCERN WAS THE IMPACT ANY DATA CENTER OR SOLAR POWER PROJECT, OR OTHER LARGE PROJECT WOULD HAVE ON ADJACENT LAND OWNERS. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY ARE ABANDONED? THE Town of Oconto Falls WANTS TO PROTECT LAND USE FOR FARMING AND WOULD NOT BE IN FAVOR OF AN INDUSTRIAL LAND USE AREA, DATA CENTERS OR SOLAR POWER PLANTS.
   BOARD-REAFFIRMS THE COMMENTS BY THE PLAN COMMISSION.

The Town Board believes a building incorporating garage space and office space would be the best use of taxpayer dollars. Several members toured the Town of Gillett facility and gathered information from the head of their building committee. Their building is 30

years old but seems to have survived the test of time. Mogged will continue working through gathering information, working with the engineer and finding the "best" plan for the Town needs.

Public Discussion-None

Town Board Discussion-**Kaczmarek**-None **Peterson-**None **Rieth**-None

Mogged-1 The November General Election went really well. We registered 30 new or needed to renew voters. 620 voters cast a ballot out of 862 registered. **2** 2027 will be our revaluation year. The Town received its "First Notice of Non-Compliance" from the WDOR in 2025 since our assessment to sale price ratio had been below the 90% mark for 4 straight years. This year the Town got its "Second Notice of Non-Compliance" because it has been out of compliance for 5 straight years. To give an idea of how out of sync the Town assessed value is, our assessed value is $128 million and our (WDOR) equalized value is $203 million. **3** All board positions will be up for election in April 2027. Incumbents are, Chair-Dave Alsteen, Supervisor 1-Vic Peterson, Supervisor 2-Mike Kaczmarek. Deadline to file intent to run paperwork is January 5, 2027. Gathering signatures can start on December 1st. Deadline to file Notification of Noncandidacy for incumbents who choose not to run is December 28, 2026. The clerk will prepare paperwork for anyone who requests it and is a notary to take care of that detail for you. **4** The Town received $8800 dollars aid from the Wisconsin Office of Emergency Management for the March snow emergency. 70% of approved costs were reimbursed. **Alsteen**-The 2025 road grant for Busy Nook has been paid, about $24,000.

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

Susan Mogged, Clerk