

TOWN BOARD MEETING, August 04, 2026

PRESENT: Chair Dick Green, Supervisors Melanie Miller, Eric Olson, Renee Gouaux, Faith Schuck and Clerk/Treasurer Maria Hougan.

ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Wylesky and Diana Olson, 248 Williams Dr., Kenneth Schuck, 1616 Spring Rd., Kristin Danninger, 2531 Williams Dr., Laura & David Borsechnik, 3090 Shadyside Dr., Keith Comstock, 3080 Shadyside Dr., Steve Jackson, 2697 Rolling View Rd., Susan & Kevin Fenton, via zoom, Michael Miller, via zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Jackson, 2697 Rolling View Rd., provided written statements for the Board in favor of supporting the Senior Center and the leaf collection program. He also spoke in support of the Board signing the Senior Center agreement, as he feels providing services to seniors is important.

Laura Borsechnik, 3090 Shadyside Dr., spoke in favor of the leaf collection program, she discussed the issues of phosphorus in the lake. The residents are lucky to have Lake Kegonsa, and the leaf collection program is showing progress. We need to be good stewards of the lake. Having good lake health benefits everyone. We need to preserve the lake health for the future.

Keith Comstock, 3080 Shadyside Dr., stated he echoes what Laura said regarding the health of the lake and the importance of the leaf collection program. He spoke in favor of purchasing new chairs. He also spoke in favor of appointing Supervisor Schuck over the Public Works Dept., change is good and sometimes necessary, he thought Supervisor Schuck would do well.

Mike Wylesky, 2048 Williams Dr., spoke regarding the chain of lakes dumping into Lake Kegonsa, if that could stop it would help us out. It's more than just the leaves contributing to the algae and stink of Lake Kegonsa.

Any item listed on the agenda is subject for action.

CONSENT AGENDA: *Items listed under consent agenda will be approved in one motion without discussion unless any Board member requests that an item(s) be removed for individual discussion. That item then can be considered at an appropriate time during the Board's regular order of business.*

1. Approval of minutes of the July 21, 2026 Town Board meeting and July 28, 2026 Special Town Board Public meeting.
2. Approval of the check register dated July 22, 2026 and August 04, 2026.
3. Approval of Operators License application(s) for: (*Background check completed, no issues found, approval is recommended*)

- Elizabeth M. Small, Road Ranger
- Amy Shane, Road Ranger

Motion by Supervisor Miller, second by Sup. Schuck, to approve the consent agenda items as listed.
Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Stoughton Senior Center agreement.

Chair Green reported out. This is the third meeting discussing this item. He reviewed the senior centers data and numbers for usage at the senior center over the last two years. The current draft agreement is asking for \$27,300 donation, along with signing the agreement. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the Stoughton Senior Center and the McFarland Outreach for Seniors, comparing costs and usage. The Town is currently paying the McFarland Senior Center \$12,480, and the donation for the Stoughton Senior Center is \$9000.

Motion by Supervisor Miller, second by Sup. Gouaux, to pay the Stoughton Senior Center an equal amount that is paid to the McFarland Outreach for Seniors for 2027. Motion carried 4-1, with Supervisor Schuck voting in opposition.

Supervisor Schuck initially seconded and wanted a friendly amendment, however, Supervisor Miller did not second the friendly amendment. Supervisor Schuck withdrew her second.

Discussion and possible action regarding the outcome of the special town board public meeting held on July 28 regarding leaves / phosphorus in Lake Kegonsa.

Chair Green reported out. Five residents from the Town of Pleasant Springs attended the meeting. None of them lived on the lake. Supervisor Olson stated all the lake residents already know about the phosphorus reduction program. There was a lack of interest due to the same presentation several times. One of items discussed was the possibility of a leaf district program, but he needs to gather more information. At this time, he would like to table this agenda item to the next Town Board meeting. Supervisor Schuck stated this meeting was set up to fail. She stated the town does not have a Facebook account, it was only posted to the website (and our towns posting board) they had a banner which the colors were given to her and did not stand out, along with the letters were small, she was not allowed to put an article in the newspaper, or send out a mailing to residents. A discussion followed. Supervisor Olson stated he needs more information to create a leaf district, what will it cost, how will it be paid for, who will be in the leaf district, etc. Supervisor Gouaux stated the water quality of Lake Kegonsa is a complex issue. A majority of its pollutants, including phosphorus, came from upriver. Working collaboratively with the Town of Dunn and FOLKS to collect fall leaves is a small way our township would contribute to improving its water quality. She appreciates and thanks the residents for preparing their statements. She wants to continue the positive collaboration with the Town of Dunn. Chair Green stated this program went on for the past eight years, and about 1% of the leaves were picked up by the vacuum truck, and wondered if it was worth it. Sup. Olson stated that 1lb of phosphorus reduction reduces 500 lbs. if algae. A discussion was held regarding the emission pollution of the leaf vacuum truck. Supervisor Schuck stated there could be leaf corals which can be picked up all week long by our Public Works Dept. Sup. Olson stated previously we were stuck to picking up the leaves on weekends, where now it could be handled more often instead of only on weekends.

This item was tabled to the next Town Board meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding of potential purchase of new chairs for the town hall.

Supervisor Miller reported out. She was tasked with looking into some new chairs for the town hall. She had some examples for the Board members to review. A discussion was held on the type of chairs and amount of chairs need. She will try to get an example(s) of the chairs and bring to the town hall. This will be added to the 2027 budget.

Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling the 2027 budget meeting dates.

The 2027 budget meeting dates are as follows: Thursday, Sept. 24 at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 8 and Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6:00 p.m., and only if needed, Thursday, November 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

Discussion and possible action regarding nominating Supervisor Faith Schuck as Supervisor over the Public Works Department.

Chair Green added this to the agenda for the purpose of bringing to attention the criticizing of Sup. Schuck being critical of what work the Public Works Dept. is not doing and how he is supervising the Public Works Dept. Supervisor Schuck thinks the Public Works employees should come to the meetings and report out. There was a further discussion between Sup. Schuck and Chair Green, regarding the texts and phone calls. Chairman Green claimed there have been many texts criticizing the work of Public Works. A discussion took place regarding the text message about logs on the side of the roads, and how they should be handled. Chair Green stated Supervisor Schuck is not appointed the towns weed commissioner. Another discussion followed. It was determined that Supervisor Schuck should take care of what she is assigned to, the Fire and Ems liaison.

Discussion of Public Works projects and duties.

Chair Green reported out. The basketball court, headboard, and pole were removed at Oak Knoll Park, the basketball pole and head board were reinstalled at the tennis court. The pavement where the basketball hoop originally was had been in very poor condition. The public works department obtained some new equipment, a post hole auger and a broom sweeper, they swept up chips from the recent chip sealing. The public works department will be installing the 45mph signs, however, they need to be located first. The second round of roadside mowing is done. Supervisor Miller painted the new sign at the boat landing. He thanked her for all her work in painting the sign.

Clerk's report of projects and duties.

Clerk/Treasurer Hougan reported out on the duties the office has been working on to include preparing for the August 11 Partisan Primary Election, issuing absentee ballots and in-person absentee voting is being conducted, AR/AP, bank reconciliation, agenda's, minutes, packets, and the day-to-day duties of the office.

Discussion on items to be placed on the next and / or future agenda:

- Leaf Collection
- Comstock final CSM
- Badger Challenge-event date Sept. 27, 2026
- Future meeting as information is available: Country Club Estates sign
- Lot 3 Sunnyside Committee as needed

- Other items as requested

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT (Reports will generally only be reported upon after the Plan Commission has met between Town Board meetings; unless there is additional information to report). The Plan Commission has not met.

REPORTS

Town Board Reports

Supervisor Schuck reported out she recently attended the Cottage Grove Vol. Fire Dept. meeting, they are still discussing the service animal, she also attended the Stoughton Fire Dept. meeting, the recent leaf collection meeting was reported about, and the heavy weed growth in the Yahara Bay area. The National Night Out is tomorrow. There is a new car / truck wash being installed on the east side of Stoughton.

The Board reviewed the reports included in the packet.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Green reported on an email requesting a meeting regarding large semi-trucks.

The Board reviewed the correspondence included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Olson, second by Sup. Schuck, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Maria Hougan
Clerk/Treasurer