

TOWN BOARD MEETING, May 19, 2026

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Scott Reiersen, 2357 Williams Point Dr., Scott Haumersen, 3069 Sunnyside St., Kristin Danninger 2531 Williams Dr., Norm & Tina Peth, 2660 Koshkonong Rd., Jeff Auby, 2532 Koshkonong Rd., Kerry Marren, Dane County Board, Kim Walz, 3071 Sunnyside St., Cindy McGlynn, Stoughton Senior Center, Zoom Attendees, Mayor Tim Swadley, Michael?

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one spoke during the public comment period.

Resident Steve Jackson sent an email for the public comment period.

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 April 28, 2026 Special Town Board meeting and May 19, 2026 Town Board meeting.
2. Approval of the check register dated May 19, 2026.
3. Approval of a driveway damage refund for:
 - Grant Roeming, 3101 Shadyside Dr.
 - Brent & LouAnn Gjermo, 1707 Schadel Rd.

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

Presentation from the Stoughton Senior Center regarding a future request for an increase from the Town of Pleasant Springs for usage of the Senior Center.

Cindy McGlynn, Stoughton Senior Center Director, appeared before the Board. She handed out information regarding costs to utilize the senior center. She explained the towns will need to start paying more for their fair share and this can be phased in on a 3-step process, or all at once. She said the city has been footing the bill mostly for the town residents. She explained the senior center has a check in or swipe process that keeps track of the usage at the senior center as well as which municipalities are utilizing the senior center. Further discussion followed. Supervisor Gouaux stated it is important to have a senior center; we have an aging population. A discussion took place

regarding the County drawing the lines for which residents / municipalities should use a certain senior center (Stoughton vs McFarland) the current lines for the town's residents show they should be using the McFarland Outreach Senior Center. Chair Green stated it costs \$13.77 every time someone walks in the senior center. Further discussion followed. Questions were answered. No action taken at this time.

BUSINESS.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Lot 3 Sunnyside Land Preservation Committee's request to be part of the Town of Pleasant Springs.

Scott Haumerson and Kim Walz appeared before the Board. Scott thanked the Town Board for all of their support. Scott reported out on the fund raising, stated it's going well. There is about \$200,000.00 left to raise. They will be presenting the Dane County Parks Committee in the near future. He came with requests for consideration:

- 1- Final ownership of the land from either the State Park, Dane County, or Township as a park or non-profit for permanent ownership (they want an intermediary owner until a full-time owner is found.
- 2- The town consider being a permanent owner for the land
- 3- Request for money
- 4- A letter of support from the town for the project containing a public statement from the board.

Another option would be the Ho-Chunk Nation could be an owner but they need to have conversations with them. A discussion followed regarding the town being an intermediary owner until a permanent owner is found. The town will need to discuss this with the town attorney to see what types of liability, etc. they may have with being an intermediary owner. Chair Green stated the town is limited with money and what we can do. It was determined a letter of support could be written from the town board. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding the request for aesthetic improvements / painting at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Miller requested this item on the agenda. She would like to see some aesthetic updates to the Town Hall to make it appear more appealing. There are things that can be done which don't cost a lot of money. Supervisor Schuck noted a new flag, a Wisconsin flag, and new flag pole could be purchased, the town hall floor could be stripped and waxed, and painting could be done. Supervisor Miller will put together a list of items and present it to the Board at an upcoming Town Board meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding Drainage District 12 for lands in the Town of Pleasant Springs.

Chair Green reported on this. The drainage system is almost 100 years old. The last meeting he attended was in Feb. of 2020. Since then, they have not heard anything. The land owners have been assessed and have paid a total of about \$75,000. There have been numerous emails sent without any type of response. When the attorney for the drainage district did respond, he stated the work had already been done, but it appears nothing has been done. The Deputy Clerk has asked for information on meetings and minutes with little or no response. There may be some oversight by DATCP, but not sure how much they can do. Dane County Supervisor Kerry Marren was in attendance and stated she reached out to DATCP and they said they don't really have much to do with the drainage district, and DATCP admitted they were bad at responding. She reached out to the Dane County Treasurer for any invoices from contractors paid for the work done on the drainage ditches. This is obviously a bigger issue, she will let the town know when she finds out anything, and

wants someone to walk her through the ditch areas to explain to her what has been done. She said there is no real oversight of the drainage board. Chair Green stated a few years ago a judge refused to dissolve the drainage districts. All the property owners involved in this deserve answers. Kerry will look into this and reach out to the Planning and Zoning Committee as well for any information they may be able to assist with. Property owners should get notices of when the meetings will be held.

This item will continue to be added to the agenda.

Discussion and possible action regarding the highway maintenance agreement with the City of Stoughton.

Chair Green reported out. We have come to the end of our timeline for the city to respond to the letter sent in January. This is the result of an annexation several years ago and the town continues to maintain the road. We asked the city for an agreement and the first and second offers were at no cost to the city. There is an upcoming road construction project on Williams Dr. and a portion of that belongs to the city. What does the Board want to do? A discussion followed. What would happen if the town just stopped maintaining that portion? Or not include Williams Dr. in the paving project? A discussion followed.

Motion by Supervisor Schuck, second by Sup. Olson, to contact the Town Attorney and move forward.

A discussion was held. Would a letter stating if we don't hear back, we will contact the Attorney if we don't get a response?

The Board went back to the motion on the table.

Motion by Supervisor Schuck, second by Sup. Olson, to rescind the motion on the table, second by Sup. Olson.

A record should be kept of how much it costs to keep maintaining that area. They are offering nothing and ignoring our numerous attempts to resolve this. Chair Green is willing to make one more attempt in sending a letter to the mayor.

Staff was directed to draft a letter and send to Mayor Swadley.

Discussion and possible action regarding adopting a solar farm ordinance for the Town of Pleasant Springs.

Chair Green added this item to the agenda after the recent Quad Towns meeting. Dunkirk and Dunn both have solar ordinances which are very similar. He stated the town does not have very much control of solar farms if they exceed 100 megawatts, anything over 100 megawatts the PSC takes over control. What happens 50 years down the road when the energy company decides they don't need the energy anymore? Who pays to convert back to farm land? Supervisor Olson said it's worth exploring and sending to the Town Attorney for review. The sample ordinance from the Town of Dunkirk will be sent to the town's attorney for review.

Discussion and possible action regarding comments on the Conditional Use Permit process for the Dane County Towns Association's request for input on the proposed new ordinance amendment.

It was reported the Plan Commission did not have any comments regarding this. A discussion followed. The county wants the farmer to rezone the land to Rural Industrial (RI) and then apply for the Conditional Use Permit. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Resolution R-2026-03: Board Commissioners of Public Lands Resolution and loan documents.

The Board reviewed the Resolution and loan application documents. Chair Green reported out the town is borrowing \$415,000.00 to continue to work on town roads.

Motion by Supervisor Miller, second by Sup. Schuck, to approve Resolution R-2026-03 regarding the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands loan application documents. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call with Supervisors Miller, Gouaux, Olson, Schuck, and Chair Green voting in favor.

Discussion and possible action regarding the proposal to paint the Rail Road Crossing.

Chair Green reported out. The rail road wants the markings on the road painted. The deadline to have this done is May 31, 2026. Special reflective epoxy paint must be used. The bid for this is in the amount of \$9150.00. This item was not budgeted for as the Board was unaware this needed to be done at budget time. \$1,000.00 will come out of the highway maintenance expense account and the remaining \$8150.00 will come out of the culvert replacement account.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, second by Sup. Miller, to approve the bid from 7-Hills to paint the rail road crossings in the amount of \$9150.00. Friendly amendment by Supervisor Olson, second by Sup. Miller to add project ID # 26-0821. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of Public Works projects and duties.

Chair Green reported out on the public works projects to include repair on the Linnerud outfall, a huge amount of dirt has been hauled out, the storm drain is still plugged. A public works employee was called out on Saturday morning due to two trees fell down from the wind. The ditch on Fairview is constantly being filled with water in the road right of way due to water being pumped, the stop ahead sign on Williams Dr. has been re-installed, 45 MPH signs have been purchased to replace the 55 MPH signs. They will be placing gravel on the entrance off of Burritt Rd. at Oak Knoll Park for parking on the grassy area. Fourteen trees have been planted in town parks from the free trees program Supervisor Gouaux and the Parks Committee have received for town parks.

Clerk's report of projects and duties.

Clerk/Treasurer Hougan reported out the office is working on license renewals & background checks, the newsletter was finalized was mailed out, Board of Review preparation for last week's Board of Review, AR/AP, bank reconciliation, payroll, meeting agenda's, packets, minutes and the day-to-day duties of the office.

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

- Leaf Collection Process- June 2
- License renewals
- Drainage District discussion
- Discussion regarding lot 3 Sunnyside-review draft letter of support and response to request
- Items as requested
- Future agenda-list of potential items for refreshing the town hall
- Budget Time-Stoughton Senior Center request for more funding

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). Supervisor Miller reported on the final CSM from the Gunderson's, the annual review of the Buddhist Temple CUP was approved, clarifications on Plan Commission deadlines and procedures. The Plan Commission Chair was directed to contact Majid at Dane County Planning and Zoning regarding preliminary CSM's.

REPORTS

Town Board Reports: (Five-minute limit)

Supervisor Schuck will be attending the Deer-Grove EMS meeting on Thursday of this week.

The Board reviewed the reports included in the packet.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Green reported on his response to a resident's request for information in a written public comment.

A Proclamation was presented to the public works employees in honor of Public Works week, May 17, 2026 – May 23, 2026

The Board reviewed the correspondence included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Olson, second by Sup. Schuck, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Motion carried

Respectively Submitted,

Maria "Pili" Hougan
Clerk/Treasurer