TOWN BOARD MEETING, Dec. 02, 2025

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Bottorff, 2436 County Rd. AB, McFarland, Mike Wylesky, 2045 Williams Dr., Diana Olson, 2045 Williams Dr., Janice Kellogg, 2035 Skyline Dr., George Corrigan, 2168 Colloday Pt. Dr. Susan Fenton, 2097 Spring Rd., Via zoom

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Board listens to residents speak on any issue (three-minute time limit)

Mike Wylesky, 2048 Williams Dr., spoke in opposition of the town purchasing a leaf vacuum truck. Who will this truck serve? he doesn't live on the lake; people can bring their leaves to the yard waste site. This will not benefit everyone. Is not in favor of equipment sharing. This truck may break down and how much will it cost the town? Why can't they set up something for those people who live on the lake so the tax payers don't have to pay?

John Bottorff, 2436 County Rd. AB, appreciates the cooperation between the towns and FOLKS. This program brings a lot of value to the community. It is an attraction for people who don't live on the lake, environmental concerns, etc. He is in favor of continuing the program. They are willing to talk about costs associated with the program. They pay a \$9.00 fee on their tax bill for this program. George Corrigan, 2168 Colladay Pt. Dr., wanted to follow up on the leaf district, this is not just for the people on the lake but for some residents near the lake as well. He said this program helps the lake. There is a benefit to everyone to have a cleaner lake. They want to continue this program for the lake, not the people living on the lake. He is in favor of continuing the program.

Any item listed on the agenda is subject for action.

<u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u> 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 November 18, 2025 Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget, November 18, 2025 Special Town Board meeting, and November 18, 2025 Town Board meeting.
- 2. Approval of the check register dated December 02, 2025.
- 3. Approval of Operator's License application for: (Background check completed, within ordinance policy perimeters)
 - Amber R. Brown, Road Ranger

- 4. Approval of the return of driveway damage deposit(s) for: (*Public works inspected, no issues found, approval recommended*)
 - Lance & Pamela Randall, 3002 Linnerud Dr.

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

BUSINESS.

Discussion and possible action regarding the leaf pick-up program, and leaf vacuum truck.

Chair Green reviewed the fact sheet he prepared outlining program costs since its inception in 2017. The Board then engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the potential purchase of a leaf vacuum truck. Members weighed the pros and cons, noting benefits such as improved lake cleanliness, but also raising concerns about using taxpayer funds for the purchase and whether the truck would serve all residents equitably. While there was consensus that everyone desires a cleaner lake, questions remain about the best approach to achieve this goal. Alternatives were also considered, including the possibility of establishing leaf collection sites ("leaf corrals") in designated areas throughout the town. There was discussion regarding setting up a leaf district where a special charge would be added to tax bills to those residents benefiting from this service, also, creating an ordinance for the leaf district area.

Motion by Supervisor Olson, second by Supervisor Schuck, to table the purchase of the leaf vacuum truck in order to find out a better methodology of purchasing a leaf vacuum truck. *Friendly amendment made by Supervisor Miller, to replace the word "methodology" with "alternative". Friendly accepted by Supervisor Olson, and seconded by Sup. Schuck.*

The motion now reads, Motion by Supervisor Miller, second by Sup. Schuck, to table the purchase of the leaf vacuum truck in order to find out a better alternative of purchasing a leaf vacuum truck. Motion carried 5-0.

It was decided Supervisor Schuck and Supervisor Olson would meet with the Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society (FOLKs), and Supervisor Olson would reach out to the FOLKs board regarding the next steps.

<u>Discussion and possible action regarding setting the date for the 2026 Caucus. (Per State Statutes, caucus date must be set between December 1 and January 1, and Caucus must be held between January 2 and January 21).</u>

It was determined the town caucus will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

<u>Discussion of Public Works projects and duties.</u>

Chair Green reported out on some of the work the Public Works Dept. has been working on to include Many hours snow plowing due to the recent snow storm and additional snow received over the last several days, a trench will need to be dug to fix the LP fuel issue for the town hall office, they will need to rent a machine to dig the trench from the towns LP tank into the town hall and hire a plumber to hook up the line. He received compliments and a few complaints regarding snowplowing.

Clerk's report of projects and duties.

Clerk/Treasurer Hougan reported out they have been preparing for the upcoming tax collection season to include preparing the tax bill information, the mill rate work sheet, the statement of taxes, and all the necessary forms for the tax bills, the final draft of the newsletter, preliminary audit

preparations, attended a Badger Book update training, agenda's, packets, minutes, AR/AP, along with all the day to day duties of the office.

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

- Compensate UpNet for the LP fuel consumption
- Possible Discontinuance Resolution for a portion of Kong Rd.
- Other items as requested
- FUTURE ITEM: Leaf vacuum consideration

<u>PLAN COMMISSION REPORT</u> (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 Olson reported the Plan Commission did not meet.

REPORTS

Town Board Reports:

Supervisor Gouaux reported out on the Dane County Urban Land a Water grant she has written and will be submitting soon, she asked the members of the Board for any input they have.

The Board reviewed the reports included in the packet.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the correspondence included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Olson, second by Sup. Schuck, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Maria "Pili" Hougan Clerk/Treasurer