

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING October 20, 2025

Matt Lehto, Chairman; Matt Granger; Supervisor; Ryan Van Ornum, Supervisor; Valerie Jolma, Clerk, Heather Schutte, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Matt Lehto. There were 4 towns people present. The minutes of the September Board Meeting were read. A motion was made Ryan VO and second by Matt G to accept the meeting minutes. The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. A total of \$25,709.21 was submitted to pay bills. We had a credit balance of \$38,941.90 in the checking account. A motion was made by Ryan VO second by Matt G to accept the Treasurer's Report.

*Sheriff's Department Report: None

*Fire Department Report: None

*Road Foreman Report:

BRIDGE AID: Ashland County is exploring creating a bridge/culvert aid program for local towns. Towns would be able to apply for culverts larger than 3' in diameter, and this program would fund ½ of the cost. Supervisor Matt G and Road Foreman discussed this program and its potential benefits for the Town of White River.

LRIP: There still LRIP funding available to use for village of Marengo Streets and the Board discussed best use of this funding, but no action was taken at this time.

ENTITLEMENT: The Road Foreman notified the board that they have until November 15, 2025 to decide how to use \$38,000 in matched funding and recommended using it for improving an intersection on Schwiesow Road. A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00pm to continue this discussion.

LRIP: The Road Foreman also notified the board that the deadline to apply for the upcoming LRIP cycle is November 15, 2025 and recommended that the board take this opportunity. Clerk to add this to the special meeting agenda for October 27, 2025.

*Old Business:

FOURWHEELERS AND DIRTBIKES OPERATING ON THE ROAD: This item was tabled indefinitely.

MARENGO INFRASTRUCTURE: No action at this time.

NORTHLINE LAWN: A motion was made by Chairman Matt L and 2nd by Matt G to use Northline Lawn in the 2026 season.

COST INCREASE OF BAGS: This matter was discussed and tabled indefinitely.

*New Business:

BUDGET: The budget meeting was scheduled for November 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Ashland County is requesting funding for the Chequamegon Humane Association. No action was taken at this time.

SIGNS: Supervisor Ryan VO recommended that signs be created for the recycling center to improve how it functions. Ryan VO to explore this further.

CLEANING: A user of the town hall requested that the town hall be cleaned more frequently. A motion was made by Matt L and 2nd by Matt G to increase cleaning of the town hall from four times a year to 6 times a year.

Public Input:

A question was posed about Marengo Infrastructure. Chairman Matt L gave an update on this matter. No feasibility study has been done yet, and will not be completed for the foreseeable future due to the government shutdown. A public records request was made for the employee handbook and wages and benefits of all the town employees.

Bills were paid and checks signed.

A motion was made by Matt L and 2nd by Ryan VO to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, at 6:00 pm.

Valerie Jolma, Clerk