

**TOWN OF WHITE RIVER
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - 2026**

The Annual Meeting for the Town of White River was held on April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the town hall. All board members were present. There were 5 townspeople present.

Chairman Matt Lehto called the meeting to order. The minutes were read from the 2025 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Matt Granger and second by Matt Lehto to accept the meeting minutes as read. Motion carried.

Ashland County Sheriffs Dept Report: None

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Lance Ritola was in attendance to represent the Fire Department. Currently, the department has 13 trained members. There is an upcoming need for truck upgrades. This is not an urgent need, but a plan needs to be created. The Fire Chief is searching for grant and funding opportunities to help replace the current truck. Enbridge offered to donate \$7500 to cover upcoming protective equipment expense. An audit was completed by the State, the fire department passed for now but a re-audit will be conducted this fall.

The Chairman presented the 2025 Financial Report. Balance on hand January 1, 2025 was \$42,698.78. Revenues totaled \$614,752.70 and Expenditures totaled \$499,127.44. Ending Balance as of December 31, 2025 was \$94,002.76

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2025:

In 2025, the Town of White River carried out important infrastructure maintenance to ensure safe and convenient travel. These improvements included road graveling, ditch cleaning and culvert replacement across several key routes such as Schwiesow Road, Jolma Road, Redinger Road, Salo Road and Charles Johnson Road as well as many others.

PUBLIC INPUT :

A resident questioned what projects are upcoming in 2026. For now, the board has no new projects.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ryan VO seconded by Matt L. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Valerie Jolma, Clerk