

## **MINUTES OF THE DAKOTA TOWN BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2025**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Dakota Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call found all board members present: Chairman Jeremy Kubasta, Supervisor Gary Grenier, and Supervisor Bob Bandt. Other town officials present were Treasurer Teri Kubasta and Assessor John P. Blader, Sr.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Grenier, seconded by Bandt, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Grenier, seconded by Bandt, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025, regular meeting. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS**

**Treasurer:** T. Kubasta distributed the November 2025 bank reconciliation. That document is filed with these minutes.

**Clerk:** Stake was absent/excused from the meeting but provided a written report that included the following: Through the Wisconsin Disaster Fund, the town will be reimbursed almost \$8,900 in road repair expenses from the July flood. The town should soon be receiving the \$27,000 in Town Road Improvement funding for Czech Court. Stake completed calculation of the tax roll on November 30. Her full report is on file with these minutes.

**Assessor:** Blader provided general commentary about tax bills/increase/new construction.

**Fire District:** Grenier reported the new fire truck has arrived. All other trucks were reviewed, and maintenance will be planned as funds allow. New chief is doing well.

**Road Matters:** J. Kubasta fielded tire complaints. CJ was going to be taking care of the roadside clean up but with all the snow that may be postponed until Spring. Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Bandt to cancel previously planned stump grinding due to work never completed. Stump grinding will be revisited in the Spring.

**Zoning, Land Use and Development Matters:** Kubasta has received a couple of letters re: approval of house on 19<sup>th</sup>.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Town Hall Rental Applications:** Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to approve rental applications for the following: Marco Antonio Trinidad Romero on December 20, 2025, and White River Flowage Lake Management District on April 18 and August 29, 2026. Motion carried.

**Election Workers:** Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to appoint a slate of election inspectors for the January 1, 2026, to the December 31, 2027, term. Motion carried. Every two years, the board needs to appoint/reappoint citizens who will work at the polls. The list of 12 inspectors is filed with these minutes. Any new inspectors will have to complete training with Stake prior to serving.

**Hillside Street Curb and Gutter Bid Opening:** An ad requesting bids for this project was published in the *Waushara Argus* on November 20 and November 27, 2025. By the advertised deadline of December 8, 2025, at 7:15 p.m., one company submitted a bid for \$137,679.25 as posted, with a paving alternate of \$158,436.30 for complete repaving of the road. Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to accept the paving alternate from Kopplin & Kinas Co Inc. Motion carried, with all three board members voting aye. Work will be completed in 2026. Kopplin & Kinas representative was informed there may be addition of one more driveway on that road.

**Road Right-of-Way Trimming:** Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Bandt, to complete road trimming. J. Kubasta will provide Adam Blader with the following list and the maximum of \$30,000 with a check-in at \$15,000:

- Finish Cottonville over the hill to 19th
- Chicago past Campbells, mow then trim
- Witter's Lake
- 16<sup>th</sup> B. Grenier's to Lake's Gas
- Oakdale Court

**Town Web Price Increase:** In mid-November, Town Web emailed Stake announcing that the company was changing its pricing structure and transitioning from WordPress-based websites to a more functional and secure platform. The proposal also included an updated website. For the last few years, the town had been paying \$635 annually for website hosting, domain, technical support, etc. Under the new proposal, for the next three years, that cost will increase to \$1,220 per year. If the town waives the "White Glove Service" (where TownWeb posts items for towns), the cost decreases to \$920 per year. Stake updates the website, so the White Glove Service would not be needed. Though Stake believes the website works well as it is, it does not appear municipalities have a choice in updating to the new platform; especially since the invoice for the coming year's website service is due in one week.

Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Bandt, to accept the \$920 version. Motion carried.

**Gifts From Vendors:** Government entities are prohibited from accepting gifts of "substantial value" from people/companies, due to ethical concerns. However, the statutes do not define what substantial value means. This holiday season, vendors have been sending the town small gifts, including several bags of popcorn. The board agreed that popcorn did not qualify as substantial value.

**Approval of Bills for Payment:** Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to approve the monthly bills as presented and filed with these minutes. Motion carried.

#### **NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

Several months prior to the end of the current three-year contract with Town Web, an item regarding researching website options should be placed on the agenda.

The town's next regular board meeting will be held at the town hall on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, J. Kubasta moved to adjourn, seconded by Grenier. The meeting was thus adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

*These minutes are a draft, subject to approval or amendment at subsequent meetings of the town board. Any amendments made will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting at which the changes are proposed, and afterward these minutes will be reposted with the changes.*

/s/ Teri Kubasta, Town Treasurer