

**DALE TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
DALE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Chairperson Wunderlich called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m., with Supervisor and Fire Chief Chad Degal, Supervisor Hopfensperger, Treasurer Sheri Wilkins, Clerk Jenny Hunt, and residents present.

Outagamie County Officer Winkler was present.

No public input.

A discussion took place with members of the Dale Historical Society regarding their need for adequate storage space. The Historical Society presented a preliminary drawing for a small, multi-purpose structure. This proposed building would serve both to house content and to display select items through a large window. The Historical Society suggested Daufen Park as a potential location for the new facility. Several issues were discussed. The primary concern raised was the security of both the building and the historical artifacts housed within it, given the location and a history of vandalism in the park. After extensive discussion, the matter was tabled until the October meeting to allow time for members and the board to research and consider more viable options. Chairperson Wunderlich made a motion to table the issue until the October meeting, seconded by Supervisor Hopfensperger, motion carried.

Jane Thiel from the Historical Society made a request to use the Municipal Building September 22, 2025, 1:00pm – 3:00pm for an upcoming meeting and to update the display cabinets in the Municipal Building. Chairperson Wunderlich made a motion to approve the request and waive fees, seconded by Supervisor Hopfensperger, motion carried.

A discussion took place regarding this year's upcoming holiday festivities. The annual holiday tree lighting is scheduled for November 30th in Daufen Park. A number of related activities will also take place at the Municipal Building on the same day. A request was made for \$500 to help cover costs for decorations, promotional materials, and possible food items. It was noted that this is the same annual amount typically set aside for the yearly Halloween party. The board discussed the possibility of establishing an annual budget item for the holiday celebration. This will be discussed at next month's Budget Work Meeting. Since the expenditure was not included in this year's budget, the \$500 was approved to be taken from the flower fund, as those funds were not needed this season due to a generous donation from a resident.

A discussion took place regarding the upcoming town newsletter. The cost of mailing the newsletter was a concern because the expense of postage is very high and not accounted for in this year's budget. In past years it was distributed during major elections, which allowed the town to reach a large number of residents while avoiding postage costs. Options were discussed, but no final decision was made.

The following dates and times were approved for the upcoming budget meetings. The Budget Work Meeting will be held October 13th at 7:30PM and the Annual Public Budget Hearing on November 10th at 6:00PM.

Fire Chief Degal reported fourteen calls for the month of August; six EMS calls, one car accident, one motorcycle accident, one mutual aid call for a barn fire in Hortonville, one truck/garage fire, two for trees on a power line, one smell of diesel fuel and one smoke detector alarm.

Seven building permits were issued in August; no new homes.

The planning commission did not meet in September.

Roads Report:

- There are still issues with the blacktop by the new town shop.
- The county completed paver patching on Shaky Lake road south of Hwy 96 and on parts of Cedar road.
- A bus driver complained about trees hanging too low over the road on Shaky Lake and School roads. A tree service will be contacted to take care of the issue.
- The first layer of Winchester Road was completed.
- The ditch mower broke and required repairs.

Parks:

- The trail and parking lot in Daufen Park were sealed.
- There are some dead ash trees in Daufen Park that need to be removed. The expense will be discussed at the upcoming budget work meeting.

A sincere thank you to Dewey Thiel and Emily Bauer for their incredible commitment watering the hanging basket flowers this summer! The baskets looked beautiful all season long and were enjoyed by everyone!

The Board addressed recent resident complaints regarding noise and traffic from a food truck that had been operating in Medina for the past few months. Although the truck has relocated to the parking lot of the recently closed Mexican restaurant, the discussion highlighted several ongoing concerns, specifically the need to regulate duration of parking, preventing sidewalk obstruction/hazards and the possibility of more food trucks operating within town limits in the future. It was agreed to draft an ordinance to regulate food trucks. This proposed ordinance will be discussed at a future meeting.

Chairperson Wunderlich made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting, seconded by Supervisor Hopfensperger, motion carried.

Chairperson Wunderlich made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, seconded by Supervisor Degal, motion carried.

Supervisor Degal made a motion to pay bills #21400 - 21435, seconded by Supervisor Hopfensperger, motion carried.

Chairperson Wunderlich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Degal, motion carried.

These minutes are unapproved and subject to final board approval.

Jenny Hunt, Clerk