

Town of Dexter
3730 Town Hall Road, Pittsville, WI 54466
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM

The May town board meeting of the Town of Dexter board was called to order at 6 PM by Craig DeCaluwe.

Roll call – Craig DeCaluwe, Jeff Oelke, Cary Anderson, Diana Schooley and Amanda Merritt

April Meeting Minutes: Minutes were posted on the town website, at the Town Hall and at Lakeside Oasis. Board members received an email copy. Craig made a motion to approve the minutes and Jeff seconded the motion. 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Amanda Merritt gave the treasurer report. The previous balance was \$179,649.07. Received \$19,062.81, Paid out \$7,255.33. New balance \$191,456.55. Cary made a motion to accept and Craig seconded the motion. 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Diana notified the board of Carrie Merk's death and the family's request to rent the town hall on July 8th. She requested a motion be made to forgo charging the family for the hall rental and to send flowers to the family from the town. Craig made a motion to approve and Cary seconded. Prepping is beginning for August primary elections. BOR was completed and the Statement of Assessment was completed, signed and sent to the county. They will forward the final paperwork to the state. Letter received from Wood County Planning & Zoning as a reminder to review Floodplain and Shoreland Zoning requirements.

Permits/Licenses: Jason Knott for a small shed, Phil Saeger for an outbuilding and T-Mobile for a telecommunications tower. The town fee is \$2500 to work on the telecommunications tower. Craig stated they showed us a state statute for a \$500 fee. Jeff will confirm with the WTA attorney on those fees.

Guest Speaker – Roland Hawk, Wood County Highway Commissioner: Roland gave a description of the different types of projects that qualify for the 50/50 programs at the county level. He discussed discretionary funds that get ranked by a committee for the state (minimum of \$100,000). The supplemental programs are below, and the county will help complete the applications for those.

TRID – 50/50, TRIS – 70/30, ARIP – Agricultural/forestry (minimum \$150,000) sources – very competitive and lengthy application. LSSIP - 6-20' Culverts that don't qualify for other state funding but are in serious and poor condition.

He also gave a description of the WISLR and how the county assists with that report every year. They can also assist with traffic patterns on roads if the town ever needs to complete a grant application and needs additional information.

Emergency Management – 2 Disaster Damage Aids Petitions have been submitted to the state through EM. One was for the snowstorm in March (Wood County Plow Costs) and the other was for the Meadowlark Ln Culvert Repair (Wood County Highway) from the 4/17/26 from torrential rains.

Planning & Zoning Commission Updates: Steve Montag gave an update on their meeting on 5/16/26. State statute requires the town to review each situation separately. AI Datacenter moratoriums would cost the town a lot of money. Anything over 100 MGW would be superseded by the PSC. Our zoning ordinance has a 35' tower restriction and the area would need to have proper zoning and water/sewer (which the town doesn't offer). The Comprehensive Plan currently states that we have two separate zoning committees. The board agreed that we should have one committee representing the planning and zoning.

Third Reading – Code of Conduct Policy: Craig made a motion to accept, and Cary seconded the motion. 2 ayes. 1 nays. Motion carried.

DexterWood Road Culvert Bids Discussion: The board decided to wait on replacing this culvert until we get answers back from LSSIP.

Roads Update: Road inspection was completed on April 30th. The 50/50 Bridge Aid from the county will be signed by the board so it can be submitted on time. Struck and Paving will be completing the Park Rd paving. Nothing is planned for chip sealing or seal coating. Grading and gravel potentially on Park Road. The board agreed to have the county do both the WISLR and PASER for us again next year. Road bonds will be discussed at a later date.

Announcements & Correspondence: The Wisconsin Energy Cooperative, WTA May Meeting Minutes and Nationwide OBRA Statement.

Pay Bills: Bills were reviewed and read by the clerk. Cary made a motion to pay all bills. Craig seconded the motion. 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Pat Stanislawski made public comments about the Planning and Zoning Meeting.

June Meeting Scheduled Date: The June town board meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at 6:00PM at the Dexter Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Craig and seconded by Cary. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Diana Schooley, Clerk