

TOWN OF PALMYRA
TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Palmyra Town Hall, W1125 Highway 106
PALMYRA WI 53156
DRAFT MINUTES AWAITING BOARD APPROVAL

The regular meeting of the Town Board for the Town of Palmyra was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Town Chair Josh Gajewski. MEMBERS PRESENT: Josh Gajewski, Bill Lean, Mark Montgomery. MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law. Clerk Smith confirmed that the meeting had been posted in compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law requirements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. It was moved by Montgomery and seconded by Lean to approve the Town Board minutes of 6/8/26. AYES: Montgomery, Gajewski, Lean. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES. It was moved by Lean and seconded by Montgomery to approve payment of invoices as presented. AYES: Montgomery, Gajewski, Lean. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

CORRESPONDENCE. Clerk Smith reported that a certified letter had been received from Jefferson County, asking for Township input on a potential ordinance relating to data centers.

STAFF REPORTS. **Treasurer's Report** – Checking account balance (6/30/26) - \$274,717.94 ; Tax account - \$126,278.89; LGIP - \$94,325.87 and Airport balance - \$57,037.10. **Clerk's Report** – Absentee ballots have been mailed out for the August election. Ballot return is slow for the partisan primary. **Highway** – Bob of Northwest Services was present and indicated that the first round of mowing was completed. Little Prairie and Tamarack Roads have had shoulder repairs. Guardrails were started on Young Road, but after beginning the project, it was discovered that the dirt is about 8-10" deep, and a device had to be fabricated to continue the job. Bob said the timbers are in poor condition. Bob also reported that pipe has been on order for Lowland repairs. Highway H from the County line to LaGrange is closed. **Fire Dept.** – The closure of Marsh Road is requiring rerouting , resulting in a 6-7 minute response time. **Airport** – Board appointee Bill Lean said he's attended his first Airport Commission meeting, and is pleased with the manner in which Airport matters are being handled. **Blue Spring Lake** held a Board meeting, which Bill Lean was not able to attend as the meeting was held during daytime hours. **Building Inspector** – data not yet received from Wisconsin Inspection Agency. **Emergency Management** – A webinar is scheduled for Wednesday relating to recent storm damage resulting from the April storms.

DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM - Jefferson County has reached out to municipalities, informing them that they plan to create a moratorium prohibiting data centers for an eighteen month period, while the County solicits citizen input and possibly prepare an ordinance prohibiting such development. It was moved by Gajewski and seconded by Montgomery to support the moratorium and drafting of an ordinance Motion carried unanimously.

BEVERAGE OPERATOR'S LICENSES. Applications for issuance of Beverage Operator's licenses (bartender's licenses) were received from the following individuals: Moved by Lean and seconded by Montgomery to approve licenses for the individuals listed above, as requested.. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOWN BOARD MEMBERS. Montgomery had asked for discussion of this subject since there are two new Board members, and there is a need to establish some different roles and responsibilities. Montgomery asked that the website be updated to list specific assigned roles under Board members' names. Chairman Gajewski stated that for the time being, Bill Lean is the Blue Spring Lake representative; the Building permit contact; and the Airport Commission representative. Gajewski serves as the Highway Committee contact and the Emergency contact. Montgomery did not realize that someone had been put in charge of building permit matters, and he would have liked to throw his name in the hat for that had he known. Mark Montgomery expressed an interest in assuming anything related to zoning and building permits. Montgomery believes procedures need to be reviewed. Supervisor Lean said he would happily give the responsibility to Montgomery, since Mark is interested. Montgomery would like to promote better documentation and records; and not just notification that a permit was issued. Mark would like a digital set of records that the Board can look back on and see if there are/were any special requirements, such as storm water control. Supervisor Lean asked whether the Town generally goes with what the County has issued. Montgomery responded that the Board needs to be "in the know" of what happens. Montgomery referred to a current local issue. Mark contacted the zoning office, to find out that they do not maintain drawings or documentation. Montgomery explained that he is familiar with the process, and believes he can help to make the process better for the residents. Montgomery is also intending to take care of burning permits. Chairman Gajewski indicated he will provide Montgomery with contact names. Montgomery also volunteered to serve as backup for other matters, such as downed trees.

SOLAR FARM UPDATE. The Poulson property solar farm development is delayed due to weather.

POZORSKI REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR 7200 SQUARE FOOT, 38' HIGH, EXTENSIVE ONSITE STORAGE STRUCTURE AT N1571 COUNTY ROAD H. (tax parcel 024-0516-1324-004). Mr. Pozorski explained that they have contracted to build an outbuilding to store various trailers and equipment. Pozorski said that his family has inherited a great deal of woodworking equipment from his Father, and Pozorski is in need of a better place to use it. All storage items are owned by the Pozorskis, with the exception of two trailers they store for the Boy Scouts. Pozorski indicated that they will raze the existing building once the new one is completed. The building to be razed has some construction issues, and he said it was not worth fixing a "Billy Smith" project, so they decided to raze the building instead. Pozorski confirmed that the new building will not increase traffic. There will be 38,000 square feet of disturbed space. All required paperwork has been submitted to the County by the builder. It was moved by Lean and seconded by Gajewski to recommend that the County approve the request. It was then moved by Gajewski and seconded by Montgomery to add that the former building be razed within twelve months. Both the amendment and the motion carried unanimously.

PURPLE AIR MONITOR UPDATE. Supervisor Montgomery reported that Jefferson County Department of Health has provided four different air monitors for placement around the County. One was earmarked to be near the compost site (chickens) located off of Zion Road. That air monitor is up and running and people can use a QR code (available on county website) to check air quality. Montgomery said the Town will have copies of the QR code available. The monitor is located very close to the compost site, and requires continual electricity and internet service.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Montgomery and seconded by Lean to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, Clerk