

Town of St. Joseph - St. Croix County, WI
Minutes for the Joint Meeting of the Public Works Committee and Town Board
St. Joseph Town Hall
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025 – 6:00PM

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CALL TO ORDER *By chair Carlson at 6:04pm.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

ROLL CALL *Members Carlson, Marshall, Simpson, Weber, and Zahler were present. No alternates were present.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA *Motion to adopt the agenda (Zahler/Weber) passed.*

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – 9/02/2025 *Motion to adopt the minutes of the Sept. 2, 2025 meeting (Weber/Zahler) passed, with the following correction supplied by Lee Mann: In item 1.2, change “.5 mile” to “985 feet” for crack sealing overage distance.*

PUBLIC COMMENT – Opportunity for comments on subjects not on the agenda when recognized by the presiding officer. *None.*

Business:

- 1 2025 Road Projects:
 - 1.1 144th Ave. remaining work for completion in 2025. Any updates or issues.
This project is completed and will be removed from future agendas.
 - 1.2 2025 Road project discussion, including crack patching and seal coating. *The additional roads discussed at the Sept. meeting were approved by the Town board. The pay request that was presented to the Town Board included the deduction of \$1110.20 for the crack sealing overage on 140th Ave.*
- 2 2026 Road Projects:
 - 2.1 Discuss crack sealing and seal coating of the roads that were resurfaced during the 2020 road project. *There was an ordinance created to require developers to escrow money to crack patch and seal coat new roads after 3 years; Jeff thought we should be doing this on roads that the town rebuilds also. The committee agreed to check new and refurbished roads after 3 years for need. Lee said that PACER readings are being taken this week, looking for cracking. We also need traffic studies on these roads. This will be kept on the agenda for the Nov. meeting.*
- 3 Other Road projects:
- 4 Damages to roads: *The clerk's office received a letter from the school bus company regarding a bump in the road near 634 River Road that is causing them issues. This was passed on to Lee for his people to check while doing PACER work this week.*
- 5 Traffic studies.
 - 5.1 Discuss speed issues on 150th Ave. at east end of the Town. *The traffic studies showed most people are traveling 45-49mph at 858 150th Ave. It also showed a significant amount of traffic over that average. Considering the amount of pedestrian traffic on that road going to the lake, a motion was made (Zahler/Weber) to the Town Board to put up 45mph signs at 4 points along the straight stretch of 150th Ave. (2 eastbound, 2 westbound), and sharing the cost with the Town of Somerset. Les Weber will mark the locations. The motion passed*
- 6 Signage - any signage issues.

- 6.1 Status of new street and speed limit signs. *Chris will check on the order. The committee also discussed "No Outlet" signs, and the possibility of using yellow "No Outlet" signs that go on top of current street signs in order to save costs and make mowing more convenient. Mark will return next month with photos and information.*
- 7 General maintenance:
 - 7.1 Completion of work orders. *Ok.*
 - 7.2 Tractor and equipment maintenance.
 - 7.2.1 *The Case tractor is still at the dealer for repair.*
 - 7.2.2 *A representative from Northland lawn and sport was on hand to bring us a quote on a new John Deere tractor. We would receive \$90k trade-in value for the current Case tractor and mower. Total outlay, including trade-in would be \$194,990.21. This tractor is built by John Deere for a boom mower. If ordered now, delivery would be in fall 2026. Northland will also look for used equipment. This price is through the Sourcewell buying group. Also note that Kubota can't get any tractors into the US right now due to tariffs.*
 - 7.3 Maintenance issues not addressed above.
- 8 Seasonal maintenance:
 - 8.1 Summer:
 - 8.1.1 Pothole repair.
 - 8.1.2 Shoulder repair.
 - 8.1.3 Gravel road maintenance.
 - 8.1.4 Tractor mowing.
 - 8.1.5 Weed removal/spraying.
 - 8.1.6 Tree maintenance and removal. *A large oak tree on East Oaks trail was removed.*
- 9 2026 budget review. *The committee went through the 2026 budget categories, setting a total budget request to the town of \$674,100 (not including the replacement tractor).*
- 10 Review of bills and expenditures for previous month(s).
- 11 2025 expenses to date vs. budget.

Follow-up:

- Items for Town Board Agenda *Item 5.1 (speed limits)*
- Items for next Public Works Committee Agenda *Items 1-8, 10-11. Add winter seasonal maintenance, tractor replacement,*
- Date for the next Public Works Committee meeting. *November 4 at 6pm.*
- Adjournment *A motion to adjourn (Marshall/Weber) was made and passed at 7:42pm.*

Meeting notice posted as follows: Posted as required by Clerk/Treasurer Town of St. Joseph- [1337 County Road V- Hudson, WI 54016](#) Office #: 715-549-6235, Fax #: 715-549-6249 Email- clerk@townofstjoseph.com, Website: www.townofstjoseph.com

Members of the Town Board or other Town Committees may attend for informational purposes. No votes or other action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.