

MINUTES of the JOINT MEETING
of the PLAN COMMISSION and TOWN BOARD

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

St. Joseph Town Hall / Online

Call to Order by Chair Anton Rang at 6:32 pm

Statement of Public Notice read by Chair Anton Rang

Roll Call & Quorum: Chair Anton Rang, Chris Matter, Erik Lorenz, Carol Loncar, Craig Sykora, Rick Caruso, Town Chair Theresa Johnson; Online: Joanne Kocik, Justin Kruse

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Adoption of Agenda: **MOTION** to adopt the agenda (Loncar/Caruso). **Motion carried.**

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: **MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes from December (Lorenz/Matter). **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Town Chair Theresa Johnson introduced the new Engineering Firm, Bolton & Menk, Andrew Olson and TJ Hofer, and the projects they will begin working on for the Town.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or ACTIONS BY COMMISSION

1. Discussion of ordinance to enforce restrictions when using town property for hunting: Town Chair Theresa Johnson discussed the recent issue at the Preserve with an illegal tree stand and trees that were cut down. Discussion followed. Anton Rang will do further review and research on this proposed ordinance. Craig Sykora will confirm with the County Sheriff's Office regarding enforcement with/without an ordinance. Anton will contact County Parks for more information.
2. Discussion of potential CAFO operations ordinance & moratorium: Town Chair Theresa Johnson stated she has received many phone calls from concerned farmers regarding this ordinance affecting their business and they want to make sure this only targets large-scale feeding operations. Discussion followed. Reviewed the updated draft ordinance and discussed proposed changes. A subcommittee will be developed to assist in the drafting and review of this proposed ordinance. The Clerk will format the existing draft ordinance.
3. Standing items: Review of budget; updates from county; update on complaints: Reviewed budget and reports; discussed the upcoming Board meeting where County Community Development, Jason Kjeseth will be present to discuss the proposed bike trails and Eckert Blufflands, and the new checklist for subdivisions; discussed the new Engineers and projects they will be working on; discussed the status of the current junk yard and the ongoing issue of tires being dumped in the Town.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO TOWN BOARD: Subcommittee for the proposed CAFO Ordinance.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Comp Plan-Engineer

ITEMS FOR TOWN BOARD AGENDA: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:50 pm (Loncar/Lorenz). **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Teri Kelly.