

Town of St. Joseph - St. Croix County, WI
Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting
St. Joseph Town Hall
February 19, 2026

Call to Order by Chair Theresa Johnson at 5:00 pm

Statement of Public Notice read by Clerk

Roll Call: Chair Theresa Johnson, Dan Gavin, Chris Marshall, Richard Hailey, Justin Kruse.

Adoption of Agenda: **MOTION** to adopt the agenda as presented (Marshall/Gavin). **Motion carried.**

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Business discussion and possible action on:

1. Presentation by Ehlers regarding refinancing of building loan: Brian Reilly, Ehlers, was present to discuss options for refinancing. Discussion followed.
 - a. Decision to refinance or wait: **MOTION** to approve starting the process to refinance the 2023 loan on this building through a securities issue with Ehlers and Associates and they will bring us updates as needed (Johnson/Kruse). Roll Call: Theresa Johnson-Aye, Justin Kruse-Aye, Richard Hailey-Nay, Chris Marshall-Aye, Dan Gavin-Aye. **Motion carried 4-1.**
2. Meet with Fire Chief regarding future needs and wants for the Fire Department and planning for such: Zac Spates was present to discuss the Fire Department's future wants and needs.
 - a. Discussed potential move to a 501(c)(3). **MOTION** that the Fire Department goes forward with our attorney and develops a 501(c)(3) Rules and Regulations (Marshall/Kruse). **AMEND MOTION** that the Fire Department understands that they will use their fees for the attorney costs (Marshall/Kruse). **Motion carried.**
 - b. Discussed snow plowing on the contract. An addendum will be created to the Tuma contract to include plowing for the Fire Department. Discussed snow blowing in front of the garage doors.
 - c. Discussed the possibility of a new drinking water fountain in the Fire Department.
 - d. Discussed painting the doors on the building. Zac has a quote and will bring it to the March Town Board meeting.
 - e. Discussed increasing the Fire Department authority in Resolution 2025-08 to \$10,000.
 - f. Discussed painting the pergola by the front door. Zac will contact BuildWorx.
 - g. Discussed adding wall lights to the building.
 - h. Discussed purchasing a new treadmill from the budget. Zac will submit the invoice to the Clerk's office for payment.
 - i. Discussed power washing the Fire Hall. Will obtain a quote for this project.
 - j. Discussed a future want: putting rock behind the Fire Hall.
 - k. Discussed security cameras at the Fire Hall.
 - l. Discussed budgeting for food at the monthly meetings. Zac will bring this to the budget meetings.
 - m. Discussed the trash receptacles and their future location.
 - n. Discussed a pay schedule for the Fire Chief.
 - o. Next meeting with Fire Chief potentially in June.
3. Adjournment: **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:32 pm (Marshall/Kruse). **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Teri Kelly.