

January 13, 2026

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chairman Darrel Lind at 6 p.m. Pledge to the flag and open in prayer. Roll call: Gary Siebert, Dean Johnson, Darrel Lind, Myrna Holmquist, treasurer, and JaNelle Nelson, clerk present. Notices verified posted.

Public attendance: none.

Motion by Gary and seconded by Dean to approve the December 9, 2025 meeting minutes as read, carried.

Financial report: as of January 13, 2026 there is a bank balance of \$747,149.31. Motion by Gary and seconded by Darrel to accept the financial report as presented, carried.

Recycling update: \$610.00 was turned in for trash collections.

Public input: Gary brought up about the Town possibly purchasing a brush cutter in the future. WTA district meetings were discussed and where we would be attending. It was decided that three of us would attend Marshfield. One member would let us know if that would work and another will register on the day of if they will be attending one of the meetings. Gary asked about our comprehensive plan for the Town. It was discussed and the clerk did find a land use meeting that a decision had been made in 2009. Put on next months agenda. Clerk mentioned that from the fire inspection done the emergency basement light is broken. Janitor mentioned to the clerk that the sink in upstairs bathroom is pulling away from the wall.

Road report: Jody has been putting a sand/salt mix on the roads.

Ambulance update: Darrel called Price County to confirm that Prentice Ambulance is now being dispatched to the southern end of the Town that Aspirus ambulance had been covering previously. Gary attended the ambulance meeting on January 7th. They just have enough EMT's to keep the schedule covered. There is a possibility of EMT's transferring from Rib Lake to Prentice. The sheriff recommends that the ambulance personnel have bullet proof vests. If the sheriff calls them to be on stand-by, that indicates that there is an active shooter. The ambulance association is researching different options for vests. The new ambulance is having some warranty work done around the door seal. The old ambulance was sold outright. Next meeting is April 1, 2026.

Driveway Permits: After discussion it was decided that the Town wouldn't be charging for a permit. The County charges \$50 for the fire number sign.

Election emergency plan and generator: The board decided to check into getting a hook-up for a generator for the town hall and share the shop generator. Motion by Gary to get a quote on

getting a hook-up for the town hall for a generator for emergencies from Thunderhill Electric, Dean seconded, carried.

Designation of a CD for siding for town hall: Motion by Gary and seconded by Darrel to designate CD 230 for the town hall siding and have the treasurer add to the CD money from the general fund to bring it to a total of \$8000 in February when the CD comes due, carried.

Internet: No modem has been sent yet from Brightspeed. Clerk will check on it.

Nothing to update on hall porch and ramp.

Motion by Dean and seconded by Darrel to enact Wake Surf Ordinance 2026-1 for Spirit Lake, carried.

.gov email: Motion by Gary and seconded by Dean to get a .gov email for the town, but if not necessary, not for individual board members, carried.

County unit WTA meeting on January 14: Leaving the hall at 5:45.

Changing the town meeting date for February: Motion by Darrel and seconded by Dean to have the February meeting on the Wednesday the 18th, carried.

Future agenda items: generator hook-up, Wake Surf ordinance update, comprehensive plan.

Correspondence: none.

Motion by Gary and seconded by Dean to pay claims presented plus 8 extras: Jody-2, Settlement checks-4, Rural Mutual, and WTA district meeting, carried.

Motion by Dean and seconded by Gary to adjourn at 8:03 p.m., carried.

JaNelle Nelson, Clerk

Town of Spirit