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**TOWN OF FLAMBEAU**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2026**  
**Town Hall – N11195 Town Hall Road, Phillips WI 54555**

Board Members Present: Chairman Joe Baratka, Supervisor Pam Goebel, and Supervisor Danielle Grigsby. Also present, Clerk/Treasurer Marlene Campy and 15 visitors.

Call to Order: Chairman Joe called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:** Was recited during the meeting

**2. Approval of Minutes (emailed to board):**

- . December 12, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Danielle to accept the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam, motion carried.

**3. December Treasurer’s Report:**

Month	Local Gov't Invest Pool	Equip Replacement Fund (5248)	Bridge Repair Funds (1685)	Bridge Repair Fund CD (6969)	Tax Account	Clerk and Treasurer Reconciled	Total of all funds
December	\$2,671.87	\$12,210.80	\$7,229.47	\$10,261.72	\$144,647.70	Yes	\$359,057.89

<b>December Beginning Bank Balance</b>	\$209,871.08
Prior Months Cleared Checks	-\$2,085.01
Total Deposits (+)	\$1,227.64
Total Expenses (-)	-\$27,127.38
Available Balance	\$181,886.33
December Uncleared Checks (+)	\$150.00
<b>December Ending Bank Balance</b>	<u>\$182,036.33</u>

Pam motioned to accept the December Treasurer's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion carried.

**4. Public Comment / Communications:**

- . Danielle said there had been an issue with the dumpsters being full due to the snowstorm, the holiday, and small dumpsters, but had been taken care of Rob calling GFL to get them emptied.
- . Marlene asked who would like to be signed up for the BOR virtual meeting
- . Joe received a complaint on 12/11/25 from Dave S. stating he was being harassed by Rob and not getting sanded in front of his driveway and that he was also being harassed by Joe for stating that he (Dave) was breaking State Stat. 346.94 (5) (7). Joe investigated the issues, found that there was no cause for complaint/harassment charges and let Dave know that the matter was closed and if he had any further concerns, he could contact one of the other supervisors. Dave has not contacted any of the other supervisors.
- . Joe received an email from Judy H. expressing concern about the snowmobile crossing sign at the new crossing and asking for a yield sign instead of a stop sign on the corner of Deer Creek Rd & Short

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Cut Rd. Joe investigated the yield sign with Rob, but there is nothing warranting the change.

Joe received a call on 1/01/2026 from Deputy Peterson regarding a complaint that was filed with him per Flambeau Sports not following their liquor license. Joe forwarded the letter the Town's attorney had given to the Town to Deputy Peterson. Joe let Deputy Peterson know that he was not aware of any violations at this time.

5. **Presentation – Headwaters Rivers Forest Project (owned by Aurora Sustainable Lands):** Matt gave an informational presentation about 2019 acres in our Town that would be affected by Aurora Sustainable Lands selling certain rights to the State of Wisconsin (development rights, recreation rights, and sustainable timber rights). These rights would have a value to them and then would be held forever by the State. No approval is needed; Matt was here to hear concerns and looking for support while moving forward. Joe mentioned his concern about not receiving tax funds to help pay for the services the Town needs. Joe has Matt's email if anyone is interested in discussing this more.
6. **“Class B” Liquor License Quota Compliance Per State Statutes:** Joe discussed that he does not take for granted that previous boards have done their research for decisions made. As time allows, Joe has been looking into items that need looking into and the liquor license quota was the next on his list to verify that the Town followed State law for the 5<sup>th</sup> “Class B” liquor license given new in 2024 and renewed in 2025. After meeting with the Town's attorney, it was stated that in the lawyer's opinion the Town was not compliant. The lawyer drafted a letter that was given to the Board members and in person to co-owner Mr. Trigg on December 19, 2025. The letter explained the options for the Town along with Flambeau Sports options. Flambeau Sports submitted an open request for records along with an in-person review of the documents. Joe stated that the minutes showed that from 1985 to 1997 (the year the quota took effect) there were four “Class B” liquor licenses issued – Boyd's Resort, 9-Mile, South Fork, and what is now Crane Chase. There was one “Class A” issued in the same time frame to Kelly's Flambeau Sports. The liquor part of Flambeau Sports license is null and void as described in case law by the Town's attorney. The “Class B” beer license is still in effect for Flambeau Sports, as there is no quota for this license. Being that Flambeau Sports has not requested to obtain a “Class A” license or change their “Class B” beer license, the “Class B” beer license remains in effect. Joe opened the floor up to Brett and Rebekah Trigg. Rebekah asked again what years Joe spoke of earlier, and Joe stated 1985 to 1997 minus two years that nothing was mentioned of liquor licenses. But in that time frame there were four “Class B” liquor licenses and Flambeau Sports applied for “Class A” licenses. The one document that was unable to be found after looking for it was the 1997 quota worksheet which Joe had hoped the previous Board would have checked before issuing the fifth license. Also not found, is the 1930's records book, while all the other records books are accounted for. On occasion things go missing from Towns, but every one of the minutes from 1985 to 1997, minus two years, specifically listed what Joe stated above. The Trigg's did not have any other information to present at this time with Brett stating it was a work in progress. The Town is not rescinding or denying any license. Case law in the State of Wisconsin made the liquor part of the license null and void. Not hearing anything from the Triggs, Joe entertained a motion to issue a “Class B” beer only license for Flambeau Sports to post at their facility and refund the portion of the “Class B” liquor license for 2024 & 2025 which came to \$260. Pam excused herself from voting. **Danielle made the motion to issue a “Class B” beer only license to Flambeau Sports and to refund \$260 for the “Class B” liquor portion that had previously been paid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe, motion carried.** After the vote Joe mentioned that the Town does not have a reserve license to give but was waiting on the Trigg's to see if they wanted Joe to reach out to any other municipalities to see if they had the availability to give a reserve license to the Town. Brett requested to have Joe look further into this so he could explore all their options. Rebekah also had a question for Marlene asking if she had been able to get any records from the Department of Revenue. Marlene explained from the email from the Department of Revenue that the records they were asking for did not go back that far in the department's records and that it would have been with the clerks to keep these files. In organizing and searching, Marlene was unable to find any additional records on liquor licenses at this time.
7. **Review Liquor License checklist form & set fees:** Fees for licenses remain as is but publication fees to be updated to \$9 if filed by due date and \$16 if filed after due date. Pam excused herself from this motion. Joe made a motion to keep the license fees the same and the publication fees moved to \$9 if filing by due date and \$16 if filing after due date, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion carried.
8. **Provide Sand Access for Town Residents:** Joe received quite a few phone calls after the last ice storm about getting sand from the Town. The Town can do this if we are not giving it away and are doing it in a safe

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manner. To keep people safe and not going near the garage or into the salt shed, an IBC tote will be set up at the Recycle Center for residents to purchase a 5-gallon bucket for \$1. Town crew will fill the tote, and Brian will take the money on dump days. If a Town resident wants their driveway to be sanded with Town equipment, it would be a \$75 charge plus the cost of materials and that would be something they would call Joe about. Pam motioned to keep sand in a container at the Recycle Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion carried.

**9. Road Crew Report – Month of December:** Rob gave an update on plowing and sanding. Hauling sand/salt from the Lepke pit. Brushing and cutting trees.

**10. Signing of Checks and Approval of Expenditures (December invoices/bills):** Pam motioned to approve the December expenditures, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion carried.

**11. Next Regular Meeting date and time:** Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 6 pm at the Town Hall.

**12. Adjourn Meeting:** Danielle motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marlene Campy

Town Clerk / Treasurer