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**TOWN OF FLAMBEAU**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 5, 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 6 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):**
  - . January 8, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Pam to accept the minutes with corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion carried.
3. **January 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
January	\$2,680.27	\$12,211.84	\$7,230.08	\$10,287.59	\$544,446.03	Yes	\$763,238.81

<b>January Beginning Bank Balance</b>	\$182,036.33
Prior Months Cleared Checks (minus)	-\$150.00
Total Deposits (+)	\$45,650.59
Total Expenses (-)	-\$41,784.76
Available Balance	\$185,752.16
Jan. Uncleared Checks (+)	\$630.84
<b>January Ending Bank Balance</b>	<u>\$186,383.00</u>

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

4. **Public Comment / Communications:**

Marlene gave information on updating the Town’s computer with pricing. Will verify budget line items before deciding on this.

Pam attended the Fifield Fire Department meeting the previous evening. Stated they were very appreciative that we would start being part of them, stating that it had been 20 years since anyone from the Town of Flambeau talked to them. They will be having a cornhole fundraiser on March 7 with basket raffles from 11 am until 6 pm. Donations for baskets would be appreciated.

Joe gave an update on the Class B liquor license. There may be a reserve Class B liquor license in Price County, however, that has not been confirmed and per the town’s attorney there would be steps that would have to be taken. Joe stopped and talked with Brett Trigg on January 23, 2026, to ask if he wanted to continue with the Class B reserve liquor license. Mr. Trigg stated he did not want to request a Class B reserve liquor license at this time as he had other things in the works. Joe let Mr. Trigg know that based on that, he would no longer spend any more time on this matter and that Mr. Trigg could

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request a change at the liquor renewal time.

Joe updated on the snowmobile sign request on Short Cut Road that was brought up at the last meeting. He investigated the location and drove some County roads and found no signs for any crossings. Joe's assessment was that he did not feel this location warranted a crossing sign and will email his findings to the resident that requested a possible crossing sign.

Bob Bay, a logger, contacted Joe about a logging job he is doing about ½ mile from Hwy 13 on Rock Creek Road. He had some special requests that Joe and Rob will go and check out and update at the next meeting.

Joe discussed a subdivision ordinance that had been brought up last October / November and is working with the Town attorney and hopes to have something for the board in April.

5. **Beaver Control Trapping:** Looking to have an actual contract with checks and balances with someone and giving the opportunity to all that would be interested. Will reach out to previous people who have done this for the Town in the past along with also looking into APHIS Wildlife Services to see what their costs would be. Will be put on next month's agenda.
6. **Record Retention Adoption:** Marlene explained what this entails and the steps that needed to be taken to adopt this. Pam made a motion to move forward with adopting a Record Retention Policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion carried.
7. **Gravel Pit Renewal:** Joe talked about Samuel's pit, what was known, what is unknown, should the pit be renewed for another year, and should Joe be authorized to talk to the current owner to work on developing an agreement on how the Town wants the pit run as the permit holder. Pam made a motion to renew the gravel pit and to also have Joe negotiate an agreement with the current owner regarding use, control, and reclamation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion carried.
8. **2024 Audit Additional Fees:** Marlene explained the additional fees needed to finish the 2024 audit. CLA had stated that it was in the review stages and were digging deeper into the tax variations that had happened in 2024. When doing that, CLA found that there were numerous duplicate entries into the Marge program that would need to be fixed to bring the account back into balance. It will cost the Town another \$4,000 to finish the audit due to this. Danielle motioned to approve the \$4,000 additional fee to finish the 2024 to CLA, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam, motion carried.
9. **2025 Audit Contract:** Marlene gave an update of costs for auditors for the 2025 audit – CLA with a quote remaining the same as last year at \$11,275 and a quote from a new firm, Clearfield Auditing, that had taken over Eagle Audit in September of 2025 for a 5-year contract starting at \$6,000 for 2025 and moving up to \$7,600 for 2029. Joe suggested one more year with CLA to make sure everything was correct and straightened out and request bids again next year and to see how things went with the new company with the other townships. Pam made a motion to contract with CLA for the 2025 audit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion carried.
10. **Water Testing 2026 Quote Approval:** Joe went over the water testing quotes which only Northern Lake Service Inc responded – one quote being \$1,547.88 no VOC (benzene) and the other \$2,844.06 w/VOC (benzene). He explained the difference and that it was not required to test with VOC. Danielle motioned to go with the \$1547.88 quote with no VOC from NLS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam, motion carried with Pam to head up scheduling the testing.
11. **"3<sup>rd</sup> Street" Cleanup:** Joe had a request from South Fork to do some clean up on "3<sup>rd</sup> Street" behind their business. Pam then explained that she was requesting to just clean up brush and broken trees to make it look more like a park. Joe stated he did not see a problem with this as long as safety protocols were met. South Fork owns both sides of "3<sup>rd</sup> Street", so there is no issue with another landowner. Marlene read part of the 2025 Wisconsin Act 71 signed by Governor Evers relating to Wisconsin State Statute 82.19 (2)(a) that was amended. Danielle made a motion to allow South Fork to clean up "3<sup>rd</sup> Street" as described, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe, motion carried.
12. **Road Crew Report – Month of January:** Rob gave an update on plowing, sanding, and some brushing. He then gave an update of repairs that needed to be done on the 2006 dump truck due to a pin busting. After Big

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River Repair looked at the truck, additional items were found that would also need to be repaired.

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

**14. Next Regular Meeting date and time:** Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6 pm at the Town Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marlene Campy

Town Clerk / Treasurer