

TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING November 11, 2025

Board Present Don Fruit, Chair; Bob Miller & John McGowan Supervisors

STAFF PRESENT Clerk Kristin Radde, Treasurer Meri McKinney

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Don Fruit called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted on the website and at the Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Bob for a consensus approval of last month's meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and vouchers, seconded by John; minutes, treasurer's reports, and vouchers approved.

Marcus Schmitz is requesting rezoning to light industrial for business condos. He mentions he approached the board 3 years ago, and the board wanted him to find a partner/buyer before they were able to make a decision. He has an agreement with a buyer for the first 3 acres. He has been working for 3 years on his plans. He was then told to go before the comprehensive plan with his request. He reviewed the current comprehensive plan section 2.6. Ann Schlimgen – chair of the planning committee - brings concerns on the roads in the area, driveway vs roads, and traffic in the area. Ken reviews county definition of light industrial vs commercial. Discussion was had on whether his plans could still fall under commercial rezoning, and whether either zoning changes fall within the plans for current and future comprehensive plans. John makes a motion to table the request for rezoning. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Octagon Farms – Don showed the preliminary plat of Octagon Farms Estates. Don recommended adding green space to align with recommendation of the subdivision code for the Town of Barre.

Bostwick Garage addition. The board gave approval at the August 2025 board meeting to Jessica Holdwich and John Szeklinski to widen a driveway and to build a garage as long it followed the county setback requirements and Mobile Home park requirements. The county set the requirement that it be even with the mobile home. The resident put the garage only 10 feet off the road. The county discovered none of the mobile homes in the park meet the county setback requirements since this is a town road. The county suggested the township can request to vacate the road. The board will continue to gather details on vacating the road.

Review quotes on purchase of wood chipper. Woodland Mills 8 inch \$4300. John makes a motion to approve the Woodland Mills wood chipper. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Update on W. Miller Road – Don received a call from Matt Miller – he plans to be there Thursday November 13th afternoon to start the culvert project and hopes to finish on Friday

November 14th. He will bring out signs for road closure. He plans to work on Wolter Road on the week of the 24th.

Creating Road Maintenance and Construction Plan – Don shared his 3-5 year improvement plan that is needed for the grant applications for W. Miller and Drectrah Road improvement projects. John motions to adopt the capital improvement plan to submit for grant applications. Bob seconds. Motion carries.

High Viz clothes allowance for patrolman. John makes a motion to allow \$250 for road safety High Viz clothing. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Town Hall carpet cleaning was completed on 10/17/25 included clerks office as Don was at the town hall during cleaning.

Park shelter shut down was completed on 10/24/25. Don is working on a document with instructions for closing.

Don saw kids pulling a couch behind a truck with 3 kids riding on the couch. The couch was then left on Russlan Coulee Road.

Kathy requests the adoption of the planning commission agenda for December.

The local WTA La Crosse and The County town road improvement committee combined meeting was held on October 27th in Shelby. Don was nominated and is one of 5 people on the committee.

John motioned to adjourn, Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Radde Clerk – Town of Barre