

## **TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING    March 10, 2026**

**Board Present**        Don Fruit, Chair; Bob Miller Supervisor

**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 Don; minutes, treasurer's reports, and vouchers approved.

Meri provided information on 3 CDs up for renewal. \$34,285.37 at First National due 3/20/26, \$28,376.46 and \$34,051.73 both at River Bank due 4/13/26. All would renew at 3.5% as of 3/9/26 for 36 months. Don mentions having a 12 month renewal at 3.6% to have the option to use those next year for road projects. Don makes a motion to renew all 3 CDs at a 12 month term. Bob seconds. Motion carries.

Mitch Muller is requesting a driveway at Twin Creeks Rd parcel number 02-00666-000. Don makes a motion to approve the permit request. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Jacob Luehmann is requesting a driveway permit at Fox Hollow Drive parcel number 002-00355-02. Bob makes a motion to approve the permit request. Don seconds. Motion passed.

Matt Batzel from the Barre Lions Club is proposing a music event at the Barre Park summer 2026. They are hoping to have 3 Tuesdays monthly during the summer to have a band, food trucks, and family friendly events. They are asking the Town to waive the rental fee for the park. The Lions club would plan to clean up the park at the end, and have the event end by 8 pm. Meri confirms the proposed dates are available. Bob makes a motion to allow the Barre Lions club to hold their events on tentative dates of June 16, July 21 and August 18 at the Barre Park with no charge. Don seconds. Motion passed.

Horstmann Homestead is requesting a liquor license as a certified Qualifying Event Venue. Don makes a motion to approve the license request. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Jack Zabrowski from Mississippi River Region Planning Commission reviewed the hazard mitigation plan for La Crosse County. Don will review the document and make recommended updates then bring it to the board next month for approval.

Don moves to approve Ordinance 26-01 Town of Barre Plan Commission Ordinance. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Road Report – Don Reports Road Ban Signs put up on 2/26/26.

LRIP Grant Update – Don is hopeful a project in Barre may be awarded grant money. Grant award announcements are expected soon.

LSSIP Grants – One culvert on Russlan Coulee Road may qualify for the grant. Jewell is offering assistance to apply for this grant. The funding for this grant is 90%. Applications due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob makes a motion to hire Jewell to assist in the grant application. Don seconds. Motion passed.

Gary mentions Tree Barber is offering to assist with removal of cottonwood trees on Swamp Road in the Town right of way. \$1500-2000 quote for the project. Don makes a motion to hire Tree barber to assist with the removal. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Don shared areas on Holmgren drive that may need reshaping to allow for better water flow.

Reminder – Garbage service will change over from Hilltopper to Big Hook at the end of March. Don suggested printing signs to put around town as reminders.

Road School – April 27-29 Don plans to attend.

Don makes a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Radde Clerk – Town of Barre