

TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING June 9, 2026

Board Present Don Fruit, Chair; John McGowan and Bob Miller Supervisor

STAFF PRESENT Clerk Kristin Radde, Treasurer Meri McKinney

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Don Fruit called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted on the website and at the Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

The following businesses have applied for a Class B beer and Class B Liquor license: Fox Hollow, Barre Bar & Table, Nicks Place, and Horstmann Homestead. Nicks place applied for a Tabacco license. John makes a motion to approve liquor and tobacco licenses. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Kathy Shay gave an update on the Planning Commission (PC). All agenda and minutes are posted on the Town of Barre website. Don Biros did not show for his rezoning request on 4 parcels. The PC is planning to put together a checklist for reviewing subdivisions so they have a procedure for reviewing requests. The next meeting is planned for August.

Trudy Miller has a rezone request for 3 lots on Fox Hollow drive. John has concerns about water drainage by adding other buildings in that area as the current curvets cannot handle heavy rainfall. Don proposes approval with the condition that the county do a water shed study, and consider a water catchment system on the corner of Trudy's property near the corner of Fox Hollow Drive and County O. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Will Schomberg is requesting rezoning for parcels 02-00121-001 & 02-00165-00 approximately 3 acres from Exclusive Ag to Rural for a future home building site. The planning commission reviewed this request and their recommendation is to approve the rezone based on future land use in the comprehensive plan. Don makes a motion to approve the request as it is consistent with the recently approved comprehensive plan. John seconds. Motion passed.

Don gives an update on vacating Bostwick Valley Road. He had a phone call with the MHP management and came to an agreement that the park would contribute \$5000 to chipseal the road and then the Mobile Home Park will take ownership.

Estimated completion on the County M Bridge project is mid September. They are renting the town hall as a temporary office space while working on this project.

Grant updates – Don received information that the Town of Barre may have an increased grant amount for the LRIP Project. He is working with the state on more information.

Russlan Coulee – Don is still working on the application for the ARIP Grant for Russlan Coulee Road. He is collecting information from active farms on this road for the application. The application is due the end of June.

Twin Creeks Road – there have been damages to the road during construction. Mark Schomberg has reached out to Mathy Construction but has not yet received a response. He has a bond on the road until 2028 and plans to repair the road before repaving. Don is looking into getting core sampling on the road.

The Board reviewed the remaining budget for Highway and Street Maintenance and prioritized which projects would be completed this year.

John makes a motion to complete regrading work of Russlan Coulee Road, chip seal on Bostwick Valley Road, tree removal on Swamp Road, reshape the shoulders and ditches on Holmgren Drive, culvert repair on Drectrah Road, and patching to repair 3 Town Road. Bob Seconds. Motion.

Don mentioned the sliding door has been added to the park shelter. The lock is the same key that unlocks the shelter and dumpster, so renters are able to open/close the sliding door.

Ken mentioned the County is going to have a proposal to put a moratorium on data centers. Don will be on the committee with the county as a representative of Barre.

The August board meeting falls on Election day, so will be rescheduled to August 18th at 6:00pm.

Don shared there is a West Salem Fire Protection District meeting on 6/11/26 at 7:00 pm.

La crosse county data center study committee 6/10/26 at 5:30 pm.

John makes a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Radde Clerk – Town of Barre