

TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING July 14, 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 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.

Planning Commission Update – There was no Planning Commission meeting in July. Kathy Shay mentioned the PC plans to meet in August to work on the subdivision checklist. The August meeting will be held on August 4th.

Collin Radke on W4804 Punet Drive is asking to replace his old culvert, widen the driveway and clean out/reshape the ditch. John makes a motion to approve. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Brandon Freitag at W4551 Drectrah Road is requesting to modify the driveway permit approved on April 14, 2026. He had previously planned to share the driveway with a neighbor, and would now like to put the driveway on his own property. John makes a motion to approve the driveway changes with the same 20 foot flat area as mentioned in the building ordinance. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Brandon Meyer N3221 Holmgren Drive came to discuss his driveway as work will begin on Holmgren Drive next week. Bradon will be paving his driveway this fall, and paving a portion of the next driveway as it meets the road. Don will meet Brandon at his property next week to go over plans.

Andrew Stoffel N3239 Holmgren Road is at the meeting to discuss changes to help with runoff. He has been getting quotes to pave the driveway. He will have the driveway completed by October 2027.

Chip sealing was completed in June on Bostwick Valley Road. The agreement to vacate the road has been written up by the Town Lawyer to be signed by the board and the mobile home court. Then the lawyer will begin the process through the state level.

W. Miller Road – there are delays in the grant process due to employee changeover. The suggestion is to resubmit the grant next year to hopefully get a higher amount approved.

ARIP Grant application for Russlan Coulee is complete and ready to be submitted.

Twin Creeks Road – Core samples were taken from the road, and we should get the report back by the end of the week.

Fire Inspection Frequency Ordinance – The West Salem Fire District had a state audit that was failed due to not spending enough money on fire inspections. All businesses must have 2 inspections per year, unless the Town has an ordinance with different requirements. Don brought a draft of an ordinance to review. The board will suggest changes for the next meeting. Kristin will put the draft on the website for town residents to review and provide comment.

Ken Schlimgen shared that La Crosse will be voting on the SMART bus program. They are looking for a rural transport option for within the county.

La Cross County Data Center Study Committee is scheduled for August 12, 2026 at 5:00pm.

John makes a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Radde Clerk – Town of Barre