

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Silver Cliff

Marinette County

Town Board meeting, March 11th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Silver Cliff Town Hall N11929 County Road I Silver Cliff, Wisconsin.

Minutes

1. Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Bruce Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Roll call and verification of proper public notice: Present; Chairman Bruce Weber, Supervisor Dee Farley, Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, Treasurer Carol Kitchmaster, Constable Sabin Rosenbaum, Clerk Amy Vannieuwenhoven. The agenda was posted 3/6/25 by 1:00 pm at the Town Hall, Town Shop, Town Website, Red Pine, Jungle Jim's, and Rustic.
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda: Supervisor Dee Farley made a motion to approve the agenda, Supervisor Jay Van Frachen seconded the motion, motion carried.

Consider for approval or other action:

4. Approval of the meeting minutes for February 11th, 2025: Motion to approve February 11, 2025, meeting minutes made by Supervisor Dee Farley, seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.
5. Discussion and possible action to appoint (2) Planning Commission members for another term; Terms are three years, there are two terms up in April 2025. Chairman Bruce Weber nominates Jim Sommers to replace Chris Norton and Sabin Rosenbaum to continue as Planning Commission Lead. This is consistent with past terms and rotating members. Supervisor Jay Van Frachen made a motion to accept the three-year nomination of Jim Sommers to the Planning Commission and approval of the nomination for Sabin Rosenbaum to continue as Planning Commission Lead for a three-year term, Supervisor Dee Farley seconded the motion, motion carried.
6. Discussion and possible action to approve printing expenses for recycling center stickers; the Recycle Committee is considering having property owners put a sticker in their vehicle to utilize the recycle center. The committee also suggests having cameras hooked up, this could be done with the camera system at the new EMS building. This would alleviate people using the recycle center after open hours. Bids were \$.56/sticker from Quick Signs and Don Schmidt received a quote for \$.36/sticker. Motion to approve the printing and mailing of the recycle center stickers and mailing them with the EMS building Open House flyer at a maximum of \$1500.00 made by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried...
7. Discussion and possible action to approve attendance for the incoming Clerk to attend the Wisconsin Election Commission conference September 30th, 2025 – October 1st, 2025, at a cost of \$95.00: Motion to approve the incoming Clerk to attend the WEC Conference in September at a cost of \$95.00 made by Supervisor Dee Farley, seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.
8. Silver Cliff Newsletter: Ann Wender gave the history of the newsletter and the expense vs revenue and the revenue shortfall so far in 2025. Ideas to reduce costs are to only mail to residents with mailboxes. If the town would pitch in towards the cost, it would be approximately \$800.00 per year. Chairman Bruce Weber would like to continue as is, feedback is positive and there is valuable town information in the newsletter. Motion made by Supervisor Dee Farley for the town to pay, up to \$200.00 quarterly to sustain current delivery of the Silver Cliff newsletter, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve the second quarter Silver Cliff Rescue Squad contract: The second quarter SCRS contract is \$6250.00. Motion made by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen to approve and pay the SCRS second quarter contract at the rate of \$6250.00, motion seconded by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion carried.

10. Reports / Updates presented:

- a. Treasurer's report: Checking \$31,200.29, Money Market \$12,961.83, Tax Account \$261,990.43, Insurance Recovery CD \$662,592.00. The final EMS building payment is approximately \$574k, approximately \$100k of this payment will come from CDBG and state funds and the balance from town accounts.

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- b. Chairman report: Planning continues for the EMS building Open House, to be held June 7th, 2025, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm with a ceremony being held at 12:00 pm. Burgers and water will be served. The second annual Fire Ride will be held in Silver Cliff, May 17th, 2025. Social media shows increased interest in the event compared to last year. Bob and Amanda Watson are doing most of the organizing of the event. Road weight limits have been posted, there is one exception, WPS. The Spring General Election is April 1st, 2025, and the Annual Town Meeting is April 15th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm.
- c. Planning Commission: The Commission has completed the revised building permit ordinance and plans to bring before the town board at the April meeting.
- d. Supervisor Reports: Dee Farley has referred two property owners to Peter Liptack for assessment disputes, garbage complaint calls, icy road complaint calls (has been resolved) and a Recycle Committee meeting has been held, another meeting will be scheduled. Supervisor Jay Van Frachen also received garbage pick up complaint calls, icy roads and lawn damage from snow plowing on Bluebird Road. The camper parked on County F for months has been removed.
- e. Fire Department: Beginning balance \$105,007.98, receipts \$489.97, expenses \$13,540.00, CD balance \$26,517.87, checking \$12,234.25, Money Market \$58,245.43, outstanding checks \$5,000.00, net balance \$91,997.55. Chief Al Walesh reports one call for a lift assist. Burning permits are required. Punch list items for the EMS building continue to be worked on.
- f. Marinette County Supervisor, Chris Norton: Chris talked about the Pike River Forest Management Cooperative from 1991 will have a proposed resolution to redo. The County endorsed Cellcom for efforts to bring broadband to the area. The County Board will be bringing a resolution for the Clerk of Courts. The cost to operate Wisconsin Clerk of Courts is approximately \$189 million/year, the state is currently funding 20 million.

Vouchers & Payment of Bills Check #10168 to Check #10214: Motion to approve vouchers and check numbers 10168 – 10214 made by Supervisor Dee Farley, seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried. (This includes check number 10214 for the Brightspeed bill, Clerk to negotiate with Brightspeed for a reduced bill and one-time charges for the three months it took Brightspeed to install service at the EMS building and Town Shop).

Items intended for future meetings: Building permit ordinance, electrical overhead line to the Town Hall to be buried, approximate cost of \$1,000.00.

Public Comment: Dee Farley, Recycle Committee meeting scheduled March 17th, 2025 @ 9:00 am. A refrigerator donation is being made to the EMS building.

Closed Session: None

Motion to adjourn: Supervisor Dee Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Jay Van Frachen seconded the motion, motion carried, 7:42 pm.

Amy Vannieuwenhoven, Clerk-Town of Silver Cliff

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