

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**Town of Silver Cliff**  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**Thursday March 19th , 2026, at 6:00 p.m. located at the Silver Cliff Town Hall, Marinette County WI**

Minutes

1. Call to order by Chair Dee Farley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call- Chair Dee Farley, Supervisor Jim Fencl, Supervisor Scott Volkmann (via phone), Treasurer Carol Kitchmaster and Town Clerk Lisa Weinrich - Verification of Meeting Notice - it was posted at the Red Pine BP, Town Shop, Town Website, and at the Rustic (per their request)
3. Approval of Agenda - Supervisor Scott Volkmann made the motion to approve the agenda, Supervisor Jim Fencl seconded, motion carried.

**Consider for discussion, approval, or other actionable items:**

4. Rescue Squad Contract - Joanne Sisler provided us with a copy of the contract which was signed just prior to the beginning of the Town Meeting.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the new insurance policy amounts and what accounts will be utilized to pay the insurance - Supervisor Jim Fencl requested that his wife explain the information that she obtained from Riana Ventura the Data Specialist. Laura Fencl stated Riana explained that because we have an account that was set up to pay the new Assessor for her contracted five years and due to this situation being more of an emergency and we do have money put on the side for the Assessor we can take \$25,000 from that account and put \$15,000 towards the insurance which we already have it budgeted for \$20,000 so then we will have a total of \$35,000 for the insurance, then take \$7,600 to pay towards the offshore revenue loss, then take \$2,200 to pay for the three months for the data specialist to continue to work for the town to bring the new clerk up to date and then \$110 for the Judge which then comes to \$2,490. Those are Riana's suggestions, we would have to make a resolution for each one to the budget to make this happen. Supervisor Scott Volkmann asked for clarification of the \$7,600 for the offshore revenue loss, Supervisor Jim Fencl stated that it was a fancy word for the tax Levy and the outstanding fee of \$7,600. Chair Dee Farley was looking at the budget that was given out and didn't understand where we got these numbers. It was explained that the budget she was looking at was provided so that she could see where we had the money on paper. Chair Dee Farley then asked if Riana had the CT Report completed, Clerk Lisa Weinrich explained that Riana was working on the CT Report and was hoping to have it done by April but will have it completed by its due date. Laura Fencl was talking to Treasurer Carol Kitchmaster about something else that Riana had said about working with Carol Kitchmaster on the 31st or the 1st, Chair Dee Farley asked for clarification and was told that they were talking about doing a reconciliation of the books. Chair Dee Farley asked what was best, it was determined that March 31st would

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be best because the reconciliation would be happening in the month it was supposed to happen. Reconciliation was set for March 31st at 10:00 a.m. Supervisor Jim Fencl questioned the amount to be given to the Judge of \$110. Supervisor Scott Volkmann asked what the \$2200 was for and Supervisor Jim Fencl stated that it was for the three months for the Data Specialist, he also stated that this was a breakdown of all the numbers that we needed to pay out. Chair Dee Farley stated that she didn't believe we had to budget for three months to pay the Data Specialist because the approved contract was to have her stay on renewing her contract monthly. Laura Fencl stated that since that is the longest amount of time that the Data Specialist agreed to work it would be wise to budget for the three months and if it isn't used there is no problem because then it would be budgeted. Supervisor Scott Volkmann stated that we are simply moving the money but it doesn't mean we are paying it, Supervisor Jim Fencl agreed. Chair Dee Farley stated that we need the resolution to move the money around accordingly, Supervisor Jim Fencl said he would give her a copy of the exact numbers agreed upon. Supervisor Jim Fencl made a resolution to take \$25,000 out of the Assessors account and move \$15,000 to insurance, \$7,600 to the offshore revenue loss, \$2,200 to cover three months pay for the Data Specialist contract, and \$110 to the Judge, Supervisor Scott Volkmann seconded the motion carried. Chair Dee Farley announced that this would conclude the agenda items and then asked Supervisor Jim Fencl if he has anything to say. Supervisor Jim Fencl stated that we can have a discussion but no action in regards to a logger who is requesting to do logging up on Benson Lake Road, he has approached Supervisor Jim Fencl about this and offered to do any repairs to the roads that they damage and make them better than they were before, they were planning on working on the gravel part of the road, less damage. Chair Dee Farley stated that she had also talked to that logger and Kelly Barnes who told her once the limits are on they are on and you can't change that until they are off. Supervisor Jim Fencl stated that the logger told him he would go up there in the mornings when the roads are still frozen, he also said that he had brought this up a couple times but we didn't have a meeting so we couldn't vote on it, so keep it in the back of your mind. Chair Dee Farley asked what the Supervisors thought and asked if we should let him do it? Supervisor Jim Fencl reminded her we can't make any decisions on this because it isn't on the agenda. Supervisor Scott Volkmann asked what would the benefit to our town be? Supervisor Jim Fencl replied that it would benefit the county and the logger more than the town because it is all in regards to the reforestation plan, and county road I is all open and is not shut down so they could run all the way up to Goodman. Supervisor Scott Volkmann asked how they would make the road better than it was before? Supervisor Scott Volkmann stated that even though they can't vote on it we need to have it on the April agenda. Chair Dee Farley asked Supervisor Jim Fencl if we should let them go through since it is only a mile

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and they would probably have to wait until summer? Supervisor Jim Fencil reminded Chair Dee Farley that we cannot make a decision on something that was not on the agenda. Laura Fencil said that according to our ordinances that it is up to the board to make that decision and the fact that the logger sent an agreement stating that they would fix any damage to the road which was emailed to the clerk. Chair Dee Farley also stated Ryan Rasser also talked to her about developing and hauling lumber out of Upper Roaring Rapids which is 80 acres.

**Public Participation at Town Board Meetings - Welcome public comment**

- a. **Guidelines for Public Comments** – Time limit of 5 minutes maximum per person; Maximum time allowed for this session is 30 minutes total
- b. This is a listening session for the community to address the Town Board
- c. This is a listening session **ONLY!** The purpose of this session is for the Town Board to listen to the views of the community;
- d. **PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND THEN STATE YOUR COMMENT**
- e. **NO Actions will be taken, Please be courteous and respectful to all**
  - i. A resident, Wally, stated that he would like to see more information posted on the town website regarding what is going on here in the town for new residents it can make a big difference. He also suggested that we post things on facebook as well. Chair Dee Farley stated that you shouldn't believe what is on facebook. Chair Dee Farley explained who was covering our roads while we were without insurance and those towns who were helping us out at this time had to take care of their municipalities first before addressing our municipality. Wally stated that the text he sent to Chair Dee Farley was to express his concerns with the town failure of procuring insurance and allowing it to lapse. He did not feel that it was mean in any way just stating his frustration. Chair Dee Farley stated that she felt it was a naughty text. Chair Dee Farley then went on to read the text out loud which states the frustration of their roads not being plowed prohibiting emergency services to reach them should the need arise.
  - ii. Tracy Gavin also stated that he was Wally's neighbor down the road and said that both Fedex and UPS will not deliver anymore without the roads being plowed. Concern why wasn't the employee replaced after his retirement or whatever the case may be so we weren't short handed? He also expressed a concern as to the routes being taken and why their roads are being skipped. Tracy also asked why we don't post on the town website the progress of snow removal so they can track when their road would be plowed.

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- iii. Wally stated that he is taking offense that Chair Dee Farley called his text a nasty-gram. He explained that as a member of the town board any type of criticism should be eaten as a part of the job. Chair Dee Farley said that she has been eating criticism for weeks. Wally then stated that lashing out at the residents is very disappointing and he does not feel that anything he had written other than this was a town failure and expecting stuff to be done is not out of line, that is your perspective. All we want is to have our roads plowed in a timely manner. Supervisor Jim Fencil stated that this was the worst of the worst that could happen at this time, between being shorthanded, being hit with storm after storm and he did explain that the state law states that we have 30 days after a storm to plow the roads, not that we would wait that long to do that. Supervisor Jim Fencil also stated that we did have our roadcrew foreman on call in the event there was a need for emergency services. More discussion about snow removal and why nothing is on the website. Supervisor Jim Fencil also stated that we will take this all under advisement.
- iv. Chair Dee Farley insisted that she tell everyone that she received a gag order from our attorney that handled the lawsuit of a previous insurance. Clerk Lisa Weinrich reminded her it is not a topic of discussion on the agenda.
- v. Wally questioned how anyone can put a gag order on a town? Chair Dee Farley stated that, we the board cannot discuss the insurance.
- vi. Someone asked if the ambulance was back in Silver Cliff, Joanne Sisler replied that they were back in service here in Silver Cliff and that they have been responding even though the Rescue Squad was not notified that we had procured insurance. Don Schmidt also confirmed that they were back in Silver Cliff and that they wouldn't be if there wasn't insurance.
- vii. Chair Dee Farley stated that she is resigning her position after some consideration, she also said that the two Supervisors and the Clerk would have to name someone to fill her position.

**Motion to Adjourn** - Supervisor Jim Fencil made a motion, Supervisor Scott Volkmann seconded, motion carried.

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