

**TOWN OF DAY
MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MAY 21, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Chairman Brueggen called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm
 - A. Roll Call – present: Chairman – Joe Brueggen, Supervisor – Chad Hoffman, Supervisor – Trine Spindler, Clerk – Rebecca Post, Treasurer – Marci Griesbach
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
 - C. Minutes from April 16, 2025, regular board meeting were reviewed. Motion (Hoffman/Spindler) to accept meeting minutes correcting the March 31st balance to \$145,088.61 and correcting that banners go up on the third Saturday in May and November.
2. Income and Expense Review
 - A. Payments for the month of May.
 - B. Treasurer Griesbach asked to amend the payments to add a \$200 rental hall refund because her message to Clerk Post regarding this didn't go through due to phone issues in the area.
 - C. Motion (Hoffman/Spindler) to accept amended expenses. Motion carried.
 - D. Treasurer Griesbach reviewed income for the month of May. Checking balance: 4/30/2025, \$214,381.30, Checking balance: 5/19/2025, \$215,018.07. Hall Loan Payoff total is \$14,651.93. Road Loan Payoff total is \$497,514.56.
 - E. Clerk Post reviewed correspondence, including a resignation letter from Margaret Kraus as chief election inspector.
 - i. Chairman Brueggen provided information regarding COM2 Recycling Solutions, a company offering free electronic recycling for towns.
 - F. We collected \$1,388 on the recycling collection day and are still waiting for a bill from First Choice Recycling.
3. Public Comment
 - A. Mike Berdan questioned who is paying for use of the lift for the recent hanging of the banners. Starting July 2025, the Lions plan to donate \$200 to the town each year for their turn to hang the banners and would like the board to take responsibility to secure and make payment for each use of the lift. The donation will go to the town's Civic Fund to cover the Lions portion for one annual payment of the lift.
 - B. Joan Carey-Gebelein stated putting the banners up went well. She asked that the town contact the county about the brush going north on County Road M to be removed. The Town will contact the county and if it's on private property we can't do anything. She said the 10 Christmas banners have been ordered. She asked for update on welcome sign; Chairman Brueggen said he is waiting to hear back from Stratford Sign. Joan asked if she could get a copy of the annual meeting minutes now instead of having to wait until next April. A draft copy will be provided, and it was emphasized the minutes won't be official until they are approved by the board. Joan said at the annual meeting there was concerned expressed about Eric and accountability for his time. Per Supervisor Hoffman, Eric's timesheets are available to look at during each meeting but can't be published.

- C. Supervisor Brueggen asked members who were present from the Lions Club what they do with the funds receive from the banners. Mike Berdan stated funds go for donations to places like the Lions Foundation. Joan Carey-Gebelein said the cost of a new banner is \$150, which includes the first time it's hung and \$50 each following year to hang it. If the banner is damaged the sponsor pays for new a banner.
- D. Ron Kuehnhold said that Eric keeps everything clean.

Continued Business

- 4. Plan Commission – Chairman Brueggen spoke about the comprehensive plan and zoning code. A public hearing for the comprehensive plan should be coming this summer. The zoning code is almost finished but will be reviewed again by the Plan Commission before going to the town attorney.
- 5. Road Commission – Per Supervisor Hoffman, the roads aren't as bad as people thought they would be this year. Mike Berdan spoke with Kevin and Brian Folz, and they gave permission for the town to do ditch digging on the driveway without a culvert on Schalow.
- 6. Dust Control – The south end of the town will receive full coverage at no cost this year. Motion (Hoffman/Brueggen) to raise the price of liquid dow from Kafka to \$.75/foot for those who want extra. Motion carried. (The first 200 feet are free - 100 feet on each side of the driveway). The cost for the town has gone up and the town hasn't raised prices in three years. Reminder that in odd years all unpaved rounds south of Highway C will receive liquid dow in their entirety at no cost to residents and in even years all unpaved roads north of Highway C will receive liquid dow at no cost to residents. Behnke tested his new product, and it didn't last so he says he needs to keep working on it. This will no longer be spread on the SW Quadrant as voted on in April.
- 7. LRIP – Kafka will be putting material down next week on Oxbo and Folz going north to Folz. Chairman Brueggen needs to submit a report before the deadline in June.
- 8. Wind Energy – The judge dismissed the lawsuit again Brighton and Eau Pleine. Per Supervisor Spindler the wind ordinances they have stand. She stated there are more options coming regarding what towns can do moving forward.

New Business

- 9. Hall Rental/Usage – Treasurer Griesbach stated the hall is being used on May 30 for a blood drive by Versiti. They are asking for a free or reduced hall rental fee. Motion (Hoffman/Spindler) to charge Versiti \$60 to cover cleaning costs. Motion carried.
- 10. Town Hall Rental Agreement Review – The cleaning crew is seeing some abuse of the use of garbage bags. The hall rental fee was previously increased for this reason. Motion (Hoffman/Spindler) for the town to supply two garbage bags for each garbage can, one to use and the second one to replace the bag with trash that is removed. The rental party will need to supply further bags for their use if needed. Motion carried. Treasurer Griesbach offered the following revision: "Trash removal from the Town of Day property is the responsibility of the tenant. The Town of Day supplies three 13-gallon trash cans (one in each bathroom and one in the kitchen) along with three 33-gallon trash cans for garbage and recycling. The town will provide 2 garbage bags for each garbage can and any need for more will need to be provided by the tenant with the intention that each garbage will have an empty bag at the conclusion of the rental function. If

trash is left behind or if the trash is disposed of in the Lion's dumpster there will be \$100.00 fee." Motion (Spindler/Hoffman) to accept Marci's revision. Motion carried.

11. Deborah Ann's would like to donate a flag to the township to put on the shop free of charge – they would hang it. Motion (Hoffman/Spindler) to accept the gift donation of the flag by Deborah Ann's to be placed on the town shop by Deborah Ann's. Motion carried.
12. Communication Threat Concerns – Supervisor Brueggen received an anonymous call warning that board members follow the code of ethics. Supervisor Spindler called the Wisconsin Town's Association and spoke with the police, so this is on record. Supervisor Spindler stated the board isn't doing anything that shouldn't be done.
13. Board items update
 - A. Quickbooks – Chair, clerk and treasurer attended a presentation about Quickbooks by Bill Bruening. It would allow information to be accessed easily to file reports with the state and nicely tie all the town finances together. Cost would be \$450/year, \$35/month for payroll + \$5/employee with the option to turn off employees not being paid that month. Motion (Hoffman/Spindler) to purchase Quickbooks Essentials through Bill Bruening. Motion carried.
 - B. Website Update/Review – Looking into repurchasing our previous website because that domain is hanging out there and needs to be held onto for a longer time before releasing it.
 - C. Communication Direction – Chairman Brueggen asked Supervisor Spindler to assist with better communication with the community. She will look at redoing the newsletter and better utilizing our current resources.
 - D. Country Wireless Tower – Jeremy from Country Wireless spoke about a 150-foot self-support tower they would like to build on town hall property. The tower would be the property of Country Wireless, and they would have the ability to sublet to other companies. They are in middle of a mandatory replacement program with their equipment and would like to move away from the feed mill. The government has allotted money for replacement of the current tower. The terms of the contract are negotiable until it's signed. The current lease would be for 10 years. Will revisit this at the June meeting.
 - E. Alliant Energy Open House – May 29, 2025. All residents in the Hub City Wind project should receive a letter from Alliant regarding this via mail.
 - F. Joint Development Agreement Direction – Chairman Brueggen said many towns are being affected by possible industrial wind turbines by several different developers. He would like to engage other town boards in a discussion about joint development agreements. Supervisor Spindler recommended the first meeting be with the boards located within the Hub City Project and then reach out to other towns. Motion (Spindler/Hoffman) that Joe and Trine host a meeting in June for the other four townships affected by the Hub City Wind Project, to start collaborating. Motion carried.

Motion (Spindler/Hoffman) to adjourn at 9:24 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by Rebecca Post, Clerk

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 7 pm.