

Monthly town board meeting Monday, June 8th, 2026.

This meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin State statutes and Open meeting law. The building is handicapped accessible. It was posted at the Landing, County Y, Tilted Loon Saloon, County L and the Nokomis Town Hall posting boards.

Attendees: Nate Gaedtke, Chairman
Bette Stillman, Supervisor
Cheyann Wilke, Supervisor
Judi Asmondy, Treasurer
Wendy Smith, Clerk

Call to order: Nate Gaedtke, Chairman, called meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda

Agenda approved with agenda items as action items.

- Motion: Bette
- Second: Cheyann
- Vote: All in favor.

Approve Checks and Vouchers

Approved checks. May vouchers carried over.

- Motion: Cheyann
- Second: Bette
- Vote: All in favor.
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Approve May Financial Report

May financial report carried over.

- Motion: Nate
- Second: Bette
- Vote: All in favor.

Public Comments

Discussion regarding when public comments should be taken. It was noted that comments should occur with each applicable agenda item rather than only at the end of the meeting so

the public has an opportunity to comment before board decisions are made. The board discussed the importance of remaining consistent with the process. Discussion also included no-flying concerns in the park.

Approve Minutes – May 11, 2026

Minutes approved.

- Motion: Bette
- Second: Cheyann
- Vote: All in favor.

Lease with Keith Troutman

Approved signing the lease with Keith Troutman.

- Motion: Cheyann
- Second: Nate
- Vote: All in favor.

Fire Department Update

Fire Department report was read.

Cemetery Updates

- Two deeds completed.
- 133 deceased veterans.
- 65 flags placed.

Paper Mills Fire Department Safety Training Request

Discussed request from the Tomahawk and Rhinelander paper mills to use the Fire Department training facility.

Discussion included:

- Maintenance issues with the training tower.
- Possible donations.
- Building would not be repaired in time for June training.
- Cost of repairs.
- Possibility of completing repairs using town resources.
- Liability concerns and possible waivers.

Board denied the request due to needed repairs.

- Motion: Cheyann
- Second: Bette
- Vote: Approved denial.

Road Construction and Road Issues

Updates included:

- Pine Cone and Woodland Roads pulverized.
- Gravel scheduled for the 11th.
- Paving scheduled for the 19th–20th.
- Additional gravel needed for road base.
- Roadside mowing underway.
- County will not assist with vehicles cutting the corner on Prairie Lake Road.
- Additional gravel should be budgeted for future road work.
- Prairie Rapids Bridge will require milling where the bump exists.

Park Updates

Updates included:

- Topsoil placed over septic area.
- Baseball season is busy.
- Purchased a used groomer for \$100; it runs well with no known issues.
- Discussed installing security cameras.
- Lights have not yet been replaced.
- Question regarding a separate septic system.
- Cheyann will check on signage prohibiting airplanes and drones.

County Issues

None.

Prairie Lake Road Culvert Replacement

Discussed replacement of the Prairie Lake Road culvert.

- Applied for a 90/10 grant.
- County may assist with part of the town's 10% share.
- If grant is not awarded, replacement will not proceed.

Approved moving forward if grant funding is received.

- Motion: Cheyann
- Second: Bette
- Vote: All in favor.

Operator Licenses

None.

Nokomis Land Use Plan Update

Report was read.

Temporary Rooming House Ordinance and Fees

Item carried over.

Subdivision Ordinance Public Meeting

Approved public meeting for June 27.

- Motion: Cheyann
- Second: Bette
- Vote: All in favor.

Room Tax Discussion

Discussion included:

- Revenue would remain local.
- Questions regarding advertising effectiveness.
- Concerns about encouraging additional tourism.
- Questions regarding who would manage advertising.
- Concerns over the growth of VRBO properties.
- Desire for equal taxation percentages.

Item carried over.

Housing for Med 4

Update provided:

- Keller is completing the assessment.
- Committee continues working on concept drawings and options.
- Ambulance value discussed.

Item carried over.

Vacating a Portion of Swamp Creek Road

Discussed proposal to vacate approximately 460 feet of Swamp Creek Road.

Discussion included:

- Process is moving too quickly.
- Nearby property owners should be notified.
- Easements need to be legally addressed.
- Concern about losing the snowmobile trail permanently.
- Cost associated with vacating the road.

Item carried over to next month.

Town Funding for Roadside Cleanup

Approved funding roadside cleanup.

- Two groups participate.
- Maximum reimbursement of \$200 per cleanup.
- Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.
- Motion: Nate
- Second: Betty
- Vote: All in favor.

Ordinance Prohibiting Road Signs in Right-of-Way

Discussed following state and county regulations regarding signs within road rights-of-way.

Discussion included:

- Maintenance concerns.
- Removal of signs.
- No further discussion.

Antlerless Deer Hunt

Approved participation.

Discussion noted only one permit was filled last year.

- Motion: Bette
- Second: Cheyann
- Vote: All in favor.
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2026–2027 Liquor Licenses

Approved liquor licenses.

- Motion: Cheyann
- Second: Bette
- Vote: All in favor.

Preliminary Two-Lot Division – David LaCaine

Approved preliminary two-lot division.

- Motion: Bette
- Second: Cheyann
- Vote: All in favor.
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Purchase of International Truck Chassis

Discussed purchase of an International truck chassis.

- Original quoted price: \$176,613.
- Demo truck price: \$119,315.
- Budgeted amount: \$130,000.
- Production expected at the end of July.
- Existing truck will be retained as backup.
- Leasing was determined not to be a viable option.

Approved purchase for \$119,315.

- Motion: Nate
- Second: Bette
- Vote: All in favor.

Future Agenda Items

Carry-over items will be placed on the next agenda.

Public Comments

Topics included:

- Ant infestation within the town.
- Missing No Parking sign on County Road L (county issue; no known explanation).
- Truck build should be bid out.
- Question regarding next steps on wakeboards.
- No action may occur for 30 days.
- Item to be placed on the July agenda.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.

- Motion: Cheyann
- Second: Nate
- Vote: All in favor.