

TILDEN TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

6:00 PM

Tilden Town Hall, 10790 100th Avenue, Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Monthly Meeting was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm

Roll call/quorum – Gary Meinen, Dan Reischel, and Eric Bohl present

Verification of public notices by Town Board - Front of Town Hall & Website

Approve the Town Board Minutes of: **July 15th, 2026**. Eric Bohl made a motion to approve the July 15, 2026 minutes, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.

Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** – Shelley Schemenauer, Treasurer not present, Nicole Ruf gave the treasurer's report
- **Fire Department Report** – Kelsey Anderson gave the Fire Dept report – there were 4-5 EMS calls, one Fire call for a trailer fire parked at Horizon's, re-certification of Jaws of life bill is approx. \$600. St Peter's school consulted with the fire department to help order an additional AED with pediatric pads. EMS training will be provided once/month. County Fire Chief's meeting was last month and it was recommended to update the MABAS system. MABAS is the multi-jurisdictional operational and radio communication framework used to coordinate fire, EMS, and specialized rescue responses during major incidents.
- **Highway Department/Shop Maintenance Report** – Dave Goettl, Highway Dept Head not present, Nicole Ruf/Gary Meinen gave the report. Chippewa Valley Energy was called to fill unleaded fuel tank and will be delivered this week. The septic cover was located to the east of the Town Hall and a riser and cover were placed. There is a deteriorating culvert on 78th Ave. Work on 70th St culvert should begin within the next two weeks.
- **Recycling Center Report** – Al Goettl gave the recycling center report and stated everything is going okay.
- **Constable's Dog Report** – Tim Swoboda gave the constable report
- **Clerk's report** – Nicole Ruf gave the Clerk's report
 - 0 permits issued – No permits issued in July
 - 0 Hall Rentals in July
 - Open Invoices: No open invoices
 - Reports filed: No reports due
 - Clerk's report is reconciled with the Treasurer's Report
 - Partisan Primary ran smoothly with a total of 10 Election Inspectors and a total vote of 560 including 68 absentee ballots
 - WEC subgrant for Elections Security - \$2000 can be used for ongoing managed IT support

Discussion and possible action:

1. **CSM for Zech Rochester** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the CSM for Zech Rochester, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.
2. **CSM for Annie Williams** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the CSM for Annie Williams, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.
3. **Approve Bartender License for Erin Whyte** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the bartender license for Erin Whyte, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.
4. **WTA Fall Workshops** – Gary Meinen made a motion for Shelley & Nicole to attend the WTA Fall Workshop on September 24th at Florian Gardens, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.
5. **Road Ditch Cleanup Project Allocation** – Town of Tilden received \$500 to be allocated for costs of ditch cleanup.
6. **Tilden Population Update** – Based off the results of the 2025 housing survey, Town of Tilden's estimated population count is 1581.
7. **Propane Agreements** – Nicole will email Chippewa Valley Energy and Thaler for Propane quotes for the 2026/2027 heating year.
8. **Ambulance Service** – Kathy Shear gave an update from the most recent Chippewa County Ad-Hoc

meeting.

9. **LSSIP Funding Award Letter** – Town of Tilden was awarded funding for the replacement of one culvert located on 100th
10. **Review 5 Year Road Improvement Plan** – add to next month's agenda
11. **Tax Levy Limit Timeline** – Nicole created a timeline of steps to approve the tax levy limit worksheet this fall.
12. **Heating and Cooling updates** – one of 3 bids has come back, add to next month's agenda
13. **Review/Approve Commercial Building Permit for Russell & Sarah Ruf** – Eric Bohl made a motion to approve the commercial building permit for Russel & Sarah Ruf, Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard
14. **Septic – Town Hall** – Gary will call Bischel to have the septic pumped, septic was pumped on Friday, August 14, 2026.
15. **Shop Overhead Door Repair** – Gary Meinen made a motion for Bauman to complete the repair with an estimate of \$3850, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.
16. **Painting of the Town Hall** -
17. **Bridge Inspections** - add to next month's agenda
18. **Public Comment** -
19. **Items to be placed on the upcoming agenda**
 - Safety cones & barricades
 - 5-year Road Improvement Plan
 - Propane Quotes
 - Heating & Cooling Updates
 - Bridge Inspections
 - Ambulance Service
20. **Approve the vouchers and transfer funds to pay the bills** - Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the vouchers and to move \$154,000 from the High Yield Account to the Municipal account to pay the bills, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.

Reminders and Upcoming Meetings:

Town Board Meeting – September 9th, at 6:00pm

Tax Levy Worksheet – Released by the DOR in early September

Adjournment: Gary Meinen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Posted by Nicole Ruf, Clerk on August 14, 2026

Locations posted: Front of Tilden Town Hall, Town of Tilden Website