

TILDEN TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

7:00 PM

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

Meeting was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm

Roll call/quorum – Gary Meinen, Dan Reischel, and Eric Bohl all present, Fire Department Chief, Head of the Highway Department, Recycling Center, and Constable were all present. 11 Townspeople also present.

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

Approve the Town Board Minutes of: **February 11, 2025**. - Eric Bohl made a motion to approve the February 11, 2026 Minutes, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard

Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** – Shelley Schemenauer gave the treasurer's report
- **Fire Department Report** - Kelsey Anderson gave the fire department report. In the month of February there were: 7 medical calls, one vehicle vs. power pole.
- **Highway Department/Shop Maintenance Report** – Dave Goettl gave the report. February has been quiet with no plowing. Road Bans are currently on and signs have been posted.
- **Recycling Center Report** – Al Goettl gave the report, stated everything is running smoothly.
- **Constable's Dog Report** – Tim Swoboda gave the constable report
- **Clerk's report** - Nicole Ruf gave the Clerk's Report:
 - 1 permit issued – (1) Building
 - 0 Hall Rentals in February –
 - Open Invoices: \$3883.25
 - Reports filed: Room Tax, Housing Report, Recycling Financial Report
 - Notices Posted: Board of Review and Open Book, Spring Election/Type E Notice, Road Bans
 - WTA 2026 – Nicole, Eric, and Dan all attended the training on Saturday, March 7th. All three are now certified for Board of Review
 - Clerk's report is not currently reconciled with the Treasurer's Report. February income and expenses are reconciled, ending balance is not. The Clerk and Treasurer will work together to find discrepancy and reconcile.

1. **Review fire department books/checkbook and discuss the use of the Fire Department checking account** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the 2025 Fire Department Books, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard. The importance of the separate checking account for the Fire Department was discussed. It is pivotal for the fire department to continue to have an independent checking account for instances. Examples include: certain Grants, the direct support of the Woman's Auxiliary, fundraising efforts and expenses.
2. **Rehire of Travis Borrenson, EMS** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the rehire, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard
3. **Review/Approve Temp Class B License for the Tilden Lions Club** – Eric Bohl made a motion to approve, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.
4. **Local Small Structures Improvement Program (LSSIP)** – Discussion was had regarding which culverts qualify and what culverts to include in the application. M&L Management Consultant LLC will assist the Town in submitting all required documents and information.
5. **Bridge Inspections** - add to April 8th agenda
6. **2026 Road Ditch Cleanup Project** – Dan Reischel made a motion to approve participation in the cleanup project, Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard.
7. **Lonny Roth – Affordable Roadside Cutting Service** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve utilizing Affordable Roadside Cutting Service 2026 Roadside Cutting Services, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.
8. **Chippewa Falls Ambulance Service** – Discussions and recommendations were given to reach out to Anson Fire and Chippewa City Clerk for financial reports for City of Chippewa Ambulance Services
9. **Invoicing/Past due balances & delinquent accounts** – discussion was had and determined to send 2 invoices in an attempt to collect, after 2 attempt's and/or a partial insurance payment. The past due

balance will be sent to State Collections through the SDC or TRIP programs.

10. **Escrow Disbursements** – Several residents have been impacted by property tax payments not being received by the Town of Tilden after escrow disbursements. Residents and the Town will continue to look into this until a resolution can be made. Suggestions were made for a PO Box and ACH payments for future tax years and payments. For those not utilizing escrow payments, taxes can be paid directly via Chippewa County's Website to view and pay bills.
11. **Board of Review -**
 1. Ordinance to Appoint Alternate Member(s) – a motion was made at the February meeting to appoint Shelley Schemenauer as an alternate.
 2. Resolution Supporting Transportation Funding – Dan Reischel made a motion to fill out the resolution for Wisconsin Towns Association, Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard.
12. **Chapter 16 Ordinance** – Eric and Nicole will go through Ordinances to make sure the ordinance books and website are correct and current.
13. **Preview New Website** – tabled
14. **Confirm Date for Annual Meeting in April** – Third Tuesday is April 21, 2026 – 6:00pm
15. **Public Comment** – Public comment was heard
16. **Items to be placed on the upcoming agenda**
 1. Bridge Inspections
 2. New townoftilden.gov website
 3. Ordinance Update
 4. Dog ordinance – setting a fee schedule for citation
 5. Ambulance Service
 6. Set date Road tour
 7. Fire Department money transfer
17. Approve the vouchers and transfer funds to pay the bills – Eric Bohl made a motion to approve the vouchers and transfer \$17,000, Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard

Reminders and Upcoming Meetings:

Open Book – Thursday, April 2nd 8:00am – 10:00am
Spring Election – Tuesday, April 7th
Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00pm
Annual Meeting – April 21st at 6:00
Tilden Fire Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, April 26th
Board of Review – Thursday, April 30th 5:00 – 7:00pm

Adjournment: Gary Meinen made a motion to adjourn, Erick Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard. Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm.

Posted by Nicole Ruf, Clerk on March 12th, 2026

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