TILDEN TOWN BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, November 11, 2026
6:00 PM
Tilden Town Hall, 10790 100th Avenue, Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Monthly Meeting called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm
Roll call/quorum Gary Meinen, Dan Reischel, and Eric Bohl all present
Verification of public notices by Town Board - Front of Town Hall & Website
Approve the Town Board Minutes of: **October 8th Town Board, and October 21st Budget Planning –** Eric Bohl made a motion to approve the Town Board Minutes of October 8th and 21st, Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard.

Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report –** Shelley Schemenauer gave the Treasurer's report.
- **Fire Department Report** - Kelsey Anderson gave the Fire Dept report and stated there were several EMS calls received and handled last month, and 1 brush fire call on Hwy S. The engine pump has been recertified by Darley.
- **Highway Department/Shop Maintenance Report –** Dave Goettl gave the report – snow equipment has been attached to the loader. 2 loads of sand/salt have been delivered, and some potholes have been patched before snowfall. The Town will have the same snow plow drivers as last year. Dave will be ordering/buying a new pressure washer for equipment.
- **Recycling Center Report –** Al Goettl gave the report and stated that everything is running smoothly. Garbage bags should be delivered soon.
- **Constable's Dog Report** – Nicole Ruf gave the report - one dog was picked up on 10/22 and brought to the Humane Association. Sue Hakes and/or Sheriff Travis Hakes will possibly attend next month's meeting to discuss local updates on kennel licenses.
- **Clerk's report** – Nicole Ruf gave the Clerk's report
    - 3 permits issued – 1 Sign, 1 Utility, 1 Shed
    - 2 Hall Rentals in October – Day rental for Chippewa County, 1 private party
    - Open Invoices: 1 open invoice for $500
    - Reports filed: Unemployment, 941, fed and state withholdings, WISLR report updated
    - Clerk's report is reconciled with the Treasurer's Report
    - November election – 851 total voters, 10 poll workers, zero issues
    - Townhall Maintenance – Mice prevention, leaking toilet in the women's bathroom, water damage on north wall near service door
    - IT updates – Shelley and Nicole will meet with Workhorse next week to explore an alternative to QuickBooks, Transition to Bloomer Broadband should begin within the next month.

Eric Bohl made a motion to move item #13 to #4, and #4 to #13, Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard.

Discussion and possible action:

1. **CSM for Timothy C Swoboda** – Eric Bohl made a motion to approve the CSM, Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard.
2. **Preliminary Plat Plan for Tilden Acres**- Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the preliminary plan, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.
3. **Capital Outlay Funds and Insuring funds over $250,000, Tracey Smiskey with Northwestern Bank –** Tracey Smiskey and Cassie Fisher from Northwestern Back spoke about opening two separate outlay accounts that would each have the same interest as our current high yield account. They also presented information about a free program to the Town that helps insure funds over $250,000. Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the opening of Two Capital Outlay Fund Accounts 1) Fire Outlay, 2) Highway and General Building Outlay, and to enroll in the bank's program to insure funds over $250,000, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.
4. **Ambulance Service Updates –** the City of Chippewa Falls has sent an EMS contract and there has been no budget numbers or contract received from the District. Gary Meinen made a motion to

approve the 5-year EMS contract with the City of Chippewa Falls, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.

5. **Bartender License for Katrina Anderson, Emily Rubenzer, and Shayla Kutz-Davis, and Deanna Christner –** Dan Reischel made a motion to approve the above-mentioned bartender licenses, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.
6. **Chippewa Humane Association Contract for 2027 –** tabled, add to next month's agenda
7. **2027 Newsletter –** the 2027 newsletter was reviewed, no suggestions for additional information to be added.
8. **Town of Tilden Population final estimate –** Tilden's current final estimated population is 1581.
9. **LSSIP Update –** Gary Meinen made a motion to accept the consulting contract, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.
10. **Bridge inspections** – Fred Anderson is the Program Manage for Chippewa County. The county has hired Core Engineers to complete the bridge inspections. The Town will receive an inspection report and bill like in years past.
11. **Fuel Options –** after discussion, the current diesel and gas setup at the Town will remain.
12. **Gunderson Variance Request -** the Plan Commission does not have a recommendation to make at this time, will add to the next agenda.
13. **Brush site damage –** it was brought to the Town's attention that on November 3rd or 4th there was damage done to the roads at the brush site by 3, 17–18-year-olds who were "mudding" after the rain. Chippewa County Sheriff's Office stated consequences are either Disorderly Conduct with a vehicle citation or pursuing a civil issue with the individuals. The board decided on Chippewa County issuing citations vs a civil suit.
14. **Public Comment – Limit to 2 minutes per comment –** public comment was heard concerning the addition of Tilden Acres, and in regards to Ambulance Service.
15. **Items to be placed on the upcoming agenda –**
    - **a.** Chippewa Humane Association Contract
    - **b.** Gunderson Variance Request
    - **c.** Set a Caucus Date
16. **Approve the vouchers and transfer funds to pay the bills** – Eric Bohl made a motion to approve the vouchers and transfer $47,000 to pay the bills, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.

Reminders and Upcoming Meetings:

Public Budget Hearing – Wednesday, November 18th, at 6:00pm
Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 9th, at 6:00pm

Adjournment: Gary Meinen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Posted by Nicole Ruf, Clerk on November 16, 2026
Locations posted: Front of Tilden Town Hall, Town of Tilden Website