

**TOWN OF TILDEN
CHIPPEWA COUNTY
MINUTES**

In accordance with provision of the Wisconsin Statute 19.82, 19.84, and 19.85, notice is hereby given that the Tilden Town Board will be meeting on and holding a closed session prior (5:00pm) to the public Town Board Meeting (6:00pm)

Thursday, October 8, 2026
5:00 PM
Tilden Town Hall
10790 100th Avenue
Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Chairman, Gary Meinen called the meeting to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00pm
Roll call/quorum – Gary Meinen, Dan Reischel, Eric Bohl, Kelsey Anderson – Fire Chief, Kathy Shear – Fire/EMS Secretary, and Clerk Nicole Ruf all present.

- **Motion to go into Closed session** - Eric Bohl made a motion to go into closed session, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.
- Closed Session under Wis. Stats. Sec 19.85(1)9e) for “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a Closed Session” to discuss and consider the following: **Ambulance Service**
- **Motion to go into Open Session at 6:00pm** - Eric Bohl made a motion to go into open session, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.
- *No motion(s) were made, no action(s) were taken during the closed session.*

New Business: Tilden Town Board Agenda

Note: Discussion and action may only occur on items listed under New Business

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

Approve the Town Board Minutes of: **September 8, 2026, and September 29, 2026 Road Improvement Plan** – Dan Reischel made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8th, and September 29th minutes, Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard.

Reports:

- **Treasurer’s Report** – Nicole Ruf gave the Treasurer’s Report
- **Fire Department Report** – Kelsey Anderson gave the fire report - 1 fire call in the month of September for a Co2 detector. All the fire trucks have been serviced by the Chippewa County Shop. Fire Inspections will begin this month. Fire Safety Week at St. Peter’s School this week, the fire department purchased fire blankets for the families – one per family. Town of Tilden’s Insurance cleared non-fire department employees to ride along on parade routes. Fire department applied for a Community Foundation Grant for one set of turn-out gear.
- **Highway Department/Shop Maintenance Report** – Nicole Ruf gave the highway report, Dave Goettl gathered information for barricades. Garbage has been dumped at the brush site. Pictures have been posted on social media reminding residents this is for brush only, not a place to dump garbage.
- **Recycling Center Report** – Al Goettl gave the recycling center report - Everything is running smoothly
- **Constable’s Dog Report** – Gary Meinen gave the report, there no calls about dogs, some cows got loose and assistance was needed to round them up.
- **Clerk’s report** - Nicole Ruf gave the Clerk’s report
 - 2 permits issued – 1 Driveway and 1 shed

- 0 Hall Rentals in September
- Open Invoices: One open invoice for \$260, invoice was returned, company website/email/phone/address is all fake
- Reports filed: No reports due
- Clerk's report is reconciled with the Treasurer's Report
- Painting/Cleaning has been completed; hallway will get finished this next week
- Credit Card Update

Discussion and possible action:

1. **Utility Permit 90th Ave** – Dan Reischel made a motion to approve the Utility permit with no fee, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.
2. **Bartender License for Jean Potter** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve Jean Potter's bartender license, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.
3. **"We Recycle" Signs** – Gary Meinen made a motion to go ahead and request 6 signs at no cost to the Town of Tilden, Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard.
4. **Garbage Bags** – Gary Meinen made a motion to order 5000 garbage bags at a cost of \$2585.50 + shipping, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard.
5. **LSSIP Update** – add to next agenda
6. **Culvert 78th Ave and intersection of Hwy Q** – no new updates from Chippewa County
7. **Plow attachment for end loader** – discussion was had about where to post this for sale, Gary will continue to work on it.
8. **Bridge Inspections** – add to next agenda
9. **Capital Outlay Funds** – add to next agenda
10. **Ambulance Service Updates** – Ambulance service is still under negotiations; this topic will be added to the next agenda.
11. **Public Comment** – public comment was heard in regards to:
 - a. Ambulance Service
 - b. Fuel options – tanks at the Town Hall vs. using the gas station in Tilden
12. **Items to be placed on the upcoming agenda**
 - a. LSSIP Update
 - b. Bridge inspections
 - c. Capital Outlay funds
 - d. Ambulance Service Updates
 - e. Fuel Options
13. **Set November Budget Hearing** – Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00
14. **Approve the vouchers and transfer funds to pay the bills** – Eric Bohl made a motion to approve the vouchers and transfer \$81,000 to pay the bills, Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard.

Reminders and Upcoming Meetings:

District Ambulance Contract Meeting – Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30pm, Eagle Point Town Hall
 Budget Planning Meeting – Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00pm
 City of Chippewa Falls Per Capita Ambulance Service Meeting – Monday, October 26th at 6:30pm
 Chippewa County Unit Meeting – Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00pm, Cooks Valley Town Hall
 November General Election – Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:00pm
 Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 11th at 6:00pm
 2027 Budget Hearing – Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00pm

Adjournment: Eric Bohl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gary Meinen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Posted by Nicole Ruf, Clerk on October 9, 2026

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