

TILDEN TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

7:00 PM

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

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

Roll Call: Gary Meinen, Dan Reischel, Eric Bohl, all present

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

Approve the Town Board Minutes of: **October 8th and October 22nd** Gary made a motion to approve the October 8th and October 22nd minutes, Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.

Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** – Shelley Schemenauer gave the treasurer report. Shelley stated that RCU direct deposit is \$.10 per transaction and would like to put this on the agenda next month for approval in 2026.
- **Fire Department Report** – Kelsey Anderson gave the fire report. Kelsey asked to put the hiring of Hannah Anderson, current EMS and Fire with Eagle Point, on the agenda for next month. There will be a new system for dispatch coming soon that has a 1st year trial – then approximately \$700/department/year thereafter. More details to come along with additional funding opportunities. The fire department would like to purchase a leaf blower and a light stand/tower for a total cost of \$378. Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the purchase of the leaf blower and light sta. Eric Bohl seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote. The fire department is also gathering quotes for the servicing of our 20 fire extinguishers.
- **Highway Department/Shop Maintenance Report** – Dave Goettl gave the highway report. Service truck update – county put new ball joints in at no cost to us and the truck is now running smooth. Patched approximately 1900lbs worth of potholes, an additional patch off of Bridgewater Dr. is needed. Equipment is ready to go for winter. DEF was purchased. 128th Ave sign was fixed and put back up.
- **Recycling Center Report** – Al Goettl gave the recycling report. Recycling Center shifts for deer hunting are covered and everything is running smoothly.
- **Constable's Dog Report** – Constable was not present. Shelley Schemenauer submitted the 2025 Dog License Summary Report to the County. 137 spay/neutered tags, 35 intact tags, and 4 multiple licenses were issued in 2025 for a total of \$1747 paid to Chippewa County.
- **Clerk's report** – Deputy Clerk Nicole Ruf gave the clerk's report. There were 4 permits issued in October: 3 utility and 1 shed. Fuel Tax refund has been submitted. Clerk's report is reconciled with the treasurer. Gary Meinen made a motion to add tempered glass to the clerk's office. Dan Reischel seconded. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.

Discussion and possible action:

1. **CSM Approval for Anthony and Lisa Schoch** – Gary Meinen made a motion to accept the CSM for Anthony and Lisa Schoch and signed the document. Eric Bohl seconded the motion. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.
2. **Hire Nicole Ruf for the position of Clerk from the position of Deputy Clerk** –Eric Bohl made a motion to approve the hiring of Nicole Ruf as Clerk, Dan Reischel seconded the motion. Only ayes heard in the voice vote. Nicole Ruf, Clerk, signed the Official Oath of Clerk and Gary Meinen, Town Chairman, signed the Official Oath of the Clerk as witness.
3. **Approve Bartender Licenses for Katelyn Hoff and Hope Krista** – Gary Meinen made a motion to approve the Bartender License for Katelyn Hoff and Hope Krista. Eric Bohl seconded the motion. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.

4. **Open Book and Board of Review Meeting possible dates** – Dates for Open Book and Board of Review were discussed: Open Book does not need to be on a specific day or time of day. Board of Review is requested to be set on Wednesday, April 29th at either 5:00pm or 6:00pm to best accommodate Board Members and Clerk’s schedules.
5. **Fire Department Reporting: Organization Status and Organization Tax Status** – The following questions were answered by the Town Board and Fire Department
 - a. What is the organization status of the fire department? - Volunteer
 - b. What is the organization tax status of the fire department? – Government
6. **Insurance Policy Questions** – The following questions were answered by the Town Board and Fire Chief/Fire Department

Township:

 - Total expenditures for current fiscal year - \$642,340
 - Total income for current fiscal year - \$643,340
 - How many miles of streets and roads do you maintain? 42
 - How many bridges? 6 Do you maintain these? Yes

Fire Department:

 - # of operational units – 6
 - # of standby units – 0
 - What is the farthest distance you will service (estimated miles)? – 5 Miles w/o mutual aid
 - # of crew members per vehicle on a run - 2
 - Number of annual calls:
 - Emergency - 90
 - Transporting to and from hospitals – 0 does not apply
7. **Review Public Budget Hearing** – A copy was given to all Board Members for review ahead of next week’s Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00pm.
8. **2026 Tax Newsletter** – Last year’s newsletter that was sent last year with annual tax bills/statements was reviewed and revised for 2026.
9. **Notice of Spring Election** – A copy was given to all Board Members
10. **Discuss Original Clerk’s Office Desk** – The secretary from the Clerk’s office may be posted for sale.
11. **Public Comment**
12. **Items to be placed on the upcoming agenda**
 - Appointing a Board of Review alternate
 - Approval of Direct Deposit for 2026
13. **Approve the vouchers and transfer funds to pay the bills** – Gary Meinen made a motion for approve the vouchers and to transfer \$50,000. Dan Reischel seconded the motion. Only ayes heard in the voice vote.

Next Meeting Date: Public Budget Hearing is set for Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00pm. The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: Eric Bohl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Gary Meinen seconded. Only ayes heard.

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Ruf, Town of Tilden Clerk