

TOWN OF SUN PRAIRIE
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 25, 2026

Call to Order: Chairman L Updike called the board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 5556 Twin Lane Road. Supervisor D Yelk, Supervisor J Seltzner, Treasurer K Weisensel, Clerk R Wiedenbeck and Patrolman J Schuster, were present. **Residents:** Scott LaFleur, Adam Weisensel, Meghan Mapes, Troy Statz, Matthew Brager, and Amie Hoag.

Statement of Public Notice: Record in the minutes that the notice of this August 20, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance: Treasurer K Weisensel led the pledge.

Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting: Supervisor J Seltzner made a motion to approve the minutes from July 27, 2026. Chairman L Updike seconded. Aye votes: L Updike, J Seltzner. Nay votes: None. Abstain: D Yelk. Motion carries.

Presentation from the Public: None.

Consider and Take Action: Approve the CSM for Statz Bros., Inc. for Parcel #0811-034-9690-9. Supervisor D Yelk Motioned to approve CSM for Statz Bros., Inc. for Parcel #0811-034-9690-9. Supervisor J Seltzner seconded. Aye votes: L Updike, D Yelk, J Seltzner. Nay votes. None. Motion carries.

Consider and Take Action: Discussion with resident Matthew Brager regarding his assessment on Parcel #0811-124-7029-5. This was discussed. Chairman L Updike explained that there was nothing that the Town Board could do at this time and that he would have wait and make his case at the next Board of Review in 2027. No action was taken.

Consider and Take Action: Approve the Cooperative Plan between the Town of Sun Prairie and the City of Sun Prairie. Supervisor D Yelk motioned to approve the Cooperative Plan between the Town of Sun Prairie and the City of Sun Prairie. Supervisor J Seltzner seconded. Aye votes: L Updike, D Yelk, J Seltzner. Nay votes. None. Motion carries.

Consider and Take Action: Approve the letter drafted by Mark Hazelbaker about the Records Request we received from Quinn Natzke. Supervisor J Seltzner motioned to approve letter drafted by Mark Hazelbaker. Supervisor D Yelk seconded. Aye votes: L Updike, D Yelk, J Seltzner. Nay votes: None. Motion carries.

Consider and Take Action: Discuss and approve the bid for Gunite concrete spray on the bottom of the cold storage building. Patrolman J Schuster reported that the bid came in too high and he is not asking for approval at this time. He is looking into other options.

Consider and Take Action: Approve to allow Patrolman, to obtain bids for replacement of canvas roof and any other parts needed for the salt shed structure that was damaged from hail. Patrolman J Schuster did receive 3 bids for the above item. He would like to go with the bid from Structures Unlimited. They have a 20-year warranty and will use a heavier canvas than the others. The proposed cost came in at \$35,760 installed, plus an additional \$2,180 for a new door, which would be installed at a later date. This bid is for complete replacement including the metal parts. We did receive \$11,500 from Rural Insurance for the damage of the salt shed, and it needs to be used by the end of October 2026. Supervisor D Yelk motioned

to accept bid from Structures Unlimited for \$37,940 with a 50% down payment. Supervisor J Seltzner seconded. Aye votes: L Updike, D Yelk, J Seltzner. Nay votes: None. Motion carries.

Consider and Take Action: Discussion about cell phones for office employees and elected officials. This was discussed. Supervisor D Yelk motioned to have office staff investigate, obtain prices on plans and phones. Supervisor J Seltzner seconded. Aye votes: L Updike, D Yelk, J Seltzner. Nay votes: None. Motion carries.

Consider and Take Action: Update Fee Schedule. Supervisor J Seltzner motioned to update the section: “Research Fees by Office”. Add line #4: Research Fee for Open Records Request: Hourly rate based on the lowest paid employee plus Fringe Benefits. Supervisor D Yelk seconded. Aye votes: L Updike, D Yelk, J Seltzner. Nay votes: None. Motion carries.

Consider and Take Action: Resolution No. 2026-08-25, “A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Sun Prairie, Establishing Formal Regulatory and Economic Objections to the proposed Bell Center-Columbia-Sugar Creek-Illinois State Line (BECI) 765-kV Transmission Line Project.” This was discussed. Supervisor D Yelk motioned to approve the resolution that was presented to the Town of Sun Prairie, Resolution No. 2026-08-25. Supervisor J Seltzner seconded. Aye votes: L Updike, D Yelk, J Seltzner. Nay votes: None. Motion carries.

Treasure K Weisensel will forward this resolution on to the appropriate parties according to Paragraph 6 of the Resolution.

Road Report: Patrolman, J Schuster reported the culverts on Bailey Rd are done and paved and ready for next year when they will be repaving Bailey Rd. Ditches are almost all mowed, except for a little left on Town Hall Dr. and Pierceville Rd. He also reported that, he hired a part-time Plow Truck Driver, however, he was offered more money at another municipality, so he will not be working for us. We will need to advertise.

Committee Updates:

EMS/Fire: NEDCFU meeting is scheduled for Sept 24th at 7:00 a.m.

Parks: The 6-month contract with First Weber realty, for the 2 lots on Twin Lane Rd., is almost up. This was discussed. No action taken. Need to add to next month’s agenda with a closed session and discuss renewal of realtor contract and price of lots.

Town Zoning: Had a meeting of the 6 towns, on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Had a variance request from the Whippoorwill Bar in the Town of Berry. This request was approved.

Chairman L Updike reported the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is updating the Water Quality Plan for the central region which includes the Town of Sun Prairie. He was invited to participate in the technical advisory committee, which would consist of 4 plus meetings and maybe some sub-committee meetings. Lyle, would like to participate as a Town Representative. The Town Board agreed to have him as our Town Representative.

Planning Commission: Approved going forward with the “Moratorium on Data Centers. They will be holding a public meeting next month. Will be added to the Next Town Board Meeting agenda.

Audit and Pay Bills: Supervisor J Seltzner motioned to approve the bills for \$366,885.49 plus \$24,000 for the salt shed. Supervisor D Yelk seconded. Aye votes: L Updike, D Yelk, J Seltzner. Nay votes: None. Motion carries.

Old Business/New Business: Discussion about the proposed BECI 765-kV, 190-mile Transmission Line Project for Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Jefferson, Richmond, Rock, Sauk and Walworth counties. For more information regarding this project please visit their website: <https://mgs-projects.comBECI>. Already Discussed. No Action was taken.

Discussion of updating the Noxious Weeds Notice to include an Ordinance on Well Being Checks. Treasurer K Weisensel talked with Dane County Sheriff Deputy Stanford who inquired about the Town of Sun Prairie having a Well Being Check Ordinance. The Town does not. This was discussed. No action was taken. Treasurer K Weisensel will send samples of Well Being Ordinances to Board Member for discussion at the next board meeting.

Supervisor D Yelk noticed a vehicle stopped at Pierceville Cemetery and stopped to inquire what he was doing. This gentleman goes around and fixes Veteran headstones. He belongs to a group that does this voluntarily at no charge. He gave Supervisor D Yelk his business card. Doug will provide it to Pierceville Cemetery committee and maybe they will be willing to give the gentleman a donation for his work and dedication.

Correspondence: None.

Items for next meeting agenda: Office Phones, Renewal of Realtor Contract & Price of Lots, Moratorium on Data Centers, Well Being Ordinance.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next town board meeting will be Monday, September 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. There will also be a NEDCFU meeting on September 24, 2026 at 7 a.m., and a Budget Meeting to follow at 9 a.m.

Adjournment: Supervisor D Yelk motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Rhonda Wiedenbeck, Town Clerk
Town of Sun Prairie