Town of Hortonia - Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2025

- Public Notice Verified.
- Motion to approve minutes from the previous town board meeting was made and seconded.
- Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer's report approved.

- Income for August:

- Tax information: \$60

- August settlement: \$82,251.46

- Half a percent sales tax distribution: \$12,201

- Election reimbursement: \$29.86

- Interest: \$710.56

- Total income: \$95,252.88

- Account balances:

- Money market: \$408,867.59 (earmarked for contingency, half a percent sales tax, funds to repair lower given, and a new town hall fund)

- Checking account: \$30,216.73

- Park funds: \$23,189.64- Fire truck: \$199,834.39- First State Bank: \$79,436.42

- Dog account: \$1,608.25

Hear from the Floor CSM for Luke Ho

- Planning commission reviewed it and recommended approval.
- It involves moving a lot lines.
- Motion to accept the CSM for Luke Ho was made and seconded.
- Motion passed.
- Resident inquired about the progress with problematic property by New London.
- An enforcement letter was drafted, and the property owner was supposed to be contacted. The zoning administrator was to deliver the letter and have a conversation with the property owner. The inspector was also tracking down the history of the situation with contacts at New London.

Old Business

Court and Property Violations

- The town is moving forward with establishing a court to address violations.
- A specific property is owned, residential, and not in custody.
- The property is being used as a storage yard, with an increase in stored items, including storage pods.

New Business

Gold Cross Ambulance Service

- Gold Cross is purchasing a fifth ambulance.
- Expenses will increase by 1.93% for services.
- A free first responder class will be available in Weyauwega.

State Property Purchase

- The state is offering to sell a piece of property to the town for \$11,500.
- The property includes a portion of the parking lot.
- There are questions regarding the property line and ownership.
- A title company could investigate the historical records to determine ownership.
- There is a time limit to respond to the offer.
- A letter should be sent expressing interest while the title is being researched.
- The land is 0.79403 acres, but the parking lot makes it bigger.
- The county bought 11 acres for \$48,000.

County Maintenance Agreement

- The current agreement with the county is ending this year.
- A new five-year contract is proposed for snow hauling, road maintenance, and mowing.
- The county bases its maintenance estimate on the state funds received for road maintenance.
- The agreement covers mowing, snow plowing, road maintenance, signage, weeding, and tree cutting. Unused funds roll over to the next year.
- The agreement allows the county to budget for materials, shipping, and labor.
- A motion was made and seconded to sign the maintenance agreement with Outagamie County for a five-year term. The motion passed.

Hear From the Floor-2

- A resident wants to discuss utilizing their 12-acre property on Newman's Road for farming.
- The property is currently zoned residential.
- A resident inquired about utilizing their R1 zoned property for agricultural purposes, specifically for animals like pigs or alpacas. The property has existing fencing from when it held alpacas.
- The zoning administrator, Paul Hanlon, is the primary contact for zoning-related questions. His contact information is on the town website.

Sheriff's Office Update

- Deputy from the Sheriff's office reviewed recent calls for service in the area and found nothing "glaringly concerning."
- There has been a noticeable presence of sheriff's vehicles in the area.
- She asked if there were any traffic or criminal-related issues that needed to be addressed.

Traffic and Signage Concerns

- Resident reports issues with drivers running the stop sign at P and W.
- Request to move the Waupaca County sign on Highway 45 near Kanaman Road due to people seeking public land access, especially during deer season.
- People have been knocking on the resident's door late at night.
- The residents believe people are trying to cut through their land, looking for an entrance.
- Resident reports a loud motorcycle speeding on Shady Drive between 1 am and 3 am.
- Officer will try to address the issue but will not pursue if the driver takes off.

Meeting Schedule and Notifications

- Next regular town board meeting: October 21st at 5 pm at the town hall.
- Upcoming meetings:
- Planning commission meeting: October 23rd at the town office.
- Public hearing (accessory buildings in residential area): October 29th at 5 pm at the town office.
- Calendar updates are available on the town website, including recycling and garbage pickup schedules.
- The town is posting MCC blast notices on the town hall website

Motion to Adjourn and Closed Session

- Motion made to adjourn the meeting and to convene in closed session per statute 19.85(1)(g) for legal counsel consultation regarding litigation strategy.

Roll Call

Chairman Clegg -yes. Supervisor Willenkamp-yes. Supervisor Zuehlsdorf-yes.

Meeting adjourned and Moved to Closed Session.