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Clerk/Treasurer

Doris Meyer

**Town of Tainter
At Tainter Town Hall**

October 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Tainter Town Board Meeting Minutes

- 1) CALL TO ORDER:** Randy Valaske, Chair, called to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) ROLL CALL:** Board Members present: Randy Valaske, Jerry Mrdutt, Jeremy Kozumplik, Justin Albricht and Marty Guarneri. Absent: None. Quorum established. Others present: Doris Meyer, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Darwin Anderson, PC Chairman; Wade Aspen, Patrolman and 4 other.
- 4) CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:** Agenda posted October 7, 2025 on the Town Hall Office window and Town website.
- 5) APPROVE AGENDA:** Consensus to approve as posted.
- 6) APPROVE MINUTES:** Town Board meeting held on

September 11, 2025. Motion by Justin to approve the September 11, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes. Marty seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

7) FINANCE: September 2025 Finance Report and Payment of Bills.

a) September Financials: Reviewed September financial statements. Includes September checks 25105 – 25136, payrolls for employees direct deposited and 6 ACH payments: 1 (one) to WORCS for background check; 2 (two) to Farm Bureau; 1 (one) to Wisconsin Retirement System, 1 (one) to WI DOR for payroll SWT; and 1 (one) to IRS for payroll FWT, Social Security and Medicare tax. Checking account balance \$11,568.32; Money Market balance \$51,459.46; CD \$179,260.39. Motion by Marty and seconded by Jeremy to approve financial statements as printed. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Check/voucher numbers 25137 – 25147 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Motion by Marty, seconded by Jeremy to approve payment of bills

numbered 25137 – 25147 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

8) REPORTS

a) Plan Commission (PC) Report:

Darwin Anderson, Plan Commission chairman, stated the Plan Commission did not meet in October, so nothing to report.

b) Patrolman Report: Wade Aspen was present and stated he is done mowing and plans to start hauling salt/sand shortly.

9) BUSINESS

a) Colfax Fire Department: Mark Dietsche, Gary Hill and LeAnn Ralph, representatives for the Colfax Fire Department, were present to provide information and answer questions about the possibility of splitting fire services between the Menomonie Fire District and the Colfax Fire District for the Town of Tainter. Discussion followed. Item tabled as additional information is needed for further discussion.

b) City/Rural Fire Department Contract: Jerry reported that the Menomonie Rural Fire District approved the contract with the City of Menomonie at their last meeting on September 22, 2025. Additional discussion followed.

c) Review LRIP Application for 770th Ave (Gunther Road): The LRIP application and supporting documents for 770th Ave were reviewed. Consensus to update average daily traffic number (ADT) and have an additional review by the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Final submission to follow, pending any additional updates/revisions.

d) CD Renewal: Consensus to roll over current CD, upon maturity, into a 7-month, 4.24% CD at same location.

e) Building Inspector Annual Contract for 2026: Resolution 2025-06: After receiving notice that our current building inspector, Fred Weber, had sold to Steinmeyer Inspections, discussion followed regarding a building inspector going forward. Building Inspector contract for year 2026 along with permit fees received from Steinmeyer Inspections was reviewed and discussed. Justin moved to contract building inspector services for 2026 for the Town of Tainter with Justin Steinmeyer of Steinmeyer Inspections. Marty seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Justin- yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried.

f) Preliminary Budget for 2026: The preliminary budget for 2026 was reviewed and discussed. Several adjustments will need to be made including 2% fire dues, fire and ambulance services and wages for the clerk and patrolman.

Without objection, public comment was heard before moving into closed session. Doris read an email from Tom Bilse giving an update of the Tainter Lake District news. She also reported attending the Colfax Ambulance meeting, where it was stated that the ambulance per capita amounts are projected to stay the same for 2026 as 2025. A reminder that there will be a meeting on November 18, 2025 at the Tainter Town Hall from 5:00 to 6:30 regarding the County D bridge replacement.

- g) **Closed Session - *The Town Board may go into closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(b)(c) to consider employee dismissal, employee wages and benefits and possible changes/increases, and, if necessary, the Town Board will reconvene into open session to discuss and take action relating to the subject matter of the closed session discussion, and/or to conduct other noticed agenda items.*** Motion by Justin to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(b)(c) for the purpose of considering employee dismissal, wages and benefits and possible changes/increases, seconded by Jerry. Roll Call vote: Justin- yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried.
- h) **Reconvene into open session – take action on employee contracts:** Motion made by Marty to reconvene into Open Session, seconded by Justin. Roll Call vote: Justin- yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried.
- i) **Patrolmen Contracts for Year 2026:** Motion by Marty to approve the updated head patrolman contract as presented for Wade for year 2026. Justin seconded. Roll Call vote: Justin- yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried.
- j) **Clerk/Treasurer Contract Year 2026:** Motion by Marty to approve the updated clerk/treasurer contract as presented for Doris for year 2026. Justin seconded. Roll Call vote: Justin- yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried.

10) CORRESPONDENCE/Public Comment: Three (3) minute limit, discussion and no action. Moved up on agenda.

11) NEXT MEETING: Board of Review on November 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. and November 13, 2025, in this order beginning at 7 pm. – Public Hearing for Year 2026 Budget; Special Meeting of the Town Electors; Town Board Meeting.

12) ADJOURN: Marty moved to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Jeremy seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Doris Meyer, Town Clerk

*NOTE: Discussion and action may occur on any of the above agenda items.