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**Town of Tainter
At Tainter Town Hall**

March 12, 2026 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, Marty Guarneri and Justin Albright. Absent: None. Quorum established. Others present: Doris Meyer, Town Clerk/Treasurer and 4 others.
- 4) **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:** Agenda posted March 10, 2026 on the Town Hall Office window and Town website.
- 5) **APPROVE AGENDA:** Consensus to approve as posted.
- 6) **APPROVE MINUTES:** February 12, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes. Motion by Justin to approve the February 12, 2026

Town Board meeting minutes. Marty seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

7) **FINANCE:** February 2026 Finance Report and Payment of Bills.

a) **February Financials:** Reviewed February financial statements. Includes February checks 25245 – 25274, payrolls for employees direct deposited and 5 ACH payments: 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 \$41,154.87; Money Market balance \$423,134.36; CD \$180,823.19. 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 25275 – 25280 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Motion by Marty, seconded by Jeremy to approve payment of bills numbered 25275 – 25280 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 he attended the Menomonie Joint Sewer meeting. Our area is still included in the plan area, but he doesn't expect that it will be an issue anytime in the near future. The Plan Commission did not meet in March but a CSM review is expected for the April meeting.

b) **Patrolman Report:** Wade Aspen reported it has been slow so he didn't have much to report but there are a couple of agenda items that he will speak on later in the agenda.

9) BUSINESS

a) **Hay River Bridge Replacement – Town Road Impact:** Dustin Binder, Dunn County Highway Commissioner, was available for discussion via phone and Arlen Beaudette, engineer from Ayres was available in person for discussion regarding the impact of the town roads with the Hay River bridge replacement project. The main issue is the DOT standards for safety not being achievable with the current layout on the West side of the bridge. The Town Board expressed concerns for public safety and maintenance should 870th Ave and 622nd St be closed to through traffic. Dustin stated that a final decision has not been made yet on the proposed new layout. Additional discussion with the Town is anticipated before the layout is finalized.

b) **Proposed Colfax Area EMS District Agreement (Innovation Grant Application):** Jerry gave an update on the proposed Colfax Area Rescue District being formed so that an Innovation Grant application could be submitted before the deadline of March 31, 2026. The Innovation Grant would provide grant funding for up to five years. Additional discussion followed. Motion by Jeremy to approve the EMS Shared Services Agreement for purposes of participation in the Wisconsin EMS Innovation Grant application, contingent upon attorney review and with the understanding that any creation of an EMS district or transfer of EMS services shall require separate approval by the Town Board. Motion seconded by Justin. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried. In addition, person authorized to sign agreement was discussed. Randy Valaske, chairman, will be the person authorized to sign agreement.

c) **Resolution 2026-01 Supporting A Comprehensive & Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution:** After attending the Town's Association spring workshop, Jerry provided information regarding a proposed resolution to support a comprehensive and sustainable transportation funding solution that, if approved, will be forwarded to the Town's Association to forward to our area representatives and to the Governor as part of a statewide initiative. Motion by Jeremy to approve Resolution 2026-01 Supporting a Comprehensive & Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution. Seconded by Marty. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.

- d) **ARIP Grant Discussion:** Discussion was had on roads that could potentially qualify for future ARIP Grant funding. Due to the requirement of seasonal weight restrictions being posted on potential roads and the current PASER ratings, it was decided that roads being considered would not qualify for ARIP funding in the near future.
- e) **Set Road Inspection Date:** March 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm was set as the date and time for the road inspection.
- f) **CD Purchase/Renewal:** Consensus to use money from two equipment CD's that will be maturing before payment is due to pay for truck equipment. In addition, consensus to purchase a 12-month, 3.65% CD with annual equipment amount.
- g) **Disposal of 2014 International Plow Truck:** Discussion was had on selling the old plow truck. Consensus to list on Wisconsin Surplus, with a right to reject all bids, as soon as possible.

10) CORRESPONDENCE/Public Comment: Three (3) minute limit, discussion and no action. Doris reported that 2025 audit information has been submitted to the auditors, and the final filings have been submitted for ARPA funding, which has now been officially closed out. She also gave an update from Tom Bilsle, who was unable to be present, of the Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District happenings.

11) NEXT MEETING: Road inspection meeting – Thursday, **March 19, 2026** at 5:00 p.m.
Regular Town Board meeting – Thursday, **April 23, 2026** at 7:00 p.m. with Annual Meeting to follow immediately after adjournment of regular meeting

12) ADJOURN: Marty moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Jerry 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.