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**Town of Tainter
At Tainter Town Hall
April 23, 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; Darwin Anderson, PC Chairman; Wade Aspen, Patrolman and 1 other.
- 4) **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:** Agenda posted April 21, 2026 on the Town Hall Office window and Town website.
- 5) **APPROVE AGENDA:** Consensus to approve as posted.
- 6) **APPROVE MINUTES:** March 12, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes. Motion by Justin to approve the March 12, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes. Jerry seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- 7) **FINANCE:** March 2026 Finance Report and Payment of Bills.
 - a) **March Financials:** Reviewed March financial statements. Includes March checks 25275 – 25295, 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 \$48,182.43; Money Market balance \$349,079.31; CD \$210,823.19. 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 25296 – 25322 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Motion by Marty, seconded by Jeremy to approve payment of bills numbered 25296 – 25322 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, gave an overview of the submitted annual report for the Plan Commission and spoke briefly about 2025 Wisconsin Act 68. Plan Commission business will be addressed later on this agenda.

b) **Patrolman Report:** Wade Aspen reported that the new truck is at Universal now. They have started sweeping and are working on arm mowing. He also stated he met with Scott Construction regarding the roads that were chip sealed last fall. The roads look good, but Scott Construction will be redoing the town hall parking lot. Also, the extra amount of chips still on the roads were discussed. Discussion followed. Wade to have Logslett Sweeping sweep up residential roads for under \$2,500.

9) BUSINESS

a) **Brent Buerkle final CSM to divide an approximately 7.29 acre lot located within the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin.** This item was tabled as several issues need to be resolved before the CSM can be reviewed by the Plan Commission.

b) **Plan Commission member terms to expire April 30, 2026: Dave Wilsey and Jeremy Kozumplik.** Chairman, Randy Valaske, appointed Dave Wilsey and Jeremy Kozumplik to another term on the Plan Commission. Town Board approved appointments by consensus. All in favor and none opposed

c) **Road Inspection findings and Determine Road(s) to Put Out for Bid(s):**

1. 770th Ave (Gunther Road): The Town of Tainter was notified on April 14th that they were awarded an LRIP TRID grant for 770th Ave (Gunther Road) for a cost share of 49.88% State and 50.12% Town. Discussion followed on best approach for road repair/reconstruction. Consensus was that having the road engineered and done correctly would be better, especially for drainage, rather than just grinding, paving and shouldering.

a. LRIP Grant Acceptance/Refusal: Motion by Justin to move forward with LRIP grant acceptance for 770th Ave (Gunther Road). Seconded by Jeremy. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-no; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried. SMA from the State will need to be received before any work can be done.

b. Non-LRIP Town Bid Spec Review: No review was done since LRIP grant from State will be accepted resulting in engineering of the road.

2. Other Town Roads: Discussion was had on possible other road projects given the uncertainty of the scope of work and timing for 770th Ave for the remainder of this year. Wade to put together a bid spec for 537th St. (Florence Drive) for grind, pave and shoulder work, as well as a bid spec for possible roads to be chip sealed in 2026. Both sets of bid spec's will be reviewed at the May Town Board meeting to determine what will be advertised. In addition, gravel will be purchased and added on 930th Ave.

- d) **Operator License: Tara Cole – Pioneer:** Applicant is in compliance with state and local laws. Motion by Justin to approve the operator license for Tara Cole. Marty seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - e) **Operator License: Aryssa Scherer – Elk Point:** Applicant is in compliance with state and local laws. Motion by Marty to approve the operator license for Aryssa Scherer. Justin seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - f) **EMS/Fire Services:**
 - i) **Innovation Grant - Colfax Area Rescue District:** Randy stated that Jeremy Kozumplik will now be the official Town of Tainter representative for the Colfax Area Rescue District. Jerry Mrdutt will be the alternate representative. Jeremy gave an update on the meetings that he has attended where they are working on details of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Bylaws of the newly created District.
 - ii) **Innovation Grant - Menomin Area Rescue District:** Jerry Mrdutt will be the Town of Tainter representative for the Menomin Area Rescue District, with Jeremy Kozumplik being the alternate representative. The District is being formed from the Menomonie Rural Fire Department and the Menomonie Fire Department for the purpose of applying for the Innovation Grant. An application for an Innovation Grant was submitted before the March 31, 2026 deadline, so grant funding is expected for the next five years. Additional meetings will be needed to finalize the legal documents and work out additional details of the District. Randy authorized Jeremy to sign Menomin Area Rescue District contract at the Monday, April 27, 2026 Dunn County Unit Wisconsin Town’s Association meeting.
 - iii) **Menomonie/Colfax Split Fire Districts:** Jerry stated that this has been put on the back burner with the creation of the new EMS Districts, but that we will need to start working on it again.
 - g) **Menomonie Fire Department Ordinance:** An ordinance is required by the Town of Tainter for fire inspection purposes. Item tabled until ordinance can be drafted.
- 10) CORRESPONDENCE/Public Comment:** Three (3) minute limit, discussion and no action. Doris reported that 2025 audit has been completed, that the flooring in the office has been repaired (under warranty) and that the current assessor, Ron Meyer, plans to continue assessing as his license is active until 2030. She also gave an update from Tom Bipse, who was unable to be present, of the Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District happenings.
- 11) NEXT MEETING:** Regular Town Board meeting – Thursday, **May 14, 2026** at 7:00 p.m.
- 12) ADJOURN:** Marty moved to adjourn at 8:20 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.