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**Town of Tainter
At Tainter Town Hall**

July 9, 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; Wade Aspen, Patrolman and 9 others.
- 4) **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:** Agenda posted July 7, 2026 on the town hall office window and town website.
- 5) **APPROVE AGENDA:** Consensus to approve as posted.
- 6) **APPROVE MINUTES:** June 8, 2026 Board of Review meeting minutes, June 11, 2026 Land Division Ordinance Public Hearing minutes and June 11, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes. Motion by Jeremy to approve June 8, 2026 Board of Review meeting minutes, June 11, 2026 Land Division Ordinance Public Hearing minutes and June 11, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes. Jerry seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- 7) **FINANCE:** June 2026 Finance Report and Payment of Bills.
 - a) **June Financials:** Reviewed June financial statements. Includes June checks 25359 – 25381, payrolls for employees direct deposited and 9 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; and 4 (four) to WORCS for background checks. Checking account balance \$73,413.45; Money Market balance \$434,520.85; CD \$81,146.39. Motion by Justin and seconded by Marty to approve financial statements as printed. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Check/voucher numbers 25382 – 25399 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Motion by Justin, seconded by Marty to approve payment of bills numbered 25382 – 25399 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

8) REPORTS

a) Plan Commission (PC) Report:

Jeremy Kozumplik, Plan Commission member, spoke on behalf of the Plan Commission that Plan Commission business will be addressed later on this agenda.

b) Patrolman Report:

Wade Aspen reported that things have been quiet. They are working on arm mowing and ditch mowing. The new truck is here so he is working on getting things set up for use.

9) BUSINESS

- a) **Town Hall Renter Request: Loretta Retzlaff – August 1, 2026:** Loretta Retzlaff requested to have alcohol in the Town Hall on August 1, 2026. Consensus by the Town Board to allow Loretta Retzlaff to have alcohol in the Town Hall August 1, 2026.
- b) **Town Hall Renter Request: Ginny Szalai – July 18, 2026:** Ginny Szalai requested to have alcohol in the Town Hall on July 18, 2026. Consensus by the Town Board to allow Ginny Szalai to have alcohol in the Town Hall July 18, 2026.
- c) **Ryan Andraschko - Final CSM to combine two existing lots into one lot. Lots 11 and 12 of Pine Haven Addition, located in part of Government Lot 4, Section 31, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin.** Ron Jasperson, surveyor for the Andraschko's, was present and stated that the Andraschko's have decided to cancel this CSM.
- d) **Denmark Dairy LLC – Final CSM to combine four parcels into one parcel located in part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼, part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, and the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, all in Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin.** Ron Jasperson, surveyor for Denmark Dairy, was present and gave a brief overview of the proposed CSM, which would combine four parcels into one parcel to eliminate the Dunn County Zoning setback requirements between these individual parcels. The Plan Commission reviewed the CSM at their July 7, 2026 meeting and recommended approval of the CSM to include the noted green space only at the Northern most portion of NW / SW parcel along Sinking Creek. Motion by Marty to recommend approval of final CSM. Seconded by Jerry. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.
- e) **Triple A Farms LLC - Rezone request to rezone five parcels totaling approximately 178.76 acres from General Agriculture (GA) to Intensive Agriculture (IA) being the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, the NW ¼ of the SE ¼, and the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 22, and part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ and part of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 27,**

all in Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin. Justin Albricht was present and explained that the DNR is requiring his farm to install a manure lagoon. Under Dunn County Zoning, it needs to be zoned Intensive Agriculture (IA) in order to install the manure lagoon. The Plan Commission reviewed the rezone request at their July 7th meeting and recommended approval. Discussion followed. Motion by Marty and seconded by Jerry to approve rezone request from General Agriculture (GA) to Intensive Agriculture (IA). Roll call vote: Justin-abstain; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.

- f) Kyle Doll - Final CSM to combine two existing lots into one lot. Located in Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 16, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin.** Jim Scheffler, surveyor for the Doll's, was present and stated the Doll's would like to combine their two parcels into one so they can build a house on or near the current common lot line, which would not meet Dunn County Zoning setback requirements. The Plan Commission reviewed the CSM at their July 7th meeting and recommended approval. Discussion followed. Motion by Justin and seconded by Marty to approve final CSM. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.
- g) Josh Gawrysiak – Final CSM to divide an approximately 16.26 acre lot located within the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 4, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin.** Jim Scheffler, surveyor for Josh Gawrysiak, was present and stated the owner would like to divide off this approximately 16.26 acre lot with the intent to sell this new lot so a house could be built on it. The Plan Commission reviewed the CSM at their July 7th meeting and recommended approval. Discussion followed. Motion by Marty and seconded by Jerry to approve final CSM. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.
- h) E6533 State Road 170 Land Use Discussion:** The owner of the property at E6533 State Road 170 was present and explained that the intended use of the property is as a farm, pasture and a personal shop. Discussion followed regarding the large equipment on site and piles of landscaping supplies along Highway 170. Tammy Traxler, Dunn County Zoning Administrator, was also present and explained that the Dunn County Zoning Ordinance is currently being updated, with an anticipated enactment date of December, 2026. After the Ordinance is updated, a contractor storage yard could be permitted with a conditional use permit on a parcel that is General Agriculture (GA), which this parcel is currently zoned. Consensus to review this again after Dunn County Zoning Ordinance is updated.
- i) 24-7 Telcom Broadband Expansion Project(s):** Brad Schmidt knecht of 24-7 Telcom was present and presented information regarding providing fiber to two additional loops, 850th Ave and Elk Point area, within the Town of Tainter. Brad had prepared a permit to construct, maintain or repair utilities within highway right-of-way giving 24-7 Telcom permission to move ahead with the proposed projects. Discussion followed with all of the board members agreeing to allow the proposed project.

- j) **Re-award 3/8" Chip Sealing Bid:** Shortly after the June 11th town board meeting, where the chip sealing bids had been opened and awarded, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC submitted an email to the Town of Tainter, revoking their awarded contract of \$76,353 for 3/8" chips sealing due to an estimating error on their end. Since sealed bids were originally received from two companies at the June 11, 2026 town board meeting, and with Fahrner revoking their bid, the remaining bid from Scott Construction, Inc. for \$105,616 was reviewed.

3/8" CHIPS BIDS

	FAHRNER	SCOTT
617 th St	\$ 2,464.00	\$ 2,753.00
627 th St	\$ 8,096.00	\$ 8,712.00
730 th St	\$ 23,950.00	\$ 25,502.00
770 th Ave	\$ 24,874.00	\$ 49,002.00
819 th Ave	\$ 8,770.00	\$ 9,466.00
821 st Ave	\$ 4,835.00	\$ 5,520.00
548 th St	\$ 3,364.00	\$ 4,661.00
TOTAL	\$ 76,353.00	\$ 105,616.00

Motion by Jerry to award Scott Construction, Inc. 3/8" chip sealing bid as aforementioned for a total of \$105,616. Justin seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.

- k) **Hay River Bridge Replacement -Town Road Impact:** Information was received from the Dunn County Highway Commissioner, Dustin Binder, regarding the town road intersections at County Road D and 870th Avenue and 622nd Street, in which he was pursuing cul-de-sacs with a 45' radius for each of the town roads. Randy and Jerry attended the Dunn County Highway Committee meeting on July 8th in an effort to discuss alternatives to the proposal. No alternatives were considered. Discussion was had regarding the Town of Tainter Town Highway Ordinance requiring a 60' radius for cul-de-sacs rather than the proposed 45' radius.
- l) **Disposal of International Plow Truck:** Wade to get information together to put the International plow truck on Wisconsin Surplus to sell. Minimum bid was discussed and set.
- m) **Dunn County Zoning inquiry about Town views on handling nonconformities:** Tammy Traxler, Dunn County Zoning Administrator, spoke on the increase in the number of questions on parcels in unrecorded plats that have been received by her department regarding non-conforming lot size or setback requirements. Discussion followed with the Town of Tainter expressing they would like to review the nonconformities on a case-by-case situation given the wide variety of issues and circumstances that could be involved on each particular parcel.
- n) **Dunn County Countywide Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan:** Tammy Traxler gave a brief update on the Dunn County Countywide Comprehensive

Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan, with the hope that it would be adopted by the end of this year.

- o) Dunn County Planning, Resources, and Development Committee Public Meeting Regarding Modular Data Centers.** Tammy Traxler spoke briefly about the limited information she has received regarding modular data centers.

- p) EMS/Fire Services:**

- i) Innovation Grant - Colfax Area Rescue District:** Jeremy gave an update on the Colfax Area Rescue District (CARD) including that CARD was approved for the Innovation Grant. Additional meetings will be necessary to get all the legal documents in place for future business.

- a. Resolution 2026-03 Acknowledging Creation of Colfax Area Rescue District (CARD):** Resolution 2026-03 Acknowledging Creation of Colfax Area Rescue District (CARD), Appointing District Representatives and Authorizing Transition of EMS Services was discussed and reviewed. Motion by Marty to approve Resolution 2026-03 Acknowledging Creation of Colfax Area Rescue District (CARD), Appointing District Representatives and Authorizing Transition of EMS Services. Seconded by Justin. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.

- ii) Innovation Grant - Menomin Area Rescue District:** Jerry gave a brief update on the Menomin Area Rescue District including that the District was approved for the Innovation Grant.

- q) Menomonie/Colfax Split Fire Districts:** Discussion was had on the possibility of splitting the Town of Tainter fire service area with both the Menomonie and Colfax fire department. Additional information relating to the buy-in to the Colfax Fire Department as well as the proposed new boundary lines will need to be reviewed again at a later meeting.

- 10) CORRESPONDENCE/Public Comment:** Three (3) minute limit, discussion and no action. Tom Bilse emailed an update of the Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District happenings. Doris reported that there is an election security grant that she is looking into.

- 11) NEXT MEETING:** Regular Town Board meeting – Thursday, **August 13, 2026** at 7:00 p.m.

- 12) ADJOURN:** Marty moved to adjourn at 8:21 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.