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Doris Meyer

**Town of Tainter
At Tainter Town Hall**

August 13, 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, and Justin Albricht. Absent: Marty Guarneri. Quorum established. Others present: Doris Meyer, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Wade Aspen, Patrolman and 2 others.
- 4) CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:** Agenda posted August 11, 2026 on the town hall office window and town website.
- 5) APPROVE AGENDA:** Consensus to approve as posted.
- 6) APPROVE MINUTES:** July 9, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes. Motion by Jerry to approve July 9, 2026 Town Board

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

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

- a) July Financials:** Reviewed July financial statements. Includes July checks 25382 – 25412, 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 \$29,377.30; Money Market balance \$412,494.35; CD \$81,421.64. Motion by Justin and seconded by Jerry to approve financial statements as printed. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Check/voucher numbers 25413 – 25436 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Motion by Justin, seconded by Jerry to approve payment of bills numbered 25413 – 25436 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

8) REPORTS

a) **Plan Commission (PC) Report:**

Darwin reported that the Plan Commission did not meet in August as there weren't any agenda items. He attended the Joint Town/City Sewer Committee meeting where they voted to adopt the updated sewer plan.

b) **Patrolman Report:** Wade Aspen reported that things have been pretty quiet, but they have been working on some small stuff. There have been several repair issues with the tractor recently and the International truck sold on Wisconsin Surplus for \$28,250. The buyer expects to pick up the truck around Labor Day.

9) BUSINESS

a) **Hay River Bridge Project – Town Road Impacts:** Discussion followed regarding the County's decision to install 60-foot radius cul-de-sacs at both the 870th Avenue and 622nd Street intersections of County Road D at the Hay River bridge.

b) **Annual Review Town Insurance Policies:** Insurance policies were reviewed. New truck equipment has been added but is not shown on the policy included for review. After updating the policy for the new truck equipment and removing the 2014 International truck, which will be removed from the policy once truck is picked up by buyer, an additional premium may be due. Consensus to pay as invoiced.

c) **Menomonie/Colfax Split Fire Districts:** Information was reviewed regarding the buy-in to the Colfax Fire Department and discussion followed about the possible boundary lines of a potential split of fire services between Menomonie and Colfax Fire Departments. Doris to try to schedule a meeting with Jerry Mrdutt, Denny Klass and Gary Hill in the near future.

d) **Menomonie Fire Department Ordinance:** As part of the requirements of the Menomonie Fire Department, the Town of Tainter is responsible for having an ordinance regarding fire inspections. Discussion followed. Doris to draft up a simplified ordinance for review at the September town board meeting.

e) **Resolution 2026-04 to Amend 2026 Adopted Budget:** Motion by Justin to approve Resolution 2026-04 to amend 2026 adopted budget. Seconded by Jeremy. Roll Call vote: Justin-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes, and Randy-yes. Motion carried.

f) **Annual Review ATV/UTV Ordinance #150.4:** An annual review of the current Town of Tainter ATV/UTV Ordinance #150.4 was done with discussion following. Consensus to leave Town of Tainter ATV/UTV Ordinance #150.4 as currently written and reviewed.

g) **Review Municipal Emergency Operations Plan Ordinance #20.6:** An annual review of the current Town of Tainter Municipal Emergency Operations Plan Ordinance #20.6 was done with discussion following. Consensus to leave Town of Tainter Municipal Emergency Operations Plan Ordinance #20.6 as currently written and reviewed.

h) **Election Security Sub-Grant:**

i) **Possible Purchases:** Doris reported that a new front door with a security window in the door would be an eligible purchase for this grant. Wade provided information

- regarding possible pricing for a door similar to what is installed now but will check into pricing for a thicker door that is more of a standard size.
- ii) **Election Contingency Plan Updates:** Updates to the Town of Tainter Elections Contingency Plan were reviewed. Motion by Jerry to adopt Updated Election Contingency Plan as presented. Seconded by Justin. Roll Call vote: Justin-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes, and Randy-yes. Motion carried.
 - i) **Dunn County Zoning Ordinance Updates:** Discussion was had on possible updates to the Dunn County Zoning Ordinance, specifically related to data centers, with reference being made to presentations made to the Dunn County Planning, Resource and Development Committee regarding energy and modular units. The presentations are recorded and available for viewing.
 - j) **770th Avenue (Gunther Road) Updates:** Members of the Tainter Town Board met with Kevin Oium of Cedar Corp on Monday, August 10th for a walk-through of 770th Ave. Given that construction is not expected to be started and completed until next year, discussion was had on placing funds earmarked for this project into a CD until next spring for additional interest earning potential. Doris to check with Kevin on timing of expected payments and CD rates, and if both are in line with our expectations then consensus of board members to put money for this project into a CD until next spring.
 - k) **Town Road Weight Limit Enforcement:** Jerry reported that at the last Town's Association – Dunn County Unit meeting that he attended, discussion was had on the lack of enforcement of town road weight limit violations. The possibility of town's pooling resources together to purchase scales was brought up. Discussion followed with consensus of Tainter Town Board Members to not pool money together to purchase scales.
- 10) **CORRESPONDENCE/Public Comment:** Three (3) minute limit, discussion and no action. Tom Bilse provided an update of the Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District happenings. Doris reported that the August Primary was successful and that she is starting to work on the 2027 budget.
- 11) **NEXT MEETING:** Regular Town Board meeting – Thursday, **September 10, 2026** at 7:00 p.m.
- 12) **ADJOURN:** Justin moved to adjourn at 7:57 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.