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Town of Tainter
At Tainter Town Hall
October 8, 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 Albricht. Absent: None. Quorum established. Others present: Doris Meyer, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Darwin Anderson, PC Chairman; Wade Aspen, Patrolman and 6 others.
4) **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:** Agenda posted October 6, 2026 on the town hall office window and town website.
5) **APPROVE AGENDA**: Consensus to approve as posted.
6) **APPROVE MINUTES**: September 10, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes. Motion by Jeremy to approve September 10, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes. Jerry seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
7) **FINANCE:** September 2026 Finance Report and Payment of Bills.
   a) **September Financials**: Reviewed September financial statements. Includes September checks 25456 – 25476, payrolls for employees direct deposited and 6 ACH payments: 2 (two) to Farm Bureau; 1 (one) to WORCS for background check; 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 $52,590.17; Money Market balance $267,152.13; CD $219,210.63. 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 25477 – 25487 and payroll for employees direct deposited. Motion by Justin, seconded by Marty to approve payment of bills

numbered 25477 – 25487 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 all Plan Commission business is later on the agenda.

b) Patrolman Report: Wade Aspen reported that ditch mowing is done now and they are working on shouldering. Still having issues with the tractor.

9) BUSINESS

a) David and Margaret Rollay – Final CSM to reconfigure three lots being Outlot 1, Lots 11 and 12, Block 1, Williams H. Maves Unrecorded Lake View Addition, located in part of the Government Lot 3, Section 22, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin. Darwin spoke regarding this CSM which adjusts the lot lines of three lots to meet Dunn County zoning setback requirements. The Plan Commission had reviewed the CSM at their October 6, 2026 meeting and recommended approval. Motion by Justin and seconded by Jerry to approve final CSM. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.

b) Michael and Linda Weber – Final CSM to consolidate two lots into one approximately 7.12 acre lot, located in part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 5, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, Town of Tainter, Dunn County, Wisconsin. Darwin spoke regarding this CSM which consolidates two lots into one. The Plan Commission had reviewed the CSM at their October 6, 2026 meeting and conditionally recommended approval on the condition that Dunn County approve a driveway to the property or the easement on the proposed CSM remain in effect until a driveway can be obtained to the parcel. Ron Jasperson, surveyor for the Weber's, was present and stated that Dunn County Highway had granted approval for a driveway to the new parcel earlier that day. Motion by Jeremy and seconded by Jerry to approve final CSM. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.

c) Possible Road Discontinuance: Birch Street: Jeff Frawley was present and spoke about his difficulties in trying to obtain a zoning permit to construct a shed due to Dunn County Zoning setback requirements and the current road, Birch Street, which separates his residence from his outlot. The Town does not maintain the road. Discussion followed noting that issues with this road and variance requests have come up in the past. Jeff stated he will pay for the lawyer to get legal documentation drafted to vacate the platted roadway and work with the property owners to accomplish this request. Consensus to support Jeff moving forward with the process to vacate the roadway, with Jeff paying for legal fees. Doris to work with Jeff to follow processes necessary to vacate the roadway.

d) Assessor Contract: Ron Meyer was present to discuss the proposed assessor contract, which included a revaluation within the next three-year contract. Discussion followed on

revaluation requirements. Due to the uncertainty of the assessment ratios, a revaluation may not be needed within the proposed three-year contract. Ron stated we could move forward with the three-year contract without the revaluation and see where values come in at next year to determine if values would warrant a revaluation within the three-year contract period. Motion by Jerry to approve contract without the revaluation included. Seconded by Jeremy. Roll call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; and Randy-yes. Motion carried.

e) **Zach Meyer – Work Schedule:** Without objection, this item was moved to be included with item (l) in closed session.

f) **Tree Trimming/Removal Quote(s) for 537th Street:** One quote, from Shackleton Tree Service, was received for tree trimming/removal on 537th Street. After review and discussion, motion by Jerry to accept quote from Shackleton Tree Service, not to exceed $15,000, for tree trimming/removal on 537th Street. Seconded by Justin. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

g) **Building Inspector Annual Contract for 2027: Resolution 2026-05:** Building Inspector contract for year 2027 along with permit fees received from Steinmeyer Inspections was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Jerry to approve Resolution 2026-05 awarding year 2027 building inspector contract to Justin Steinmeyer of Steinmeyer Inspections. Justin seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Justin- yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried.

h) **Operator License: Gabrielle Spaulding – Pioneer:** Per court ordered condition set in sentencing found in background check, applicant is not in compliance with requirements for an operator license. Justin moved to deny operator's license request to Gabrielle Spaulding based on background check. Jerry seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

i) **Liquor License Request**: An emailed request was received from a business owner from the Town of Stanton, inquiring about transferring an unused "Class B" liquor license to the Town of Stanton. Discussion followed noting that the allowed liquor licenses currently available in the Town of Tainter have already been issued to Town of Tainter establishments.

j) **Split Fire Districts - Menomonie/Colfax:** Jerry gave a brief overview of a meeting that he had with Denny Klass from the Menomonie Fire Department and Gary Hill from the Colfax Fire Department regarding splitting Town of Tainter fire services between the two districts. A preliminary map was reviewed showing the proposed boundaries for each district. Discussion followed with consensus of board preferring to use Hay River to 910th Ave East to County Road D; County Road D south to the southern border of Section 22, East to County Road B; South on County Road B for one Section (Section 26); then East for two Sections (Section 26 and 25). Both the ambulance and fire district boundaries would be adjusted to align with this split. Doris to work with Land Information Department to get estimated assessed value amounts so estimates can be prepared of future fire and ambulance costs.

k) **Preliminary Budget for 2027:** The preliminary budget for 2027 was reviewed and discussed. Several minor adjustments may be necessary before the final budget next month.

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. A notice was received from CBS Squared that there will be a public involvement meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at the Tainter Town Hall from 5:00 to 6:30 pm regarding County D improvements

l) **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 Marty. Roll Call vote: Justin- yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried.

m) **Reconvene into open session – take action on employee contracts:** Motion made by Jerry to reconvene into Open Session, seconded by Justin. Roll Call vote: Justin- yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried.

n) **Patrolmen Contracts for Year 2027:** Motion by Jerry to approve the head patrolman contract as presented for Wade for year 2027. Jeremy seconded. Roll Call vote: Justin-yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried. Motion by Justin to approve the part-time patrolman contract as presented for Zach for year 2027. Jeremy seconded. Roll Call vote: Justin- yes; Marty-yes; Jeremy-yes; Jerry-yes; Randy-yes; Motion carried.

o) **Clerk/Treasurer Contract Year 2027:** Motion by Justin to approve the clerk/treasurer contract as presented for Doris for year 2027. Jeremy 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**: **November 12, 2026**, i**n this order beginning at 7 pm.** – Public Hearing for Year 2027 Budget; Special Meeting of the Town Electors; Town Board Meeting.

12) ADJOURN: Justin moved to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Jeremy seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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Doris Meyer, Town Clerk

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