

Board Meeting Minutes

Town of Milltown

Clerk, PO Box 475, 1502 200th Ave, Milltown, WI 54858

August 17th, 2026, 7:00 p.m., at the Milltown Town Hall

1. **Meeting called to order**: Mike Dau called August 17, 2026, board meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Dau, Jon Eckel, Keith Zygowicz, Mark Engelhardt, Cheryl Kloehn

Others Present: Carol Zygowicz, Gretchen Bloss, Chris Nelson, Doug Bergstrom, Ron Meyer, Douglas Crane, Kevin & Katherine Green, Frank Rau, Michelle Bergh, Paul Mahler, Ellen Butler.

2. **Agenda Additions or Changes (According to Open Meeting Laws)**:
3. **Public Comment**: Ron Meyer, Assessor for Town of Milltown stated that the equalized value for 2026 is \$584,000,000 which will put Town of Milltown at 70%. 2026 will be the third year and a revaluation is not necessary, but the longer Town of Milltown goes without a revaluation, the higher the percentage of revaluation. For year 2026 would have to increase around 42%, approximately \$150M below, 2027 around 67% being what the State has done in 2026.

Ellen Butler reported that Polk County Circuit Court is giving oral hearing decision on DNR not allowing Half Moon to use chemicals to remove milfoil.

Gretchen Bloss from Village of Balsam Lake, reported that they are communicating with surrounding townships and villages as the dam must be repaired. To repair will cost over \$2M and ask for any suggestions, grants, etc. from all townships and villages.

Chris Nelson updated the board on changes with Polk County shoreland and comprehensive plan. If you pour a patio in your backyard, set any chairs or BBQ on the patio, or use the slab for anything, the resident needs a land use permit.

4. **Lake District Reports**: No reports

5. **Prior meeting minutes approval:**

July 13th, 2026, Meeting Minutes – Jon Eckel made a motion to accept the July 13, 2026, meeting minutes. Keith Zygowicz seconded the motion. Passed.

6. **Financial Report Approval:**

Financial Report Ending August 13th, 2026

Profit & Loss Ending July 31st, 2026

Jon Eckel made a motion to accept the financial report ending August 13, 2026, P&L ending July 31, 2026, and paying the bills except for the check for Power Plan, Clerk will check into what was bought from McCoy and billed through Power Plan. Keith Zygowicz seconded the motion. Passed.

7. **Maintenance Report:**

Frank Rau reported culverts for the Town of Milltown are all completed. Blade patching is complete. Question about a driveway permit, in ordinance it states 5' away from property line, the culvert is over. Resident contacted neighbor and stated that the driveway was okay. Town of Milltown will need an easement in writing from the resident and neighbor stating the driveway is ok being so close to the property line per town's attorney. Maintenance has been cleaning ditches, trees, etc. Signs are up at 2 of the boat landings. Frank Rau will be on vacation from September 11-20th, 2026 will be on vacation.

Grants:

8. **New Business:**

- a. Kevin Green- would like to discuss the possibility of vacating the proposed road on our property (2243 Antler Lake Drive - Parcel 040-00332-0000, 00334, 00335). Discussion on vacating a proposed road on CSM map, asking board to vacate the road. Residents had a new survey done and surveyor suggested receiving a clear title. Residents would like to clean up the CSM. Town of Milltown' attorney will check into this situation and let the board know the outcome. Table to September meeting.
- b. Chris Nelson - discusses ownership and options of the attached survey: Chris Nelson represents the buyer. After further discussion Town of Milltown' attorney will research this situation and table for the September meeting.
- c. Douglas Crane-preliminary plat attached: Doug Crane reported that the board had approved certified survey. He has brought to the meeting a plan with additional 8 lots for the subdivision. Doug Crane is asking for the checklist to be signed for the subdivision. Jon Eckel stated that the Town of Milltown agrees with the plat as presented to Town of Milltown board and complete check list. Keith Zygowicz seconded the motion. Passed.

- d. Operator's License-VFW-Alex Livingston: Clerk reported that the background checks are clear with no issues. Keith Zygowicz made a motion to approve the operators' license for Alex Livingston. Jon Eckel seconded the motion. Passed.
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9. **Old Business:**

- a. Limiting Public Comment: Jon Eckel reported after researching with other townships, the limiting public comment from WTA would work best for the Town of Milltown. Jon Eckel made a motion to approve the Code of Conduct Limiting Public Comment to 3 minutes. Keith Zygowicz seconded the motion. Passed. Jon Eckel made a comment to withdraw his motion to approve code of conduct. Keith Zygowicz seconded the motion. Passed. Table to September 21st, 2026, meeting.
- b. Class B Highways: 180th St from 180th Ave to 230th Ave. All the roads are Class B roads. Jon made a motion to accept the updated Ordinance 2021-1 for Class B Highways. Keith Zygowicz seconded the motion. Passed.

10. **Closed session:** Closed Session: The Town of Milltown will hold a closed session pursuant to Wis Stat 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stat for discussion of Antler Lake.

Jon Eckel made a motion to move into closed session. Keith Zygowicz seconded the motion. Passed.

11. **Reconvene into Open Session** with possible action on Closed Session items

Jon Eckel made a motion to reconvene to open session. Keith Zygowicz seconded the motion. Passed.

Mike Dau reported that no formal action is being taken by the board at this time for the Antler Lake situation.

12. **Adjourn:**

Jon Eckel made a motion to adjourn the August 17, 2026, meeting. Keith Zygowicz seconded the motion. Passed.

Next Meeting: September 21st, 2026, at 7:00 pm