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Town of Sumner- Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall, 1550 24½ Street, Town of Sumner, Wisconsin

1. Call to order: Chair Palmquist. Supervisors Zimmer and Tubbs attending.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.
3. Verification of proper public notice: Clerk verified notice posting.
4. Approval of Agenda by Board: Moved Zimmer/Tubbs. No negative vote.
5. Reports and Correspondence: Treasurer; Clerk; Patrolman; Board Members: Treasurer's reconciliation report presented. Clerk presented written clerk's report. Patrolman stated striping and bridge on 25th St done .
6. Building Permits issued: Jacob Pichler, 1524 26th St, garage.
7. Minutes of previous meeting: Moved Zimmer/Tubbs to approve. No negative vote.
8. Informal Public Comment (5-minute time limit person): Jim Pannier and Joy Bartsch stated their wish to comment on the next agenda item.
9. Discuss combining clerk and treasurer positions to a single position of clerk/treasurer: Chair called for a motion to combine. Clerk then suggested the board might seek more public input for this change. Pannier requested a draft resolution posted for public review, a clerk job description, increased costs including the annual audit. Some duties will go away after the positions are combined. Board stated that Treasurer Harder is doing a great job, and is right here and willing/available. Bartsch commented on the need for more public input before such a big change.
10. Discuss change in Town Board meeting time to 5:00 p.m.: Moved Zimmer/Tubbs to change Town Board meeting time to 5:00 p.m. beginning in October. No negative vote.
11. Discuss applying for a joint grant with Town of Strickland for road project on 30th Street/County Line Road. Moved by Tubbs that we move forward with the grant. Zimmer said that we should wait until the scope and cost of the project is determined. Future agenda item when we have the numbers.
12. DOT recommends new culverts to 30th St at the intersection of USH 8: Sumner responsible for 1 culvert @ about \$5000. Discussed the need. Board decided there was no need to vote on this and will move forward with this.
13. Discuss additional options for new plow truck. Moved Tubbs/Zimmer to move forward with detail for a total cost of \$2674. No negative vote.
14. Discuss constructing a salt/sand shed with a roof. Palmquist wants it on the 2027 budget. Svoma suggested tying in with current structure. No cost yet.
15. Property insurance policy changes/additions. Clerk will contact Rural with truck information.
16. Road project updates: Supervisor Zimmer. Striping done on old 14 & 27th street. 16 ¼ Ave that was blade patched is porous and needs to be chip sealed this year. No votes.
17. Town Hall Project-Supervisor Tubbs: Zimmer stated Bob Lund is on vacation and will schedule a time to install new carpet when he returns.
18. Canton Park Committee/Event Committee: Report and requests. Request to make park non-smoking. CPC wants the annual event on the 3rd weekend in August. Bartsch described a proposed procedure to rent the new building for gatherings. The contract includes \$50 rental fee, \$150 damage fee. Joe Grilley has agreed to keep track of the schedule. They found an old bell costing \$400 for the building.

19. Increase credit card limit due to being over the credit limit in August. Moved Zimmer/Tubbs to go to a \$5000 credit limit. No negative vote.
20. Approve Town's 2026 Emergency Operations Plan. Moved Zimmer/Tubbs to approve. No negative vote.
21. Barron County proposal to change how Special Charges, Special Assessments and Delinquent Utilities are paid to municipalities by the county. Consensus is that the board unopposed to the change.
22. 2026 Budget Adjustments as needed. None needed.
23. 2027 Budget Discussion. A preliminary draft was given to board.
24. Items intended for future meetings. Combine Clerk/Treasurer offices. 2027 Budget. Tubbs suggested a meeting for employee reviews, none set.
25. Approval of monthly bills for payment; review bills paid using alternative claims procedure. Moved Zimmer/Tubbs. No negative vote.
26. Set Date for next board meeting. October 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
27. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Board:
October 13, 2026

Sandra Tomczak, Clerk

Steven J Palmquist
Town Board Chairperson

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