Town of Summit Town Board Meeting minutes
February 9, 2026, Summit Town Hall – 7pm

6:30pm – Review of payment authorizations

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: The February Monthly board meeting for Monday February 9, 2026, having been duly posted at the transfer site, town hall, town garage, and 3 businesses – Drifters Trail, Amnicon Bar & The Backyard on Amnicon Lake, & Tri Lakes Community Center, meeting was called to order by Chairman Nicholas Hudacek at 7:00pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. Roll call was taken. Present were Nicholas Hudacek - Chair, Dan Zuchowski, Supervisor, Rae Ann Edwards Supervisor, Daniel Corbin, Clerk. Terri LaFlamme, Treasurer was not present, she was on vacation.

3. Authorization for payment of February bills:

The motion to authorize and pay bills and online bills for February 9, 2026, was made by Dan Zuchoski, 2nd by Rae Ann Edwards. After no further discussion, the motion to pay bills was approved.

4. Approval board meeting minutes from January 12, 2026, & January 22, 2026 as printed; Motion to approve meeting minutes for January 12, 2026, was made by Rae Ann Edwards, 2nd by Dan Zuchowski. Meeting minutes from January 22, 2026 were moved to next month, to be updated. After no further discussion the motion was approved.

5. Approval of Treasures report for February 9, 2025 as printed: Approval of the February 9, 2026 treasurer report was moved to next month, report was not available, treasurer was on vacation.

6. Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

- We have just received the Forestry Severance payment for the amount of $94,271.42
- We have received the Douglas County first responder grant for $1000.00.
- State Alcohol Beverage laws have changed so that a Class B Liquor /beer/wine license now allows licensees to cater to a wedding party, or any party/event on private land, not public places, like an event venue, etc. This allows for the individual to buy the alcohol beer or wine for consumption at their private party on private land. It has to be an in-person sale at their place of business. The individual can not sell the beverages at their party, no sellers permit. But can provide it at the event. The only question that has come up is who is responsible if someone gets over served and hurts themselves or some one else. The Department of Revenue is emailing their response to the liability issue.
- We have received a letter from Jason Jackman at the Douglas County Highway Department about the 6-10 ft bridge/culvert structures. There is $30 million in funding available, they are funding bridges that have a rating of less that 4.0 and we have two that meet that criteria on the Summit Trail over the Black River tributary and the Pioneer Trail over the Bear Creek. I have talked to Jason Jackman about the process for applying. He said to first call Amy Cronk – DNR - Water regs agent about what we can do at these two sites. I have called Amy but have not connected with her yet. We may be able to hire a contractor to complete the job, vs and engineering firm. This will all depend on Amy Cronk's interpretation of our bridge situaton.
- Also, in the bills tonight, I did not have the settlement checks made out because the County Treasurer had not completed the settlement numbers as of this meeting. When I get those numbers,is the board OK if I send out those checks. Marie stated that the board does not have to approve them because they are pass through amounts that we have already agreed to take care of in our contract with the Douglas County Treasure's office. They need to be paid by February 15th if at all possible. This issue will arise when our February meeting is so close to the beginning of the month, because this year Feb 1st was on a Sunday.
- was overlooked.

7. Treasurer's Reporting & Correspondence:

- No additional information to add, treasurer was on vacation.

8. Supervisors Review of the Month:

- **Rae Ann Edwards:**
  - Town line road – Water on road from culvert, was repaired.
  - Summit Trail was not lowed, someone had trouble, contacted Eric, was taken are of
  - No other issues were noted.
- **Dan Zuchowski:**
  - No calls, nothing further to report.1

9. Chair's Review of the Month:

- Wed, Town Hall was left open.
- Nice, no other complaints, guys are doing a great job, lots of compliments. Keep up the good work.

10. Fire Department Report on Month's activity

- We had 1 medical call.
- We had 5 new members join the department as EMR's, all are nurses, who are now able to join as first responders because of some licensing changes that allow them to join and participate as first responders, they will be taking the EMR refresher course net month.
- We will be receiving our new service vehicle by the middle to next week. This vehicle will be responding to all of our calls, EMS & Fire. We will be able to keep most of our extra ewuipment on the vehicle and also have a way to make sure that al of our equipment is charged and ready to go.

11. Road Crew Monthly Report

- Great month, got a lot of projects done.
- Sanding roads when needed.
- Brushing is going well.
- Staying busy in shop, doing service on all of the Fire Department vehicles.

12. Cemetery Report

- 1 inurnment last month, didn't have to dig for it.

13. County Board Supervisor monthly report – Joe Moen

- County is on their February meeting hiatus, no meeting for the month. Meeting will start up agina at the end of February.

14. <u>BUSINESS:</u>

- **A. town Equipment – Excavator – bid opening, review, and possible action.**
  - Eric did try to get estimates to repair the excavator. Cost ended up to be $37,000 or more depending on who do the repairs, could be closer to $50,000 depending on what they found when doing the actual epairs.

- Last meeting the board decided to get bids for the cost of new machine. So, Eric and Nick along with input from Craig at the Douglas County Highway department, put together a bid spec to send out to the equipment dealers for excavator cost quotes.
- Bids were as follows:
  - FABIK – caterpillar equipment
    - Bid two items:
      - Model 313 - $224,400
      - Model 313GC - $189,475.00, more fuel efficient
  - McCoy – John Deere
    - 130P - $228,300 – 7yr 4000 hr. warranty & 4 yr 1500 hr. 360 max maint. plan.
  - Titan Machinery - 2026 Case CX 140e - $181,000.
    - 3 yr 300 hr. Bumper to bumper warranty
    - 3 yr 200 hr. service plan.
    - 7 yr extended warranty, include travel time.
  - Volvo – Nuss Trucking & equipment – 2026 Volvo EL 140EL - $177,615.00
    - Extended warranty - $4,135 – 84 mo. complete machine warranty.
    - Service plan – 48 mo. 1500 hr. - $8,339.00
  - RMS – Komatsu – FC 130LCII - $158 351.00 source well price, spec price - $191,121.64.
    - Mant warranty – 3 yr 36 mo. 200 hr.
    - Lead time – 2-4 mo.
- Joe Moen asked how we funding this? Since last fall we have spent $500,000. We have to take a look at this , are there other options. How much do we use the excavator – Guess 250 hrs./yr.
- Dan Zuchowski reviewed the finances with the budget and bottom line is we will have $111,312 money available for the purchase, without borrowing, because we do not want to put any more on the levy. Also some still unknown expenses is the bridge on the Patzau/Foxboro Road, will not know the cost until the bids have come in next month or so. We also have a reassessment coming up in a year or two - cost unknown yet.
- It was mentioned that we need an excavator to ditch our roads, we also use it at the cemetery for digging graves loading salt sand in the winter and other projects that may come up. So we need the excavator on many occasions which may not be scheduled which could make it hard to rent a machine if it is not on site. Logistics could be an issue.
- Timeline on repairs is about a month, start end of March.
- We do need something to finish ditching Milchesky road for the LRIP Project.
- Marie stated that maybe we should take some time to look closer at the bids, before deciding.
- Nick asked where is the board leaning?
- What are rental rates for the summer, per time, etc. Noting that we also lose some flexibility as to when and where we need the digging done. Big consideration.
- What is a trade in value, or do we sell at auction?
- Motion by Nick Hudacel, 2nd by Dan Zuchowski to table to March. Maybe we couls also meet in a week or so, we need to figure this out sooner than later. After no further discussion, motion was approved.

- **B. LRIP – Milchesky Road Project:**
  - Dan Corbin will contact Emmer Shields about new project length.
  - Project for the east end of the Milchesky road has been submitted.
- **C. Review Cemetery rules and determine signage content:**
  - Kirby Moen had some changes.
  - Nick Hudacek will get with Kirby, retype rules and get them posted.

15. **Public Comment in accordance with WI Statute 19.84(2).**
    - Mike Christiansen asked Dan Zuchowski to explain his calculation of the amount that the board should carry in reserve to make sure that we can pay our bills, this was in reference to buying the excavator. Dan explained that we should have 25% of our operating budget in reserve, that amounts to 25% of $852,000, or just short of$250,000 which is what he had stated during our earlier discussions. He had mentioned 30-40, 000/month, that was where the confusion was. The issue could be that if we do not have that much on hand, sometimes our money does not come in when you need it, it comes in on certain dates throughout the year, but may not be when you have to pay the bills. That was the reason for the $250,000 reserve on hand.

16. **Meeting was adjourned** with a motion by Rae Ann Edwards, 2nd by Dan Zuchowski. Meeting was adjourned.

Approved March 9, 2026
Respectfully submitted
Daniel D Corbin, Town Clerk