Town of Calumet - Town Board Meeting

November 4, 2026

Chairman Don Breth called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Roll call: Chairman Don Breth, Supervisors Ben Burlingham and Tom Bartel present.

Chairman Breth confirmed that there is a quorum, and the meeting was noticed on the website, at the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Motion by Bartel, seconded by Burlingham, to approve the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bartel, seconded by Burlingham, to issue an operator's license to Marsanna Johnson at Luke's Tap. All in favor. Motion carried.

Plan Commission – Supervisor Bartel shared the results from the Public Hearing regarding a request from Karen Whitby Page, of the Stella Whitby Trust, to take 5.6 acres of tax parcel T05-17-18-23-15-001-00 and rezone this portion from Farmland Preservation to Rural. He shared the results of the findings of fact that the Plan Commission conducted at the hearing. Bartel also notified the Board that the Plan Commission has updated the Recycling Ordinance, and it is ready for Town Board to review. Motion By Breth, seconded by Bartel, to schedule a Public Hearing to review the updated Recycling Ordinance on December 2, 2026, at 6pm, at the Town Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department – Chief Schussman notified the Board that the new tender truck is now in service. He also stated that gun raffle tickets are now available to purchase.

IT Report - Breth announced that Jennifer Liedke has been appointed to be the new Clerk for the Town of Calumet. Phone and computer setup is in process so Jennifer can complete her onboarding as clerk.

Road Report - Schussman reported that the repaving of Buechel Road and St. Paul culvert patch and road striping has been completed. He also reported that the shouldering on inner curves on Schumacher Road is being dragged onto the road as drivers are cutting these corners short and driving on the shoulder. Gravel has been added multiple times, but the new gravel continues to get pulled onto the road. He proposed paving these inner curves to permanently resolve this issue.

Recycling Center Report - Secord the "Winter Hours" days to close one Saturday per month from November through March starts this Saturday, November 7, 2026. Closure

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dates for the rest of the winter months will be December 26, 2026, January 30, 2027, February 27, 2027, and March 20, 2027. He also announced that a new employee started in October. However, an existing employee will be out for 4-6 months due to medical issues so there is still a need to have additional employees hired for the Recycling Center.

Runoff Reduction – No update.

New Business – Motion by Bartel, seconded by Burlingham, to approve including a "Call for Volunteers" letter with the property tax bills as presented by Seyller, with the addition of consideration for volunteering to work at the Recycling Center. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Breth, seconded by Burlingham, to follow the Plan Commission recommendation and approve the request made by Karen Whitby Page, trustee of Stella Whitby Trust, to rezone approximately 5.6 acres of tax parcel T05-17-18-23-15-001-00, located at W3079 Velvet Beach Road, from Farmland Preservation to Rural. All in favor. Motion carried. It was noted that the CSM provided in the rezone request is a draft and will be updated and finalized as part of approval of the rezone request.

Motion by Breth, seconded by Burlingham, to approve changes proposed by the Plan Commission to the Town of Calumet Application for Appeal or Variance. All in favor. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing regarding the 2027 Budget will be held on **Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm, at the Calumet Volunteer Firehouse,** W3118 County Highway W, Malone, WI. A subsequent Special Town Meeting of the Electors will be held immediately after the Public Hearing to approve the 2026 total town tax levy pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a).

A Public Hearing regarding updates to the Recycling Ordinance will be held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at 6:00 pm.**

The next Town Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm.**

The annual meeting of the electors will be held on **Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm** at the Calumet Fire House.

Motion by Bartel, seconded by Burlingham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Liedke – Town of Calumet Clerk

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