

Jackey Postuchow called the meeting to order on September 8, 2025 at 2:00PM

Board members in attendance: Jona Eliason and Jackey Postochuw. Kevin Rasmussen excused.

Committee members present: Helen Bryner, Sue Govier, and Deb Seeger

Guests: John Maines, Jim Thomas and Bonnie Thomas

Jackey motioned to approve the agenda in any order, second Helen. Motion approved.

Started with item 4 Citizen comments and concerns. Jim Thomas explained he dug the original basement for the current town hall and the cement blocks are better than anything you can get today. This adds history to the building. He asked about the budget for the new building and if in February was when the demolition was approved for the town hall, appears to be before went to electorates.

John Maines has an interest on asbestos in current building and cost of removal. Jona explained this is a discussion for tomorrow's town board meeting. The board needs to approve a RFP (request for proposal) for abatement before demolition.

Jim asked about the \$71,000. in budget and are funds set aside.

Bonnie Thomas asked in budget FFP, are the funds to demolish in the budget. Jona replied the asbestos abatement, not demolition. The DNR and EPA each has specific requirements for demolition.

Jackey went back to the agenda, you can ask and discuss later on the meeting agenda.

No previous minutes were approved.

6A - Budget Review, Helen advised Bob (Town Treasurer) is waiting on response from Gayle at REL on third payment. There is nothing to report at this time.

6B – Procuring items, Sue explained she has created an itemized list by room, need to determine what can be reused from existing building. Will need to have suppliers bid, to be able to go forward. This will help with donations, naming rights and a starting point for the project.

Helen updated on art and column designs. She has researched area history to determine Potawatomi's were early settlers. They have what's called the seven prophecies of the Potawatomi's which include turtles, musky, eagles, bears, etc. Wanting to preserve some of their heritage related to logging, trains, guides, etc. Using some of these ideas for the columns down the center of the building. Looking back for historical artwork. Sue advised a monument into our history. In addition to a Women's Club tribute in the building.

Helen explained, today there was a monthly Women's Club meeting and there was discussion on the coordination efforts between planning committee and them.

Jackey agreed to delegate to Helen to continue to meet with the Women's Club. Deb motioned for agreement and Sue second. Motion approved.

Jona updated on the rumors that continue to circulate and the need for community members to attend these meetings and town board meetings to get the facts correct. She advised the Vilas County Museum here in Sayner, has offered the use of their secured facility for temporary storage of documents and other items in the interim. On July 28, 2025 the town board approved this plan for safekeeping,

Helen advised looking for historical photos which we would duplicate and return originals.

6C – Site logistics, working on who and what goes where temporarily, no decisions made at this time other than museum storage. Site logistics does not cover construction site logistics. Two different topics.

Helen asked about storage plans for kitchen equipment, removal and disposables and Nesco's etc. stored in the building to give Women's Club storage space in rec building. Jackey advised the fire department / EMS are working on plans for off site storage ideally in a portable trailer that the items can be placed in and moved from site to site as needed for events like the chicken BBQ and spaghetti dinner. Just not sure specifics at this time.

Jim asked about things like the Lions Plaque that were on the wall and other items. Jackey advised a letter needs to be written to the town to request removal and receipt of those items pertaining to specific groups. Jim will take care of that. Deb will also advise the Plum Lake Lions to do the same.

6D – FFP requirements, US Census has requirements for a monthly report on our progress, This just came to light this week. Jackey will coordinate via telephone each month on percent of progress. We are up-to-date at this time. She also explained when we applied for the grant NCWRPC (North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission) helped us write the grant because of the extensive information required. There are strict guidelines and mandates with DECHR we must follow. Budget is 100% DOA Grant funded, not like rumors say its on the towns budget. Total funding is from the grant for \$4.25 million.

Jackey explained on the towns budget approximately \$800K in revenue covers town employees, fire and EMS, and roads. Without the grant the new building would never happen.

Part of the plan is to tear down the existing town hall. We told the DOA this is happening. It was not in the grant proposal but came up in the architectural and civil engineering plans. The town board then went to the town electorates at the annual meeting for approval in April, where it was approved. The Annual Meeting was April 15, 2025 followed by grant April 25. The town has to follow what was submitted. There are things such as a Tele-med room, public restrooms, computer access etc. that is required. Input from townspeople was wanted.

Jona explained grant application was very general, on key items we received 95 out of 100 points, resulting in the \$4.25 million grant. During this process the board spoke to numerous civic groups, and individuals to be transparent. We have to follow the plan of action submitted on April 25, 2025.

6E - Status of project, Sue advised footings are in, we still have not received the timeline. Construction meetings change requests cannot be made, any changes need to make a submittal through the process and there would be a 15% change order fee.

John Maines suggested if we run into any problems we should contact Tom Tiffany's office, the Congressman for our area.

Bonnie Thomas asked about rising prices for the RFP asbestos removal. Jackey explained this is a scope of work that must be done. DNR requires asbestos properly handled. RFP cannot go over as initial quote was for \$75,000. if it went over the contractor would have to absorb.

Key note is building project requirements, if we don't follow, then we have to repay the full amount of the grant. The demolition plan is not a single line item on the grant budget.

6G - future meetings, Deb reminded committee we had talked about meeting the first Monday of every month at 11:00AM. Women's' Club meets at 1:00PM. Discussion changing to another Monday didn't seem feasible. Agreed to keep first Monday of the month at 11:00AM. Next meeting October 6, 2025.

Jackey motioned to adjourn at 3:00PM, second by Helen. Motion approved.

Submitted by  
Deb Seeger