

Chairman Simonis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Notification of this meeting was given to the Press on February 26, 2026 and the final agenda was posted in the three designated places on March 7, 2026.

Roll call of Officers: Chairman Simonis, Chairman – Present; Lee Shaw, Supervisor 1 – Present; Matt Manske, Supervisor 2 – Present; Sandy Jensen, Treasurer – Present; Jeannette Zielinski, Clerk – Present.

All Meetings/Hearings will adhere to Robert’s Rules of Order Pursuant to Town of Mukwa Ordinance 10-05.

Approve: February 10, 2026 Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes: Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second by Supervisor Manske to approve the February 10, 2026 Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Approve Monthly Treasurer’s Report: Read by Treasurer Jensen. Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw and seconded by Supervisor Manske to accept the February 28, 2026 Treasurer’s Report as presented & printed. Motion carried.

Budget/Vouchers: Approval & Payment of Vouchers: Motion was made by Chairman Simonis to approve payment of Vouchers #30251 through #30279, with Exception of Void Check #30256, dated February 11, 2026 through March 10, 2026, & Direct Withdrawals of Social Security, Medicare & Federal Tax of \$989.91; the February 24th We Energies Invoice of \$1,181.10 & the February 14th Charter Communications Invoice of \$123.64; for a total of **\$1,143,837.48**. Second to Chairman Simonis’ motion was made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Public Forum - Town of Mukwa Residents: None

Election – 56th Assembly District Candidate – Anthony Phillips: Dr. “Tony” Phillips was present to introduce himself as candidate for 56th Assembly as Dave Murphy was not running. Encouraged residents to reach out with any questions.

Gold Cross Ambulance: Ben Coenen, Waupaca Officer Supervisor presented the 2025 Annual Impact Report on rural towns & noted that their average response time is eight minutes. Mr. Coenen noted that Gold Cross is now offering First Responder training to the EMR level for all municipal partners.

Building Inspector: None

Certified Survey Map (CSM) Approval – David Stern – Weyauwega Road: Mr. Stern and his son, Caleb were present. Questions answered. Motion to approve the Certified Survey Map (CSM) for Dave & Wendy Stern on Weyauwega Road was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske & the motion carried.

Cemetery Update: None at this time.

ATV/UTV Ordinance: (a)Adopt Ordinance 2-2026 – Designating ATV Routes & Regulating the Operation of ATVs: Complete Ordinance was read into the record by Chairman Simonis & a Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2-2026 – Designating ATV Routes & Regulating the Operation of ATVs was made by Chairman Simonis with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Aye: 3 No: 0 Motion carried.

**TOWN OF MUKWA
ORDINANCE 2-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES AND REGULATING THE
OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES**

Section I – Intent:

The Town of Mukwa, Waupaca County adopts the following all-terrain vehicle ordinance for the operation of all-terrain vehicles upon the roadways listed in Section III.

Section II - Statutory Authority:

This route is created pursuant to Town authority as authorized by 23.33 (8) (b), Wis. Stats. The applicable provisions of 23.33 regulating ATV operation pursuant to routes are adopted.

Section III – Routes:

A. The Town of Mukwa reserves the right to close or modify routes & trails at any time. Any restrictions of trails & routes shall be designated by a motion & by majority of the Town of Mukwa Board & shall be marked accordingly.

B. The Town of Mukwa or its designee shall maintain all routes & trail signs within the town.

C. All ATV/UTV routes & trails should be signed in accordance with NR 64.12 & NR 64.12(7)(c).

The primary use of the all-terrain vehicle routes sign & arrow is to alert the trail user that it is permissible to use the traveled portion of the road or highway for travel. The signs also alert others that the road or highway is a route. The routes may be signed in accordance to Wisconsin Statute 23.33 (8)(e) or a combination thereof. The Town of Mukwa may designate a preferred route to connect with other routes that connect to other municipalities.

D. All town roads & local transportation marked corridors within the Town of Mukwa are hereby designated as ATV/UTV routes unless posted closed.

E. All County roadways located in the Town of Mukwa are hereby declared as ATV/UTV routes if authorized by Waupaca County.

F. Pursuant to Wis. Stat s. 23.33 (11)(am)4., the Town of Mukwa authorizes the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles on the portions of WIS 54 that have a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less and are located within the territorial boundaries of the Town of Mukwa. This area shall be posted as an all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle route.

G. All county roads are hereby declared as routes if authorized by Waupaca County.

H. The Town of Mukwa will maintain a route & trail map.

Section IV – Conditions:

As a condition for the use of this route, the following conditions shall apply to all operators (and passengers);

A. All ATV/UTV operators shall observe posted roadway speed limits.

B. All ATV/UTV operators shall ride single file.

C. Operators of ATV/UTV shall observe all laws of this state pertaining to the use of an ATV/UTV, pursuant to Wis. Stat s. 22.33 and Wis. Administrative Code NR 64.12.

Section V – Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the state of Wisconsin

Section VI – Penalties:

Wisconsin state All-Terrain Vehicle penalties as found in s. 23.33 (13) (a) Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

Section VII – Severability:

The provision of this ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the Town of Mukwa would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

Section VIII - Effective Date:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication or posting by the Municipal Clerk as required, pursuant to § 60.80, Wisconsin Statutes.

The above and foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Mukwa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on the 10th day of March, 2026.

Aye: 3
No: 0

/s/ Cody Simonis, Town Chairman
/s/ Lee Shaw, Supervisor #1
/s/ Matt Manske, Supervisor #2

/s/ Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk

Code of Ordinance Published: 02/26/2026
Posted at:
Northport Convenience Center: 03/10/2026
Bean City Bar & Grill: 03/11/2026
Mukwa Town Hall: 03/10/2026
Adoption of Ordinance Published: 03/12/2026
Mukwa.gov – Ordinances

(b) Rescind Ordinance 1-20 – Designating ATV Routes & Regulating the Operation of ATVs: Motion to Rescind Town of Mukwa Ordinance 1-20 – Designating ATV Routes & Regulating the Operation of ATVs was made by Chairman Simonis with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 85-1-2026 – Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive & Sustainable Transportation Funding

Solution: Complete Resolution was read into the record by Chairman Simonis. Motion to Adopt Resolution 85-1-2026 – Supporting a Comprehensive & Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Aye: 3 No: 0 Motion carried.

Town of Mukwa, Waupaca County
RESOLUTION 85-1-2026

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE & SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING SOLUTION

WHEREAS, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately 90% of the public road miles in the state, including county highways, and city and village streets; and
WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s economy – rooted in agriculture, manufacturing , and tourism – relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and
WHEREAS, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General-Purpose Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the successful and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP); and
WHEREAS, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars; and
WHEREAS, local government throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements, resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and
WHEREAS, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe condition; and
WHEREAS, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids; and
WHEREAS, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential projects, or imposing local vehicle registration (“wheel”) taxes; and
WHEREAS, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and
WHEREAS, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General-Purpose Revenues to make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services, such as education; and
WHEREAS, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and residents; and
WHEREAS, both Wisconsin’s aging Interstate highway system – largely constructed in the 1950s and 1960s – and our extensive network of state and local roads require predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mukwa Town Board strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that:

1. Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation programs;
2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General-Purpose Revenue and bonding;
3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve Wisconsin’s transportation infrastructure; and
4. Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of the resolution to the Governor’s office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within the Town. The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Mukwa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, at the Monthly Town Board Meeting held on the 10th day of March, 2026.

Aye: 3 /s/ Chairman, Cody Simonis
No: 0 /s/ Supervisor, Lee Shaw
/s/ Supervisor, Matt Manske

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Town Board of the Town of Mukwa. on the 10th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk

Posted: March 11, 2026
Mukwa Town Hall
Bean City Bar & Grill
Northport Convenience Center
Town of Mukwa Website: Mukwa.gov

Plan Commission: Discussion. Elected Town Offices have not had a pay raise in about 15+ years & noted that the Board can set compensation. Advised that any pay rates could only go into effect after the next Town Board Election in 2027. Can be added to Annual Meeting for further discussion & approved at the November Budget Hearing & Special Meeting of the Electors.

Town Hall: (a) Chimney Repairs: Supervisor Shaw met with Van Handel to allow access to the roof & it was found that the roof has bad spots & the chimney is bad. Best practice would be to remove the chimney.

REMINDER: April Monthly Town Board Meeting – Date Change: Monthly Town Board Meeting to be held immediately following the Town’s Annual Meeting on April 21st.

REMINDER: April 7th Election: Please contact Clerk Zielinski to register to vote or are in need of an Absentee Ballot.

Roads: (a) Monthly Report: Culvert discussion – culvert at School/Weyauwega washed out – need to call Diggers and get this taken care of. Discussion on getting a routine maintenance program started to jet out culverts in about a quarter of the Town each fall.

(b) Road Equipment-Report/Repairs/ Purchases Needed: (1) Plow Truck – Tires: Supervisor Manske advised that the truck was fixed and tires are installed. **(2) Mower:** Town Maintenance asked to obtain additional quote, added to April meeting.

Meetings/Training/Waupaca County Zoning Hearings:

Attended: (1) February 12th @ 10:00 am – Waupaca County Zoning Town Informational Meeting – Waupaca County Highway Shop, 2670 Cty Hwy A, Waupaca;

(2) February 19th @ 5:30 pm – WI Towns Association Waupaca County Unit Meeting – Helvetia Town Hall, E2544 Cty Rd GG, Iola

(3) Wisconsin Towns Association – Board of Review Certification Training – Clerk attended February 27th Session in Stevens Point;

(4) March 5th @ 6:00 p.m. – Wolf River Preservation Association Meeting – Fremont Village Hall, 317 Wolf River Dr, Fremont

Upcoming: (1) March 30th @ 6:00 p.m. – Waupaca County Highway Department Annual Meeting - Waupaca County Highway Department Shop, 2670 Cty Rd A, Waupaca

(2) April 15th @ 6:00 p.m. – Gold Cross West Bi-Annual Informational Meeting – Weyauwega City Hall, 109 E Main St, Weyauwega

Correspondence Received:

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Shaw. Second made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk