Monthly Town Board Meeting – October 13, 2026

Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport 7 in Attendance

Chairman Simonis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Notification of this meeting was given to the Press on October 2, 2026 and the final agenda was posted in the three designated places on October 10, 2026.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of Officers: Cody 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: **(a) September 8, 2026 Monthly Town Board Minutes:** Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second by Supervisor Manske to approve the September 8, 2026 Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried. **(b) September 15th Special Town Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second by Supervisor Manske to approve the September 15th Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes as printed.

Treasurer: **Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report**: Read by Treasurer Jensen. Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw and seconded by Supervisor Manske to accept the September 30, 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented & printed. Motion carried.

Budget/Vouchers: Approval & Payment of Checks: Motion was made by Chairman Simonis to approve payment of Checks #30490 through #30520, dated September 9, 2026 through October 13, 2026, and the Direct Withdrawals of: **September 15th** Town Credit Card Invoice of $91.76; **September 17th** Charter Communication Invoice of $143.01 **September 23rd** We Energies Invoice of $346.43; **September 28th** Wisconsin Quarterly Withholding of $495.79 & the **September 29th** Social Security, Medicare, & Federal Tax of $1,037.45: for a total of: **$22,419.96.** Second to Chairman Simonis' motion was made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Public Forum - Town of Mukwa Residents – *(Items not Noted on Agenda)*: None

Hon. Diane L. Meulemans – Circuit Court Judge – Branch III: Judge Meulemans was present to introduce herself to the Town, with a brief listing of her background & qualifications. Noting that she was appointed to the position by the Governor after the passing of Judge Huber. Judge Meulemans reiterated that she was very proud to serve the residents of Waupaca County.

Building Inspector: Report read by Supervisor Shaw. Motion to accept the October Building Inspector Report as printed & read was made by Supervisor Shaw & a second to the motion was made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Cemetery Update/s: (a) Certified Survey -Follow-up: Treasurer Jensen contacted Carow Land Surveying to obtain a quote as it was noted that the Town engineer firm was super busy & would not be able to get to this in a timely manner. Quote received from Carow to survey the Northport-Ostrander Cemetery was $1,875 and a motion to accept this was made by Chairman Simonis with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried. Also noted that there are a minimum of ten (10) trees that need to be removed. Asked if Town Maintenance could ribbon these off. Will put together a RFQ/RFP for tree removal. Discussion of fall clean-up.
(b) **Next Meeting:** November 18th @ 6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission: (a) Member Resignations: Plan Commission Chair Lee Shaw noted that due to health concerns two Plan Commission members resigned. Their terms were through December 31st of this year. Will get notice out to notify of these vacancies. Posted on Town website & Facebook. November 7th cut-off. Will set a meeting date for interviews.

Town Hall: (a) Chimney & Roof Repairs – Follow-up: Work has been completed & payment made.
(b) Dent in South-Side Road Equipment Building: Town maintenance has repaired.

Manawa Dam - Discussion: Email received from Ben Hlaban – Manawa business owner. Concerns that would affect Mukwa to take into consideration if the Town were asked to support reconstruction of the dam. Mr. Hlaban was asked to attend the meeting for further discussion but did not attend.

REMINDER: Halloween – Trunk-or-Treat – Saturday, October 31st from 3-6 p.m.: To be held at the Town Hall

REMINDER: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins October 20th and ends October 31st – see Clerk Zielinski for details

Roads: **(a) Monthly Report**: **(1) Shoulder Maintenance:** Completed.
Tree trimming on Ebert & Oakwood to be completed in fall after risk of Oak Wilt. Ongoing potholes, especially on Bean City. Will ask the County Highway Department to go over entire Town & take care of these.
(b) Road Equipment-Report/Repairs/ Purchases Needed: None at this time.
(c) UTV Fire – Road Damage on Bean City Road: NE Asphalt submitted a repair quote of $3,700 to repair the damage caused by a UTV fire upon review a motion to accept the quote was made by Chairman Simonis with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Shaw & the motion carried.
(d) 2026 Road Construction Project – Follow-up: Work is progressing. Culverts on all three roads are being installed. Noted that the NLSD bus garage has been contacted. Town engineer has everything staked & will monitor paving progress.
(e) Ostrander Road Bridge Repairs: Quote received from Waupaca County Highway Department to repair the approaches to the bridge which had sunk. Quote reviewed & noted that a longer wedge is recommended. Motion to approve the County Highway Department quote to mill & repave the bridge approaches for $9,000 was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.
(f) Ditch Herbicide Spraying: Concerns of a resident were noted. Spraying is very effective on the thicker brush & in areas where the mower is unable to be used. The annual log is on file at the Town Hall.

Meetings/Training/Waupaca County Zoning Hearings:
Attended: (1) Supervisor Shaw attended the October 1st @ 9:00 a.m. – Waupaca Cty Zoning Public Hearing – McDaniel CUP – FVTC Waupaca Regional Center. Noting that the Conditional Use Permit was approved.
(2) Supervisor Shaw attended the October 1st @ 6:00 p.m. – Wolf River Preservation Meeting – Gills on the Wolf, 6870 Cty Rd F, Weyauwega. Supervisor Shaw gave a brief review of the meeting, noting that WRPA had a good fund balance and that the annual dues charged will go from $725 to $750. Mentioned that the annual river clean up normally done in July might be changed to a May/October clean up. Next meeting – March 4, 2027.
Upcoming:

Correspondence Received:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk