

Town of Sand Lake
Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, August 10th, 2026
6:00 p.m.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Melanie Connor Johnson.
- Roll Call of Officers – All present.
- Public Notice of the meeting was made online and in both physical locations (Town Hall & Town Shop) on 08/09/2026.
- Approval of Agenda Order – Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Supervisor Ken Pardun, second by Supervisor Karolyn Kroll. All in favor, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes from July 13th, 2026, Regular Meeting – Motion to approve the minutes from 07/13/2026 by Supervisor Kroll, second by Supervisor Pardun. All in favor, motion carried.
- Public Comments – Sand Lake residents who wish to make a public comment need to state their comment to an agenda item, state their name and address so it can be recorded in the minutes, and use a maximum of three minutes.

Dave Deal would like to reserve his time for Zoning discussion.

- Chair Report – On 07/14 she sent a Letter of Support for Mosaic’s broadband application. On 07/15 she reached out to the WTA regarding the question about right-of-way mowing on Austin Lake Road from the July meeting during Public Comment. She also reviewed statutes, has not heard back from the WTA on what to do with mowing in this specific location. On 07/20 Sirentel asked for a letter of support for their broadband application, she sent the same letter she sent to Mosaic. On 07/23 she attended the Towns Association regional meeting where there was discussion on the upcoming ambulance contract renewal and services. Discussions on data center moratoriums, improved zoning regulations to address the expansion of data centers in Burnett County. On 07/30 she forwarded an email letter from Bob Viltz, Daniels Township regarding Data Centers to the Board. Municipal Building Update: Finish the installation of floors this week, MEP contractors are coming back to finish their scope of work next week, door installers and the plumbers will be finishing this week. The outside concrete is scheduled for the week of 08/17. The building will be done by the end of the month, ahead of schedule.
- Clerk Report – Liquor License invoices sent. Routine bookwork. Letter from Starwire for Sand Lake Township internet services. Notice of bankruptcy from DISH DBS Corporation. Propane prebuy time. Last year we purchased 2,000 gallons for \$3,913.42. Price is down; 2,000 gallons would be \$3,498.00. 1,962 gallons delivered thus far. Board will prebuy 2,000 gallons for 26/27 year. Motion to purchase 2,500 gallons at \$1.749 by Supervisor Kroll, second by Supervisor Pardun. All in favor, motion carried. Three new licensed STRs in the community. Update language for STR information, will send to Deputy Clerk Tolbert to post on website.
- Deputy Clerk Report – Peggy Tolbert thanks Brad Huser for cleaning up the town hall. Primary Election tomorrow, Tuesday 08/11/2026. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. She hopes this is the last election in the current Town Hall.
- Treasurer Report – The Equipment Fund Account Balance as of 07/31/2026 was \$26,353.51. The Capital Expense Account Balance as of 07/31/2026 was \$20,004.46. The General Fund Account Balance as of 07/31/2026 was \$181,587.95 with total subtractions of \$42,034.50 and total additions of \$38,780.94. Additions were \$31,394.95 in State of WI General Transportation Aid, \$7,385.99 in State of WI July Shared Revenue, and interest of \$8.49. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Supervisor Pardun, second by Supervisor Kroll. All in favor, motion carried.
- Supervisors Reports – Supervisor Kroll attended Webster Fire meeting. A couple items on the auction site to sell, rescue truck sold for \$21,400. They wanted \$25,000 but settled for \$21,400. Selling an old UTV and an enclosed trailer on the auction in the next couple weeks. Banquet this weekend. Supervisor Pardun has nothing to report.

- Road Report – Patching, mowing, maintenance, and cleaning. ATV question, road signs for routes. Chairwoman Johnson asks if there is signage currently where it needs to be (access points off of the main roads also open to ATVs) and is there missing signage anywhere? Per Supervisor Kroll, WTA stated signs had to be posted. Brad has no ATV route signs; we need to contact the club for signs and to put them up where we would typically put Road Restrictions Signs. We can order road signs from the WI Department of Corrections, per Clerk Olson.
- Matters for Discussion and Possible Action
 1. Open Road Bids – One bid. Monarch Paving Company. \$130,660.14. Amount is in budget by combining the Township's 2026 Budget for Construction and the State of Wisconsin approved LRIP monies to be spent in 2026. Per Monarch rep, schedule is looking good to be in the area in about one month. Motion to accept the bid from Monarch Paving Co for \$130,660.14 for the Norman's Landing Road project (Gaslyn Road Offset 2652 to Sewall Road, Webster, WI) to be completed this year by Supervisor Pardun, second by Supervisor Kroll. All in favor, motion carried.
 2. Fire Chief Swearing In – Wade Wambolt – Clerk Olson swears in Webster Fire Chief Wade Wambolt.
 3. Town Hall Assessment – Separate fire number for the building? No. Parking lot will not be paved. Assessment must list parking spaces or approximate number of spaces. There needs to be a van accessible sign. Per Chairwoman Johnson, Structural Builders did the ADA compliance, one handicap accessible van spot will be marked and open to the sidewalk. There will be posted signs showing handicapped parking spots, near the entrance door. Sidewalks will be completed week of 08/17 and should be signed shortly after so Deputy Clerk Tolbert can complete her Town Hall Assessment for voting. Town has to accept the new building as an official polling place on the September agenda if to be used for November election. Reminder we will need a second spot to post physically for the Town Hall once existing Town Hall is sold. Discussion on final needs for the new building.
 4. Zoning – Next Steps – Town's Planning Commission wanted the Town to go to ballot referendum for Zoning adoption in the Township. Shortly after that decision, ballot referendums were outlawed in the State of Wisconsin. Frac sand, CAFOs, campgrounds, cell towers, data centers, etc. Process to move forward would be to have the Town's existing land use map from 2022 sent to the County's Land Use Dept to update and reflect new land uses available. Recently, the County has developed new residential, rural areas and divided agriculture into three categories. The restrictions that used to exist for hobby farms, cottage stands, solar panels, etc. have been updated with the County adding additional ag categories and RR4, RR5, and RR6. Our current map does not include these added categories. Once a new map is completed with current uses of land, the Town would have a Public Hearing and present the new land use map. The process to adopt Zoning would then be done by the Town Board in accordance with the advice by the WTA and Town's legal team. Supervisor Kroll asks how long it would take to update the map. Chairwoman Johnson believes the County could do it within the next month. A Public Hearing would include an invitation to Jason Towne from Burnett County Land Use Dept to attend. Dave Deal discusses Wisc Statute for Zoning and ensuring the process is done properly to not have the Town sued. Chairwoman Johnson speaks about her publicly running on adopting zoning in the township, she was elected on a write in campaign as Chair. She feels she must move Zoning forward for Township. Motion to send existing Land Use Map to Burnett County Land Use Dept for updates reflecting new land use districts by Supervisor Pardun, second by Supervisor Kroll. All in favor, motion carried.
- Pay Bills – \$5,543.84 in bills. Motion to pay the bills by Supervisor Kroll, second by Supervisor Pardun. All in favor, motion carried.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Kroll, second by Supervisor Pardun. All in favor, motion carried. Next Meeting – September 14th, 2026