



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JACKSON TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

1. **Call to order** – Chairman Hartwig called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Eichner verified the proper posting of the meeting and the Public Hearing notices.
2. **Roll call – Present:** Chairman Bob Hartwig, Supervisors Dave Behringer, Joe Kufahl, Marcy Bishop, and Paul Huettl, Fire Captain Eric Weiss, Zoning Administrator Jim Micech, Treasurer Jean Wills, and Clerk Bob Eichner. Also present in the audience was Lead Patrolman James Brei and Patrolman Steve Fischer.
3. **Agenda Approval** – Motion by Huettl, second by Bishop to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
4. **Approval of the minutes** – Motion by Bishop, second by Behringer, to approve the January 8, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Resident comment** – Mr. Steven Fischer, 1187 Western Avenue, asked regarding Item 14, if quotes have been sought for the concrete walk and stoops on the west side of the Barn.
6. **Washington County Sheriff's Department Report** – The sheriff's report was presented. Deputy Kulibert could not attend.
7. **Jackson Fire Department Report** – Captain Wiess presented the Fire Department's report. The FD responded to 91 EMS and 25 Fire Calls. Approximately 1/3 of the calls were in the Town. JFD responded to 5 structure fires, including an industrial building fire in Jackson, barn fires in Newburg, and Germantown, and 2 house fires in West Bend. 49 fire Inspections were conducted. 13 members will be training this spring. The West Bend Moose Lodge held a fish fry fundraiser to purchase new iPads for the trucks.
8. **Treasurer's and Facility Rental Reports.** – Wills presented the treasurer's report and facility rental report. We collected about \$5.8 million in taxes in December and January. Rentals have brought in \$4107 in 2026 to date.
9. **Zoning Administrator's report** – Micech reported that the remodel of Cedar Jacks is underway with the rough carpentry having been approved. The Schulenberg property at the NE corner of Sherman and Division Roads, is no longer for sale, but there is still interest in the property. The Sheriff is investigating a claim of 14 to 16 people living in one house on Western Avenue.
10. **Clerk's report** – We received an email from a new town resident wondering if the Town has ever considered a farmers' market. The Board does not think a farmers' market would be successful as others have been tried and failed. Eichner discussed the repairs to the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge with Hiway Commissioner Scott Schmidt. There will be money available next year to reimburse the Town for some of the cost of repairing the Bridge this year, provided the repairs have an expected life of 10+ years. Eichner presented a cost comparison for fire and EMS service for the last 6 years. In 2020 the contract was 25% of our tax levy and in 2026, it is expected to be 47% of our levy. The Town will have to address this soon. There are no Primary elections anywhere in Washington County. The Spring election will be April 7th. Lastly, Eichner announced his plan to retire at the end of the year.
11. **Public Hearing – Consider Revisions to Proposed Ordinance TOJ-2026-001 amending Section 3.05(B) of Title X, the Zoning Code to allow chickens and ducks as an accessory use in R-1 Zoning Districts as recommended for approval, by the Town of Jackson Park and Planning Commission on January 28, 2026**
 - a. **Open Public Hearing** – Motion by Kufahl, second by Bishop to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried 5-0.
Comments: Bob Traska 1196 Sherman Road stated that he did some comparisons with surrounding municipalities that have a similar Ordinance and he found that most communities limited the chickens by acreage or just a maximum number.
 - b. **Close Public Hearing** – Motion by Kufahl, second by Bishop, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried 5-0.
12. **Consider, approval of Proposed Ordinance TOJ-2026-001 amending Section 3.05(B) of Title X, the Zoning Code to allow chickens and ducks as an accessory use in R-1 Zoning Districts** – The final draft was presented, and some formatting changes were suggested. Behringer proposed allowing up to 10 chickens/ducks on the first acre. The rest of the Board agreed that this would be contrary to the current regulations for poultry in Ag zoning and the



ordinances should match. Motion by Bishop, second by Huettl, to approve Ordinance TOJ-2026-001 with appropriate formatting changes. Motion carried 5-0. Ordinance will become effective upon posting.

13. **Consider Final CSM to add 4 Acres from T7-0736 (1987 Mill Road) to T7-0736-00A (1969 Mill Road)** – Motion by Huettl, second by Bishop to approve the Final CSM contingent on approval by the Village of Jackson. Motion carried 5-0.
14. **Consider Barn update and proposals for overhead access door on the east side of the barn upper level.** – Wills presented quotes for an overhead door on the east side of the Barn second floor. Motion by Huettl, second by Bishop to accept the proposal from Cedarburg Overhead Door in the amount of \$7,074. Motion carried 3-2; Kufahl & Behringer – Nay.
15. **Consider setting the date for the 2026 Road Assessment Tour** – The road tour will be held Saturday, March 21, 2026 beginning at 8:00am
16. **Washington County Board report.** – Former Supervisor and County Board Chairman Ken Miller was given a commendation for his life of public Service to the Village of Germantown, The Washington County Board and the US Army National Guard and the Department of Defense. The Master Plan for the County Government Center was reviewed. There was also discussion on improving the intersection of State Highway 33 and Indiana Avenue (at the SW corner of the Government Center property). John Cashion was recognized for 25 years as a corrections officer, and Jeremy Stevens was honored for 28 years as a Sheriff Deputy.
17. **Buildings report** – We received the materials for the gutter guards at Town Hall. A post and door frame were damaged at the Transfer Station on January 17th. The Staff repaired the door frame (cracked) and track (bent) so the door will open and close. The post is also repairable. We are considering enclosing more of the salt shed and Behringer is looking into that.
18. **Grounds report** – No Report.
19. **Weed Commissioner's report** – No Report
20. **Equipment Manager report** – The crew researched different cutting blades for plows. A rubberized type of blade is available, but it tends to cause surface damage to chip sealed roads so that it will not work for us. We will continue to use the current type of blades. Scooter at Ozaukee County is still working on getting a dump box for Truck 26, so we can use the truck until our plow package is ready for installation.
21. **Transfer Station report** – Bishop started checking for current TS placards last Saturday and 4 people were turned away. Kufahl said that Bishop should keep track of her hours checking placards at the transfer station since it is a paid position.
22. **Highway/Chairman's report** – Staff has been working on equipment maintenance. The Tiger mower received a 4000-hour service check. The dump box ram on #16 needed repairs and Truck #12 has electrical, regeneration and brake work that needs to be done. Truck #24 needed the plow lift cylinder replaced. The skid-steer needs a new parking brake. The County crews finished tree trimming on Jackson Drive south of Pleasant Valley Road and on Cedar Creek Road east of CTH P. Crews resolved a flooding issue on western Avenue west of Jackson Drive that occurred during the cold snap. A speed limit sign was stolen on Western Avenue. Plowing has been going well despite 1 or 2 trucks being down. Rich Pecher has been doing a lot and is getting the hang of it, but staff recommends advertising for 2 more drivers.
23. **Communications and announcements** – None.
24. **Convene in closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance criteria and data, specifically, consideration the regular and overtime pay structure for Regular Public Works Employees and Seasonal/Temporary Part-time employees, especially Snowplow Operators** – Motion by Bishop, second by Kufahl, to convene into closed session at 8:31pm. Motion carried 5-0.
25. **Reconvene into open session** – Motion by Huettl, second by Kufahl, to reconvene into open session at 8:50pm. Motion carried 5-0.



- 26. Action on items discussed in closed session** – Motion by Huettl, second Bishop, to make no changes to the existing compensation nor the determination of overtime for temporary, part-time, snowplow operators, and the Town advertise for up to 2 additional plow drivers. Motion carried 5-0.
- 27. Review of bills and authorization of payment** – Motion by Huettl, second by Behringer, to authorize payment of outstanding bills. Motion carried 5-0.
- 28. Adjournment** – Motion by Kufahl, second by Huettl, to adjourn at 9:05pm. Next regular Town Board Meeting will be held on March 12, 2026 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M Eichner
Town Clerk

Robert H Hartwig
Town Chairman

Approved: