

January 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Rietbrock was held Monday January 12, 2026, at the Rietbrock Town Hall. Brad Murkowski, Todd Thurs, Sherry Literski, and Jody Davis were present. With the vacancy of the Chairman position, Todd Thurs called the meeting to order 6:30PM with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were ten (10) residents/visitors plus four board members at the meeting.

Brad made a motion 2nd by Todd to approve last month's meeting minutes with the amendment to add in the motion to reverse the decision on the call for the audit of the books. MC

The treasurer gave the financial report, with a checking account balance total of \$209,564.55; Outstanding checks were reported. Tax account balance of \$647.24; road improvement (RI) fund balance of \$465.62; Machinery Fund balance of \$14,193.25; Machinery Fund 9-month CD at 4% interest balance \$55,254.16 and will come due May 14, 2026; road improvement 9-month CD at 4% interest balance \$20,000.00 and will come due February 20, 2026. The new grader has a balance of \$159,321.87. Receipts for the month were also reported.

Todd made a motion, 2nd by Brad, to accept the financial report. MC

Brad made a motion, 2nd by Todd, the bills have been examined and can be paid. MC

The YTD budget was reviewed with no changes necessary.

Todd reported on the Athens Area Fire Commission quarterly meeting held on Monday December 15, 2025. The board will need to appoint a replacement for the Town of Rietbrock vacancy on the Athens Area Fire Commission next month.

The Western Marathon County Towns & Villages Unit meeting is coming up on Thursday January 29, 2026, at the Town of Green Valley Town Hall. The 2026 WTA District Meetings start in January. Board members will determine what meeting date works for their schedules.

The Clerk mentioned other upcoming meetings: Understanding AI: A Forum for Local & Tribal Governments scheduled on multiple dates in March and Extreme Weather and Client Services Roadshow at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids on February 4, 2026, 4:00-6:00PM. Not sure if anyone is able to attend either of these meetings.

Permits: Zoning Permits: Mark & Linda Ellenbecker
 Utility Permits: None
 New Culvert/Driveway Permits: None
 Sanitation Permits: None
 New Holding Tank Agreements: None
 New Surveys: None
 Fire Runs: None
 Missing fire run payments: 1) Peter Lui.
 New Addresses: None
 Special Assessments: None
 Town Hall Rentals: 1) Nicole Gajewski (1/3/2026); 2) Makayla Zettler (1/2/2026); 3) Stephen Weber (1/1/2026)

Wayne Mauer, Plan Commission Chair, provided update. The Plan Commission last met on January

8, 2026, and are working on Zoning Code updates as well as updating documentation for current ordinances.

There were no town issues to discuss during this meeting.

There were no updates to report with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Installing internet in the municipal building was discussed. Todd made a motion, 2nd by Brad to check on WIFI pricing options and the cost of adding Security cameras around the Municipal property. MC

Jody will check into options and present to the board at the next regular board meeting.

Todd requested to table the discussions about adding a clerk's office in the municipal building.

The garage door on the north building was damaged when it partially fell as town equipment was passing through. Jody will check with insurance and get a claim filed for the repairs. Ryan Murkowski has called Badgerland Overhead door to come and offer a quote for repair. There was discussion on getting a repair versus a replacement cost. The North side door on this same building is causing issues as well and may be addressed at the same time.

In roads issues, Jody will determine what the status is for the July 2024 State of Emergency as we have not yet received payment. All other items noted: The Local bridge Improvement Assistance Program 2026-2031; Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) 2026-2030 program and Surface Transportation Program (STP) 2026-2031 Program were not discussed.

The Treasurer position was discussed. There was no one at the meeting that was interested in the position. Sherry will reach out to Rodney Gumz to see if he is still interested as he had expressed some interest.

The Town Chairman vacancy was filled during this meeting with a motion made by Brad, 2nd by Jody to make Todd Thurs the Town Chairman effective January 13, 2026. MC

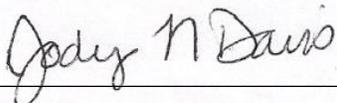
Brad made a motion, 2nd by Todd to hold a special board meeting on Monday January 19, 2026, at 6:30PM at the town hall to fill the vacant Town Supervisor position. MC

One individual, Doug Peterson, was present at the board meeting and expressed interest in the open supervisor position.

The clerk asked if it was OK to pursue purchasing a new entry mat for the Town hall as the one there is quite worn.

In public comment, Wayne Mauer reported on asking for permission to purchase items and wants the board to approve all purchases at a board meeting. Joe Koller wants innovation and the board to be open to change. If there are items in the town that need to be addressed ask for help. Bernie Lewis expressed concerns about Urmanski Road and lack of grading on Aspen Valley Road. Doug Peterson expressed road concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM by Todd Thurs.



Jody N Davis – Clerk, January 12, 2026