

July 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Rietbrock was held Monday July 13, 2026, at the Rietbrock Town Hall. Tim O'Brien, Brad Murkowski, Todd Thurs, Rebecka Hein, and Jody Davis were present. Chairman Todd Thurs called the meeting to order 6:30PM with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were five (5) residents/visitors plus five board members at the meeting.

Tim made a motion, 2nd by Brad to approve last month's meeting minutes sent to the board prior to the meeting with corrections to add more detail on liquor license discussions. MC

The treasurer gave the financial report, with a checking account balance total of \$159,393.45; No outstanding checks were reported. Tax account balance of \$698.29; road improvement (RI) fund balance of \$466.43; Machinery Fund balance of \$44,245.24; Machinery Fund 9-month CD at 3.60% interest balance \$56,898.49 and will come due February 14, 2027; road improvement 9-month CD at 3.54% interest balance \$20,779.79 and will come due November 20, 2026. The new grader has a balance of \$159,321.87.

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

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

The 2nd Quarter Cash Flow Analysis was reviewed.

The YTD Budget was reviewed with no changes made. Budget lines did have some bills reclassified under plow truck and grader categories for bills paid in the early part of the year prior to these categories being created. In addition, there were category assignments that required correction for the Recycling contracts as they were reflected in the incorrect budget category.

Tim and Todd reported on the Athens Fire Commission Quarterly meeting held on June 15, 2026.

There is an upcoming WTA Annual Meeting of Marathon County Unit Combined Eastern and Western Unit Meeting on July 22, 2026, 7:00PM at Memories Ballroom.

Permits: Zoning Permits: 1) Paul Schug
 Utility Permits: WPS (2 permits issued)
 New Culvert/Driveway Permits: 1) Larry Myszk; 2) Stephen Horning
 Sanitation Permits: Sylvester & Marilyn Lipinski
 New Holding Tank Agreements: None
 New Surveys: None
 Fire Runs: None
 Missing fire run payments: 1) Peter Lui; 2) Travis Lincoln; 3) Klay Ellenbecker
 New Addresses: None
 Special Assessments: None
 Town Hall Rentals: 1) Dennis Dahlke; 2) Chris Zychowicz; 3) Mary Knoeck
 Timber Cutting: Carol A. Nortman Revocable Land Trust

Wayne Mauer, Plan Commission Chair, reported the plan commission has not officially heard from the Marathon County regarding the Wind Energy System Siting Ordinance, but he had talked to Al Drabek who is on the Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) and thought it had passed. In checking agendas and noted, it didn't make the agenda as thought. We are working to get this on August 4, 2026, ERC agenda. Wayne also reported on discussions with the culverts and mentioned the Plan Commission recommendation to utilize local Excavating businesses in the town for any repairs.

There are no updates the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Brad reported he has not yet received quotes for creating a clerk office in the Municipal Hall. If he doesn't hear back from a contractor this week, he will make additional phone calls for quotes.

In roads updates/issues, there were no updates on the July 2024 State of Emergency.

The advertising for culvert work bids did not get completed. The board has decided to work culvert by culvert based on need and where the town can financially afford. Brad made a motion, 2nd by Tim, to no longer advertise for bids but to call excavator businesses to get prices and work on culverts as directed by the Town. MC

Tim discussed the proposal to relocate the Garbage Disposal Site to a location that can be open for 24/7 access, making this more convenient for Town Residents. One proposed location is west of the shed utilized for salt and other storage. A u-shaped driveway could be created with the dumpsters along the west side of that shed. There is an electrical panel that needs to be updated down there but a new panel has already been purchased. An electrician would need to be hired for this work. Power would be necessary for security camera installation. A roughly estimated amount for this complete effort would be \$4,000 - \$5,000 dollars. We do need to determine if dumpsters can be moved from the hauler, GFL. The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

There were three items mentioned for business to come before the board. 1) Town Hall Policy & Use; 2) Bathroom plumbing investigation; 3) Clean up follow-up of property across from Town Hall.

Wayne Mauer made a public comment saying it is time to continue discussions on the property across the road from the Town Hall as it appears all cleanup work has ceased. This was added as an issue that comes before the board item.

Brad Murkowski brought up the bathroom incident with toilets backing up during a party on July 11, 2026. The lack of use and then a lot of use likely caused the issue. It is possible the lack of use cause paper/waste to not clear the pipe from the bathroom to the holding tank. When a lot of use occurred, this exposed the blockage. On Sunday afternoon, toilets were repetitively flushed without issue. It appeared to have resolved itself. The board will monitor and determine if any other actions are required.

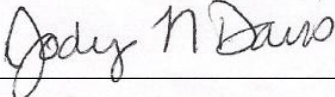
Todd Thurs reported the bridge on Meridian Road was pressure washed to prepare for a bridge inspection that will be happening sometime this month.

Wayne Mauer made a comment questioning if the culvert at the Harmony Cheese location, Schnappsville Road, is causing any problems for the town.

Brad Murkowski reported there is a new “Happiness is Poniatoski” sign that was paid for from donations of individuals in the town. This will be posted outside the Municipal Hall and the old sign hung up in the shop portion of the hall for keepsake.

There was a survey from Marathon County emergency management that the board reviewed and completed during correspondence review.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM by Todd Thurs.



Jody N Davis – Clerk, July 13, 2026