

March 9, 2026

PORT WING TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, by Chairman, Scott Jardine. Present were Scott Jardine, Ken Bodeen, Carri Hoagland, Pam Holt, Brett Bodeen, Troy Kavajecz, Sam Kurland, Tygar Leveque, Sheila Bergman, Judy Lundquist, Leann Hess, and Gayle Gonsior. Nora Tribys was absent. Motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from 2-9-2026 by Ken Bodeen, second by Carri Hoagland. All in favor. Motion was made by Ken Bodeen, second by Carri Hoagland to table the February 2026 Treasurer report until the March meeting, once Nora returns. All in favor.

- **Citizen's Input –**

- **Planning Committee.** Gayle Gonsior – Scott Jardine brought up difficulty reaching the Army Corp of Engineer to get clarification on whether the project would be classified as maintenance or repairs. To receive any State/Federal grants, we will need to renew harbor lease for 20 years.
- **Park Committee/Town Hall.** -Leann Hess – Clean up Day will be scheduled for June 6th. (Note – the budget for clean-up day is \$5,000). Xcel Energy has awarded the town a “Solar Park Bench” that enables charging of phones, tablets, etc. Our contribution would be a concrete pad. Suggested to be placed in the harbor. Motion by Carrie Hoagland, second by Ken Bodeen to accept the award from Xcel Energy and approve the construction of the concrete pad. All in favor. Indoor Holiday decorations are put away. Outdoor decorations still need to be taken down and stored. The AARP grant was submitted by Judy Lundquist, Sheila Bergman, and Pam Holt. This grant is for acoustic improvements in the town hall with a laptop, projector, and screen for presentations/movies. We will hear back in May if we are awarded the grant. South Shore students need projects for their Community Service Day. It was suggested they help with trails and trees at Twin Falls Park. There is still a gas smell at the town hall. We may need to replace the heat exchanger.
- Mickie Budge wanted to get the AI Data Centers on the Town Board's radar in case they are approached by any companies/persons that want to build in the South Shore. Discussed their tactic of NDAs and how keep the constituents in the dark.

- **Fire Department/EMT.** Tygar Leveque – Need to test hoses some time in June and will need to block off Grand Avenue during testing.

ON GOING BUSINESS:

- Blacktop/Road projects – Ken Bodeen working on grants – new grants will be announced in April. Currently a Small Structure grant open for applications. Ken is also working on completing the reimbursement paperwork on the Grand Avenue project.
- Solar Project – Ryan VanLanduyt, Energy Specialist and Kelly Traczyk, Rural Sustainability representing Bayfield County were in attendance. The Solar project construction will begin some time in May. Discussed the timing of the Town Hall with the concerns with the roof. Need to secure financing. Discussed internet access at the Wastewater Plant – needed for the energy management system.
- Horse/Carriage reflectors –Scott Jardine will meet with Eli Shetler.
- Dwelling Restrictions – Board would like an ordinance for minimum square footage for new single-family residence. Requested input from the Planning Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bayfield County Health & Recreation Grant. Sandy Galer approached Park Committee for outdoor exercise equipment. Park Committee will research.
- Town Hall Roof – needs replacement. Structural issue with the walls being bowed. Suggested we contact a structural engineering firm to inspect the roof/walls. This will need to be completed before solar panels are installed in the roof. An ad needs to be run in the paper for bids for the roof replacement.
- Annual meeting will be on April 21, 2026 at 7pm at the **TOWN HALL.**

ZONING REQUESTS: Reviewed new construction at 82985 Cnty Rd A (Storage Units) Elliott.

TOWN CREW REPORT: Troy Kavajecz reported on snowplowing, Town Hall and Marina. Need replacement flags for the park. Performing quarterly water/sewer testing. New tool boxes in place.

Next meeting set for April 13, 2026 at 7pm. Meeting adjourned by Carri Hoagland, second by Ken Bodeen. All in favor. Reminder – Annual Town Meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Respectively Submitted by Pam Lawrenz Holt, Town Clerk