

**PUBLIC HEARING  
2026 Proposed Budget  
November 10, 2025**

Chairman Rupp called the Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 budget to order. Resident Julius Lacey spoke regarding a request to hire a Sheriff patrol for the area. Cars are speeding on Moraine Hills Drive. Supervisor Wiedenbauer responded that there are expensive costs associated with patrols. Mr. Lacey stated that he has spoken with the Sheriff, and they will try to cover the area more often. He also plans to reach out to County Executive Paul Farrow. There was no other public comment.

Supervisor Wiedenbauer made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

**OTTAWA TOWN BOARD MEETING  
November 10, 2025**

Roll call attendance was taken, and Town Supervisors Wiedenbauer, Bosenbecker, Jones, and Wiedenman were present.

The first item on the agenda was the adoption of the 2026 proposed budget. Supervisor Jones made a motion to adopt the 2026 budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenbauer and carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Treasurer's report. Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to accept the Building Inspector's monthly activity report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bosenbecker and carried.

Chief Bowen provided handouts of the Western Lakes Fire District report.

The next item was for the 2025 Wisconsin Towns' Association convention reports. Supervisor Bosenbecker spoke that she attended the Clerk cracker barrel and the Legal cracker barrel. She learned a lot.

The Waukesha County Sheriff arrived. Chairman Rupp asked if anyone had comments for the Sheriff. Resident Julius Lacey, Virgin Forest Drive, Dousman, asked about having more patrols at Moraine Hills along Virgin Forest and Highland Court. Speeders go through in the evenings and the morning commute. He's seen cans and bottles littered on the side of the road. The Sheriff responded that he can look into having more patrols in that area and would speak to Mr. Lacey to get more information after the meeting. There have been low incident reports in Ottawa.

The next item was for public comment. Resident Steve Kreinz, Hwy. 67, Dousman, stated that he works at our Saturday trash collection. He would like to inquire about getting slow signs to place along Hwy. 67 during trash collection to assist with the traffic.

Discussion for the 2025 Wisconsin Towns Association convention reports continued. Supervisor Wiedenman stated that he felt the convention was valuable and provided a lot of information. He felt there were more relevant meetings on Monday than there was on Tuesday. It was a good networking opportunity and found great information on roads, budget, ATVs, Village powers, ordinance enforcement, etc. The Sheriff added that if a violation is witnessed, a citation can be issued by the Sheriff. The witness would need to be willing to testify, and the Sheriff needs to be able to positively identify the people involved. Supervisor Jones asked the Sheriff if that applies to wake boats? The sheriff mentioned that our ordinance could have an owner's liability

clause to be able to issue a citation to the boat owner. It was asked if this would apply to ATVs as well? He responded yes, if it's in the ordinance.

Supervisor Wiedenman continued his report on the 2025 convention. He learned a bit about solar farms and oversight of the State program.

Supervisor Bosenbecker continued with her report on the convention, and learned about forest lands and taxes. This is a learned process.

Chairman Rupp shared her report on the convention. She learned about social media, being ADA compliant by 2027 online, right-of-way information, trees, permits, culverts, and maintenance of roads.

Supervisor Bosenbecker added that she learned a bit about playground equipment expenses being very high. She's looking for simple grants and cost-effectiveness.

Clerk Geyman shared that she attended more Clerk-focused classes at the convention, including a day of Election education. She finds the convention to always provide great learning and networking.

The next item on the agenda was to form a 2039 Border Agreement Committee. Chairman Rupp explained that the committee would need to explain its tasks and function, how many members, and that it would be advisory only. Open meeting laws would need to be upheld with agendas and minutes. The information from the committee would be brought back to the Town Board for decisions. Supervisor Jones stated that he is interested in looking into the 2039 annexation and how it will affect roads and tax dollars. Supervisor Wiedenbauer stated that there are about 132 houses involved in the annexation. Supervisor Jones stated that he is not sure we need a committee, but to have himself and Supervisor Wiedenbauer look into the information. Supervisor Jones stated that he will contact the Attorney for clarification on that.

The next item on the agenda was for the purchase of a banner to advertise Park availability. Chairman Rupp stated that the attorney suggested that we find out the zoning code for signage. Clerk Geyman will contact the Town Planner for this information. Supervisor Bosenbecker explained that the cost for a sign would be between \$80-\$120 plus print setup costs. The signs would be to promote league availability. Supervisor Wiedenbauer made a motion to approve 2 signs up to the cost of \$400. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bosenbecker and carried.

The next item on the agenda was for the park gazebo. Supervisor Bosenbecker explained that the gazebo is in disrepair. She stated that Theine's have volunteered to take it down free of charge. We could then level the ground and reseed. After some discussion, Supervisor Jones made a motion to allow Theine's to remove the gazebo and to have Theine's and/or Norm Hausser work on removing the path walkway to the gazebo. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenbauer and carried.

The next item on the agenda was regarding compensating any board member who also serves and sits on the Plan Commission. Supervisor Jones stated that the board member is already compensated through a town board salary. Supervisor Wiedenbauer shared that in North Lake, members are paid for multiple board attendances. Supervisor Jones spoke that we have members who attend lake meetings, district meetings, fire meetings, and do not receive additional compensation. After some discussion, Supervisor Jones made a motion to keep the compensation the same as it currently is, with no additional compensation for additional meetings. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

The next item on the agenda was for review of the Town's purchasing policy. Chairman Rupp stated that there should be some clarification. After some discussion, Supervisor Wiedenbauer made a motion to add "(purchases under this guideline need to be reported to your Supervisor in a timely manner)". The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

The next item was for the Town Planner Contract. Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve the contract for the Town Planner at \$59.63/hr. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

The next item on the agenda was for the removal of an old Burr Oak tree. Chairman Rupp explained that the tree is quite large, and although sad, it does need to be removed. Supervisor Jones made a motion to have Bark River remove the tree, cut up the small stuff, take the big stuff away, and clean up. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

The next item on the agenda was for infield mix for the Park. Chairman Rupp explained that there were 9 loads in total at a cost of \$4500. Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of infield mix for \$4500. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenbauer and carried.

The next item on the agenda was for oil building siding quotes. Chairman Rupp shared the quotes received for siding and brickwork. Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to approve the quote with Renovation Masters for the siding and to schedule masonry work for next year. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

Under lakes update, Supervisor Wiedenman shared information from School Section Lake regarding their weed harvester, truck and discussions on dam ownership.

Under park update, Supervisor Bosenbecker shared that Mike Kilsdonk is winterizing the shelter.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bosenbecker and carried.

Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Rupp and carried.

Regarding the October 15, 2025, closed session meeting, Supervisor Wiedenbauer stated that the minutes did not reflect that he attended the closed session remotely. Clerk Geyman inquired why that wasn't reflected and asked if Supervisor Wiedenbauer voted? Supervisor Jones answered, because we don't have a policy for remote attendance. Clerk Geyman suggested that, should the board wish to allow remote attendance, a policy should be put in place first. Chairman Rupp stated that Supervisor Wiedenbauer had information needed for the closed session. Clerk Geyman responded that the meeting could have been rescheduled if he had been unable to attend. Supervisor Jones made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that Supervisor Wiedenbauer was present remotely at the meeting and did not vote. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bosenbecker and carried.

Under correspondence, the following was shared: information on grant submittal for LRIP and STP, a letter regarding the hunting ordinance from a resident, OASC, Rock River Reflections, and various brochures from the WI Towns' convention.

Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to pay bills as listed, in addition to payroll and associated withholding payments for L Geyman, J Jansen, cardmember services, WE Energies, and John's Disposal. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenbauer and carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jones and seconded by Supervisor Bosenbecker to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Geyman, WCMC  
Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Ottawa  
and closed session submitted by Supervisor Wiedenman