

MINUTES

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting
Friday, March 13, 2026
9:00 a.m.
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by Chairman Ronnie Casper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Casper.

Roll call was taken, with all members present. Treasurer Betty Janke was excused.

Proper public posting was verified.

Minutes were read from the February 13, 2026 regular Town Board meeting. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Ronnie Casper to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report that was provided by the Treasurer earlier was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk provided 2026 YTD Transaction Report for review.

Clerk/Chairman Correspondence:

- Full appraisal information from Wisconsin Department of Revenue.
- Letter from Alma Center Area Fire District received regarding the 2026 assessment for the Towns within their district detailing where to send and requested due date.
- Letter received from the Jackson County Ag Society regarding the 2026 Jackson County Fair.
- Introductory letter from an engineering firm regarding the Local Small Structures Improvement Program.
- Quotation form from a local materials supplier with prices for the 2026 season and available services.

Public Comment

A local constituent was present to discuss information from recent attendance at a Town of Cleveland meeting.

Patrolman's Report

- Recently received quotes for gravel, and is expecting one more.
- Discussed recent grader work.
- Mentioned that due to the soft status of the town roads, he has not dropped the blade fully to avoid damage, which may lead to some phone calls from the motoring public.

Old Business:

- a) Chairman Casper shared that there is no recent news regarding the metallic mining issue in Garden Valley, and there was discussion about neighboring town information.
- b) Chairman Casper shared that there was information from the accounting software, but noted that it appears to have quite a cost per area of use. Discussion on continuing with QuickBooks and looking at streamlining that chart of accounts further.
- c) No other old business discussed.

New Business:

- a) Board discussed potentially meeting with a representative from Scott Construction to tour this year's proposed construction locations. Board discussed sections on Town House Road east of Old Stage Road, Fees Road, Roden Road and Bopp Road. Also discussed the potential of the Town Hall parking lot and where it joins Town House Road.
- b) Chairman Casper met with the Highway Commissioner, Kevin Kamrowski about the two locations of culvert repairs/replacements and options, including the work potentially being done by the County.
- c) Board discussed the current Comprehensive Plan work and status.
- d) Board discussed the patrolman position and three responses of interest, with one more possible. Discussion followed regarding setting a date for interviews. Decision was made to hold those in early April, working around the schedule of Board members.
- e) Board discussed the Board of Review and Open Book schedule with this year's full evaluation. A date will be set soon to enable the posting to follow protocol.
- f) Chairman Casper shared a request from the WTA to support and adopt a resolution for sustainable transportation funding. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to adopt *Resolution 2026-03-01 Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution*. Motion carried.
- g) Chairman Casper discussed the value of converting the Treasurer's position to appointed from elected and to have this change addressed and voted on at the Annual Meeting in April.
- h) Annual Meeting date and time was confirmed from the prior Annual Meeting minutes for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., with the regular Town Board meeting to follow.
- i) Discussed earlier under correspondence.
- j) No other new business discussed.

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next regular meeting is set:

Friday, April 21, 2026 immediately following the Annual Meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Klieforth, Clerk