

**Town of Big Flats
Regular Board Meeting
held at
Town of Big Flats Town Hall
1104 County Road C
Arkdale, WI 54613**

April 21, 2026

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Meyers called the meeting to order at 6:39PM. Following the Annual Meeting.

Present: Chairman Meyers, Supervisor Kipfer, Supervisor Clark, Clerk Horacek, Treasurer Nigh

The Pledge was recited.

- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**
- 3. Approval of Bills:** Motion by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark to pay the bills. **Motion Carried**
- 4. Approval of Previous Months Minutes:** Motion by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer to approve the minutes from the previous month's minutes. **Motion Carried**
- 5. Treasure's Report:** Treasurer Nigh read balances for all accounts. Motion to approve the treasurer report by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**
- 6. Correspondence & Clerk's Report:** Handed out
- 7. Public Comments:** Jackie Jones has been working with the warning system. She had been making calls to see if the siren at the hall could be done for free.

- 8. Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Schmidt** read the financial statement. She stated that March has 18 calls. Four were in Monroe, 7 in Big Flats. There were wildfires in Rome and Adams. The department is busy with training. Eight fire fighters will be attending a class next weekend. They will be having food trucks at the street dance again.
- 9. Supervisor I Update:** Supervisor Kipfer stated that he received a call on April 24 for a culvert out. He made calls to inform the county and schools the road would be closed. He called Brad from the DOT because that culvert had a wrong rating on it. The town received a grant for \$170,814.00 for road work to be done on 7th Ave. The information from the engineer that was hired last year was used for this grant. The grader needs two front tires, and the ram needs to be rebuilt. It will also need blades. It was asked about the unused truck that has been sitting outside. Supervisor Clark stated that it needed to be put up for sale. Chairman Meyers agreed it was time to get rid of it.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark to buy one used tire for the grader, rebuild the ram and purchase the blades. 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark to put the 1996 Ford plow truck up for action, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**

Supervisor Kipfer stated that the town owns property that they might want to sell. There is one acre on Beaver Ave. that the neighbor is interested in. There are 8 acres north of the town hall that could be divided. North of 8th Ave. at Bighorn Ave. the town owns a narrow piece that goes to 8th Ct. It was to be used as a 2nd fire exit for 8th Ct. On South Buttercup Ct there is just over 1 acre.

It was stated that the town needs to make it public if they plan to sell any property. The town will investigate it.

Supervisor Kipfer read off the list of roads that are on the 2026 bid doc for repairs. And stated that all repairs must be done by a due date in October.

10. Supervisor II Update: Supervisor Clark stated that Station 1 is now open and all is quiet at the cemetery.

11. Committee Reports:

Nuisance Committee: Justin Browning sent out letters to several landowners. He asked the board if they would consider purchasing a phone for him to use.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark and 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer to approve a phone for the nuisance chairman. **Motion Carried**

Plan Commission Committee: Wendy Goerke presented a land division to the board for the Mark Jaffee Property. A motion was made by Supervisor Clark and 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer to approve the land division. **Motion Carried**

She stated that an application for a Conditional Use Application for a deer farm was turned down by the Plan Commission.

Zoning: Rich Westover stated that he had 2 inspections in the last month. Rich asked the town board's approval to move forward with legal action for 1339 County Rd. C.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark, No by Supervisor Kipfer. It was asked what the animals were, Rich would not comment. A 2nd was made by Chairman Meyers to move forward with seek legal for animals at 1339 County Rd. C. **Motion Carried**

Rich stated that 1112 16th Ave. has a storage container that has been there for over 3 years. He has sent 3 letters to them. Supervisor Clark made a motion to table for 30 days, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer.

12. Discussion/Action on ACEC Contract: A motion was made by Supervisor Clark and 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer to approve the ACES Contract. **Motion Carried**

13. Discussion/Action on Operators License: Motion by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark to approve the operators' license. **Motion Carried**

14. Discussion/Action on Auto Pay for Insurance Bills: Motion by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark to approve auto for the insurance bills. **Motion Carried**

15. Discussion/Action on loan to repair Browndeer and replace culvert: Supervisor Kipfer is working with Jane from the Adams County Emergency Management for aide on the repairs.

16. Discussion/Action on new fuel supplier: It was decided to be tabled until more information is available next month. A motion was made by Supervisor Clark and 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer to table until the next town meeting. **Motion Carried**

17. Discussion/Action on full payment for hall rental at time of application: A motion was made by Supervisor Clark and 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**

18. Fire Department Funds: Chairman Meyers stated the fire department had a meeting the end of March. It was about information on new fire truck equipment. He reminded everyone of the cost that will be coming this year. He also stated that the town has not raised taxes. The town just had three culverts go out. He feels the town will have to raise taxes. The fire department will have to replace a truck. It used to be that there was a 30-year rotation on equipment. Now it's 20 to 25 years. He reminded that the town already pays bills for the department. To replace a truck could be \$800,000. If the town went with Rome Fire Department, it could cost about \$157,000 a year. To replace all equipment would cost around 2.5 million dollars. He stated that he doesn't know how the town will be able to keep up. Fire Chief Kim Schmidt stated that not all of Chairman Meyers numbers were correct. Somethings were paid with grant money. Supervisor Kipfer stated that there is a government program that helps with equipment purchases.

19. Announcements:

- Next Plan Commission meeting: May 19, 2026, 6:00 PM
- Next regular town meeting May 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM
- Opening of Board of Review May 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM & close until October 15, 2026.

20. Adjourn: Motion by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer to adjourn at 8:**24 PM**
Motion Carried

31 people sign in

Terri L. Horacek, Town Clerk