

**TOWN OF MINOCQUA
ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 23rd, 2026**

Chairman Mark Hartzheim called the Annual Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on April 23rd, 2026 in the Board Room of the Minocqua Center. Present were: Chairman Mark Hartzheim; Brian Fricke, Erika Petersen and Billy Fried, Town Board Supervisors; Roben Haggart, Town Clerk; Miranda Schmidt, Town Treasurer; Lynn Wildes, Town Secretary; Kitt Koski, Town Assessor; Greg Harrold, Town Attorney; Jocelyn Seeliger/ Peterson/Metz, Town Accountant. Approximately 7 audience members were in attendance.

Motion by Brian Fricke, seconded by Bill Fried to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Motion by Brian Fricke, seconded by Erika Petersen to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Annual Meeting held on April 24th, 2025. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Motion by Brian Fricke, seconded by Erika Petersen to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting held on April 24th, 2025. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

REVIEW OF 2025 OPERATIONS

Jocelyn Seeliger reported that the fund balance at the end of 2025 was \$546,000 which is up \$80,000 from prior year. The debt amount at the end of the year was \$8.7 million. The town has a debt capacity of \$171 million; we are only using 5% of what is allowed. Jocelyn reviewed each department and provided explanations for budget variances. Chairman Hartzheim took questions from the audience.

Lori Nixon requested that a copy of the town's balance sheet also be available for future annual meetings.

Chairman Hartzheim asked the audience if there were any other items to be discussed as permitted under Wis. Stat. 60.10.

Supervisor Brian Fricke stated that he would like to see the Town Chairman and Town Clerk receive a raise. He pointed out that these positions have had 5 pay increases since 2008 with the last one in 2023. He is suggesting a 10% increase of \$6,000. Kitt Koski felt 12.5% was more in line with the cost-of-living increases over the last 3 years, Greg Harrold agreed. Billy Fried felt that it was too much for one budget year. The raise would not go into effect until after the April 2027 elections.

Motion by Kitt Koski, seconded by Greg Harrold to increase the Town Chairman and Town Clerks annually salaries to \$67,500 to take effect after the next election. Chairman Hartzheim asked for a show of hands for voting; 14 yes, Supervisor Bill Fried voted no. Motion Carried.

Motion by Brian Fricke, seconded by Erika Petersen to set the next annual meeting date on April 23rd, 2027 at 5:00 p.m. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Motion by Brian Fricke, seconded by Erika Petersen to adjourn meeting. Voice Vote: Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Roben Haggart
Town Clerk