



Town of Vienna Web Site Address: www.viennawi.gov

October, 2024

November 5, 2024 General Election

Absentee ballots for the November 5th General Election were mailed September 18th to everyone who had absentee requests on file. If you have not requested an absentee ballot but would like to, you may request an absentee ballot by mail at anytime now through November 1st. You can do this by visiting www.myvote.wi.gov or visiting our website under the Elections tab or you can stop by Town Hall and pick up the paper form, located in the vestibule. A copy of your proof of residency via a drivers license or utility bill will need to be provided. **In-Person absentee voting will begin on Tuesday, October 22nd.** In person voting hours are from 9AM to 3PM Monday thru Friday. The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Friday, November 1st until 5:00PM. Ballots can be dropped off up to and including election day. After that, no further ballots will be considered for this election. If you have any questions about voting in-person or by mail, please contact the office at 608-846-3800.

Registering for the Election

If you are not registered yet, we strongly recommend you register now to avoid waiting in long lines on election day. Registering before the election is easy and your name will be in the poll book for identification purposes on election day. Registration can be completed online on MyVote at myvote.wi.gov. The last day to register by mail or online is 20 days prior to each election. After this date, you will have to register in person at the office or wait in line on election day to register prior to voting.

2024 Property Tax Bills

It is that time of year when questions about the property tax bills start to arise. This year the deadline for mailing out property tax bills is Monday, December 19th. Before the final bills can be processed, Town budget needs to be completed to determine the mil rate. Once this and other information is reviewed and approved, it is sent to Dane County and the tax bills are printed. Information about in person tax collections will be enclosed with your tax bill.

Union Cemetery

The Vienna Union Cemetery is located on State Hwy 113, south of Cuba Valley Road and North of Maier Road. The town has been working on an interactive map of the cemetery for public use when locating a relative or looking for a plot to purchase. The link for this map can be found on our website under the community link. The cost for one burial plot is \$600. This can be used for one person and one cremation or the burial of two cremations. For more information, please call the office or check our website.

2025 Draft Budget Review

The Vienna Town Board will review a 2025 draft budget for discussion at the next two meetings in October. This will include finances, road projects, future expenditures and review of the towns levy limit. Members of the public may attend, but public input will not be received at these meetings. Public input on the budget can be given at the Annual Budget Public Hearing Meeting on November 25, 2024 at 6:30PM when the budget is reviewed and publicly discussed for the last time.

October Brush Site Hours

The brush site will be open on the following dates and times. Saturday, October 5th, 9AM to 2PM; Wednesday, October 9th, 4PM to 7PM. Also Saturday, October 19th, 9AM to 2PM; Wednesday, October 23rd 4PM to 7PM. November hours are being considered for Saturday only due to the shorter days during the week. Tentatively we plan to have it open the first 2 Saturdays, November 2nd and November 9th. Check our website for further information.

Free Car Seats

Schedule a free car seat check by a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician!

Tuesday, October 8th from 3:00pm – 5:30pm
Waunakee Police Station

205 N.Klein Drive, Waunakee WI 53597

Schedule now: email safekids@uwhealth.org
or Text/Call (608) 333-6087 APPT. REQUIRED

**Car seats available for income qualifying families*

Town of Vienna Board Minutes September 3, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, September 3, 2024, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Dakota Cable, Sherri Meinholz, Gary Endres, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present, resident Nancy Caldwell.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve the minutes for the August 19, 2024, town board meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Discussion and possible action on Trost LLC Request for Meeting with Drainage District 29:

Clark explained that a letter was received from Attorney Kevin Trost for Drainage District 29 requesting a meeting. One topic of discussion is the NGS culvert that has been discussed at several meetings in the past. Marx suggested inviting Trost to the board meeting to discuss their concerns. Clark will reach out and see if this will work for meeting. If the Drainage District Board wants a separate meeting held, Clark will schedule prior to the board meeting so everyone only attends one night.

Discussion and possible action on Workshop Schedule for Planning: Clark asked the board if they wanted to schedule a workshop with the plan commission to discuss the option to opt out of Dane County Zoning. The board agreed that this would be good. This was suggested by Mark Hazelbaker so Clark will reach out and see what dates work to have him in attendance. This meeting will be scheduled in October or November.

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Steve Ruegsegger meeting with Cornerstone Community Center is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department was held Monday, August 26th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire Department was held Monday, August 26th. They are discussing the results of the study requested by the Village of Waunakee regarding organization and leadership.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that Payne & Dolan notified the town that they will begin night operations September through November this year. Clark and Breiwa will be attending tax processing training in Barneveld on Tuesday, September 17th so the office will be closed. Senator Ballweg has contacted the town to appear at a board meeting. Clark will schedule this for next meeting Monday, September 19th.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Meinholz to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$53,021.24; Payroll \$18,953.64; Town Bills \$33,774.30; Utility 1 \$266.65 and Utility 2 \$26.65. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:21PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the September 16, 2024, Town Board Meeting

Town of Vienna Drainage District 29 Minutes September 16, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Dakota Cable, Sherri Meinholz, Gary Endres, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present, Drainage District representatives Paul Maly, Bill Ringelstetter, Nick Brattlie, and residents Don Midthun, Brian Meinholz, Dave Hahn and Nancy Caldwell.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Discussion and possible action on Drainage on Norway Grove School Road: Clark opened the meeting regarding the letter received from Attorney Kevin Trost requesting a meeting with the Town Board and Drainage District (DD) 29 commission. Paul Maly explained that Trost would not be attending the meeting but was available for a call if needed. Residents within DD29 have concern with the volume of water discharged into the district waterway. In 2019, the town installed a large culvert under Norway Grove School Road to prevent the road from flooding. The DD29 feel the water flow is more than the system can handle, caused partly by the fields that have been tiled pumping the water into the district area. Midthun questioned whether Madison Sand & Gravel have an erosion control permit. Clark will find out more information on this. The concern is the amount of sand settling in the waterway and the cause of that. More discussion took place, but no action was agreed upon. More information needs to be gathered before anything further can be decided.

Discussion and possible action on Intergovernmental Agreement between Town of Vienna and Drainage District 29: Ringelstetter stated that the district is not ready to negotiate new terms of the agreement at this time. With several new members added on both the commission and board, Ringelstetter felt it best to wait for the next meeting to discuss the agreement.

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:58PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the next Drainage District 29 Meeting

Town of Vienna Board Minutes September 16, 2024

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Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Presentation – Senator Joan Ballweg: Senator Ballweg requested to attend a town meeting to introduce herself and update the board on some of the recent items at the Senate level. Handouts were provided with a summary of recent changes in legislative districts. Under 2023 Act 94, Senate District 14 will now include Vienna and many other districts. Also discussed was Agricultural Road Improvement Program (ARIP) and Shared Revenue funding available. Ballweg received a "Friend of Towns" award by Wis. Town Association (WTA) as recognition for her efforts regarding towns officials and necessary funding needs.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve the minutes for the September 3, 2024, town board meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Discussion and possible action on Trost LLC Request for Meeting with Drainage District 29: A meeting was held with the Drainage District 29 prior to board meeting. If any proposed actions were discussed at the Drainage District 29 Board meeting, this would require a motion by town board meeting. Since no official solutions were agreed upon, the meeting ended as discussion only with some proposals for follow up. There is a meeting schedule for October 8th at the Bristol town hall at 4pm.

Discussion on 2025 Budget Schedule: Clark had copies of the 2025 first draft annual budget for discussion. Clark explained that this will be on both agendas in October to meet the Statutory Notice due November 11th. The public electors meeting will be held on November 25th, when the 2025 budget for the general fund will be adopted.

Operator's License: One application was submitted by J. Henry for review. Motion by Endres, second by Ruegsegger to approve the operator license application for Jeremy Ernst. Motion carried (5-0)

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Ruegsegger meeting with Cornerstone Community Center was held Tuesday, September 10th. Supervisor Cable meeting with Waunakee EMS was held Thursday, September 12th. WEMS is working with Town of Springfield on border discussion and 2025 budgets. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled to meet Monday, September 30th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, September 30th.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that DASD has offered to do a presentation on their proposed referendum for more funding. The Village of

Waunakee has recently completed a study on the organization, as related to Fire and EMS services. A copy has been provided to the board for review.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses:

Motion by Cable, second by Meinholz to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$90,483.00; Payroll \$5,639.50; Town Bills \$82,099.54; Utility 1 \$326.87 and Utility 2 \$2,417.09. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Endres to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:33PM.

HALLOWEEN AT THE FARM

Schumacher Farm Park is hosting a day on the farm on Saturday, October 19th from 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

Spooky Fun for the Whole Family:

- Interactive characters
- Haunted hayrides through the farm field featuring creepy characters
- Games and crafts
- Face painting in the Center for Rural History (new barn by the upper parking area)
- Balloon artist
- Marshmallow roasting at our campfire
- Fortune telling in the Hog House and behind the Historic Barn
- Storytelling in the chicken coop and farm-house
- Witch's Bat House featuring interactive bat display
- Waunakee H.S. Folk Band performs at 4:30 in the Historic Barn
- James the Magician will perform strolling magic 5:00-6:30 followed by a magic show in the Historic Barn at 6:45
- Free parking Rain or shine event!
- **Hay Rides start at 4:30 and are first come, first served.**
- Concessions will be for sale and provided by Rotary Club of Waunakee.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join the Village of Windsor and Windsor Deputies for our annual Trunk-or-Treat event. Kids have the opportunity to go trunk to trunk and get candy and handouts from local businesses, organizations and public safety agencies. There will be games and crafts under the shelter and free hot **chocolate. Event is Wednesday, October 23rd from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, located at Windsor Community Park, 6570 Pederson Crossing Blvd.**

Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda Monday, October 7, 2024

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, located at 7161 County Highway I, DeForest, WI. The agenda for this meeting includes the following items:

- Call the Town Board meeting to order
- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance
- Public comment
- Approve or amend the minutes of the September 16, 2024 Town Board meeting
- Discussion and possible action on RFP for Civil Engineering Services
- Discussion on 2025 Budget and Road Projects
- Operator's License
- Town Supervisor Reports
- Town Clerk's Report
 - Cornerstone Community Center
- Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses
- Adjourn