



February Primary Election

There will be Primary Election on Tuesday, February 17th for the position of Dane County Circuit Court Judge-Branch 1. Yes, only one seat with **3** candidates is on this ballot. Polls are open from 7:00AM to 8PM. In-person absentee ballots for the February 17th election will be available in the clerk's office starting Tuesday, February 3, 2026 with hours from 9:00AM–3:00PM, MONDAY- FRIDAY. The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Friday, February 13th. **There will be no voting allowed Monday, February 16th, due to State Statute.** Registration can take place at anytime throughout the year and/or on the day of an election. Are you registered to vote? Log in to www.myvote.wi.gov and search by your name or address to confirm. You can update information on this site or register online if needed.

Town Office Candidates

This April, the Spring Election has 2 town board seats up for election. Incumbent Gary Endres, Town Supervisor III and an open seat, Supervisor IV, replacing Dakota Cable. Jenny Sweatt, a resident of Vienna, has turned in nomination paperwork to run for election in April, 2026. Jenny is new to this elected role but she has been attending meetings since last spring when the Data Center in Vienna was first announced. We wish both candidates success in the April election.

2026 Dog License

Don't forget to license your dog!! Dog license renewal is done annually. A completed application and a copy of the current rabies certificate **MUST** be provided to the clerk for the new tag to be issued. Cost is \$32.75 for male or female dogs, \$23.75 for spayed or neutered dogs. By Wis. Statute and Town Ordinance, all dogs residing in the town must be licensed. After March 31st, a \$20 late fee is collected. Do not delay, license your dog TODAY!! Dog license applications can be found on our website viennawi.gov.

Drainage District #29

October 8, 2025, Dane County Drainage Board held a meeting. There was some discussion on maintenance and repair work in district #29. Some members of the district were in attendance. It was determined maintenance and repair work is required for District #29. A motion to assess \$30,000 for the planned work was approved. Until the next meeting, no further information is available regarding when the work will be performed or what the final cost will be.

Snow Plowing Reminders

As the snow continues to fall, the plows work on keeping the roads and public areas clear for use. Please try to avoid parking on the streets, especially when the snow is heavy. Also, when putting your trash/recycle bins out for pickup, keep them on your driveway as best you can. **MOST IMPORTANT if you are driving behind the plow truck and you cannot see their side mirrors, they cannot see you!**

Interim Market Update Revaluation

The 2025 assessment year was the fourth consecutive year in which the Town has been out of compliance with the requirements outlined in **Wis. Stat. § 70.05(5)**. To avoid a state-ordered reassessment in 2028—which would involve oversight from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (WIDOR) and result in significantly higher costs (estimated at 2–3 times the attached rates)—the Town must complete a revaluation no later than next year during the 2027 assessment year. Given that the date of the last onsite revaluation was conducted during 2019 assessment year, it is recommended to proceed with the **exterior** only revaluation option. This option ensures that we update and verify property records through onsite inspections and aligns with DOR recommendations of onsite revaluations every ten years. If you look at your tax bill this year, look at the Assessment Value versus the Market Value. This is the value the DOR is referring to when referring to the value maintaining 90%–110% value of property to stay within compliance.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes

Monday, January 5, 2026

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:00PM, by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Gary Endres, Amanda Nickel, Dakota Cable, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also attending, Plan Commissioner Joe Henry and attendees Mac/Laurel Stephenson, Laverne/Mary Wipperfurth, Alan Karl, Nancy Caldwell, Ronda Meinholtz, Larry/Marcia Karow, Nancy Roth, Chad Schulman, and Jenny Sweatt. Sherri Meinholtz was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: None

Approve or amend the minutes of the December 15, 2025, town board meeting: Motion by Endres, second by Nickel to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025, town board meeting. Motion carried (4-0)

Discussion and update on Annexation Petition filed with Dept. of Administration (DOA) due December 20th for 1,575 acres: Clark displayed copies of the petition documents and the Town Attorney's response submitted to the DOA on December 31, 2025. A one-week extension was requested by the Reinhart Legal firm on behalf of the Landowners. The final submittal should be submitted on Thursday, January 8, 2026. It is unknown at this time whether the DOA will approve the submittal or not, but a decision is due within 20 days from the date the petitions are filed with DOA. Their review determines if the annexation is the "people's best interest" or not. Discussion followed with questions mainly regarding the procedure and criteria for making a determination.

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Amanda Nickels' meeting with Cornerstone Community Center is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th. Supervisor Cable meeting with Waunakee EMS meeting is schedule for Thursday, January 8th. Supervisor Meinholtz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department was held Monday, December 29th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire was held Monday, December 22nd.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that Alliant filed a Conditional Use Permit for Energy expansion at the ATC Substation located on Patton Road, just off Hwy V. This is on the Plan Commission agenda for the January 12, 2026, meeting. The town Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Dane County Public Hearing on January 27, 2026, for review and possible adoption.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Cable, second by Nickel to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$62,427.31; Payroll \$14,640.47; Town Bills \$46,731.25; Utility 1 \$643.67 and Utility 2 \$23.92. Motion carried (4-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Nickel, to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:31PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These are draft minutes to be approved at the January 19, 2026, board meeting

Town of Vienna Monday, January 12, 2026

Plan Commission Minutes

The Town of Vienna Plan Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00PM by Plan Commission Chair, Cate Heath. Commissioners Steve Herbrand, Matt Shefchik, Jim Koch (via Zoom) and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present, Alliant Energy Representatives Nick Hanold and Phil Anderson, Town Engineer Scott Anderson, Board members Jerry Marx, Amanda Nickel, and Gary Endres. Several residents were also in attendance. Commissioner Joe Henry was excused.

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment: None

Approve or amend the minutes: Motion by Herbrand, second by Koch to approve the minutes for the December 8, 2025, Plan Commission meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion and possible recommendation for approval on Alliant Energy Application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to build an Electrical Distribution Substation at the ATC property located on Patton Rd via an Easement agreement-Parcel #0909-153-8501-0:

Hanold showed a drawing design of the electric distribution substation planned. This would be built on an agreed easement granted by ATC for Alliant to build this substation. Hanold explained that it would be a temporary structure built to provide extra energy during the construction of the Data Center. Dane County is holding a public hearing on February 24th as they review the conditional use application and design. Scott Anderson provided a memo to the PC members and Alliant with some questions and possible issues that may arise. These were addressed by Alliant prior to the meeting. Hanold stated they would like to start building in March, if all approvals are granted. Discussion followed. Motion by Herbrand, second by Shefchik to recommend approval of the Alliant application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to build a new Electrical Substation on ATC property per a easement agreement with the condition that no further additions or changes are made on this site. Motion carried (4-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Herbrand, second by Koch to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0) Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the next Plan Commission Meeting.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes

Monday, January 19, 2026

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 7:00PM, by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Sherri Meinholtz, Amanda Nickel, Dakota Cable, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also attending, Town Engineer Scott Anderson, Alliant Representatives Phil Anderson and Nick Hanold; attendees Mac/Laurel Stephenson, Brent/Jackie Kelley, Nancy Caldwell, Ronda Meinholtz, Sarah Ripp, Nancy Roth, and Jenny Sweatt. Gary Endres as excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: None

Approve or amend the minutes of the January 5, 2026, town board meeting: Motion by Cable, second by Meinholtz to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026, town board meeting. Motion carried (4-0)

Discussion and possible action on Narnarayan Inc, DBA Holiday Inn Express Application for a new Liquor License: Clark informed the board that the Holiday Inn has been undergoing remodeling for the last year and has rooms for entertainment added. The owner applied for a new Liquor License to serve liquor on the premises, like the Comfort Inn and other rooming establishments. Motion by Meinholtz, second by Nickel to approve the liquor license application for the Holiday Inn Express. Motion carried (4-0)

Discussion and possible action on Associated Appraisal Contract for Revaluation of Town Properties due to DOR Compliance Requirements: Clark explained that the town received a notice from the Dept. of Revenue (DOR) stating the town was out of compliance in accordance with Wis. States. 70.05(5). DOR mandates valuation of property must maintain a value of 90%-110% of market value. Since the town completed a revaluation in 2019, the Interim Market Approach will meet requirements, eliminating walk throughs on most properties. Discussion followed. Motion by Nickel, second by Cable to approve the contract to begin the revaluation process using the Interim Market approach. Motion carried (4-0)

Note: Meinholtz recused herself at this point in the meeting.

Discussion and possible action on Alliant Energy Application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to build an Electrical Distribution Substation at the ATC Property located on Patton Rd via an Easement agreement-Parcel #0909-153-8501-0: Clark introduced Anderson and Hanold with Alliant. Clark displayed the plans on the screens and Hanold explained the build of the new substation. This would be a temporary structure built to provide extra energy during the construction of the Data Center. The new electric distribution substation would be built on an easement agreement granted by ATC for Alliant to build this substation.

Nickel asked the need to approve this now when the plan for the data center has not been approved. Anderson stated this will take time to build and the permitting process is being done to plan ahead. Several other questions were raised regarding how much energy will this produce and what impact this will have. Discussion followed. Dane County is holding a public hearing on February 24th to review the application and allow any concerns to be raised prior to the final approval of the conditional use application and design. Motion by Nickel, second by Cable to table the application to gather additional information on the timing and other plans affiliated with this application. Motion carried (3-0)

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Amanda Nickels' meeting with Cornerstone Community Center was scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th but was cancelled. Supervisor Cable meeting with Waunakee EMS meeting was held Thursday, January 8th. A holiday event is scheduled for Friday, January 23rd at Lone Girl in Waunakee. Supervisor Meinholtz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, January 26th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire is scheduled for January 28th.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that a Spring Primary Election will be held for Dane County Circuit Judge seat only. Three candidates are running, and it needs to be reduced to two for the ballot.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Cable, second by Nickel to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$1,962,643.48; Payroll \$9,390.66; Town Bills \$1,936,319.93 (includes tax settlement); Utility 1 \$5,222.65 and Utility 2 \$2,090.96. Motion carried (3-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Nickel, second by Cable, to adjourn. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These are draft minutes to be approved at the February 9, 2026, board meeting

**Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 9, 2026
Note Date Change**

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, February 9, 2026, 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: **Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes each person**

Approve or amend the minutes of the January 19, 2026 town board meetings

Discussion and possible action on Alliant Energy Application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to build an Electrical Distribution Substation at the ATC Property located on Patton Rd via an Easement agreement-Parcel #0909-153-8501-0

Operator's License

Town Supervisor Reports

Town Clerk's Report

Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing Results-January 27, 2026

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

Adjourn