

October, 2026

2027 Draft Budget Review

The Vienna Town Board will review a 2027 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 23, 2026 at 6:30PM when the budget is reviewed and publicly discussed for the last time.

Scam Alert

The Dane County Sheriff's Office has seen an uptick in scams involving callers pretending to be members of the Sheriff's Office. Callers may use a real deputy's name or a phone number that appears legitimate. They may claim you missed jury duty and that a warrant has been issued unless you pay a fee.

- The Sheriff's Office will NOT contact you to demand payment for missing jury duty.
- They will never demand payment of the phone.
- Never give money or financial information to an unsolicited caller of online contact.
- Report scam calls to 608-255-2345

Note to Our Local Farmers: Mud on Roads

With harvest season underway, we want to thank all our local farmers for their hard work!

As you move between fields, please remember to clean up any significant mud dragged onto public roadways by tractors and equipment. Large clumps of mud can harden quickly or become incredibly slick when wet, creating serious hazards for your neighbors driving on the road.

Thank you for helping keep our community roads safe and clean this season!

General Election – November 3, 2026

Happening Now! Need to register to vote, update your registration or submit an absentee ballot request? Visit myvote.wi.gov to complete those tasks!

October 14, 2026: Last day for mail in or online voter registrations. In-person voter registration is available at Town Hall during regular business hours through October 30th at 5:00pm.

October 20, 2026: In-person absentee voting starts at Town Hall. In-person absentee voting hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm (Monday-Friday).

October 30, 2026: Last Day for In-person registration / absentee voting. Town Hall will be open until 5:00pm this date.

November 3, 2026: Election Day! Polls are open 7:00am - 8:00pm. Remember to bring your photo ID! Absentee ballots are due by 8:00pm on Election Day.

Area Trick-or-Treating Hours & Events

DeForest & Windsor: 10/31 5:00 – 7:30pm

Lodi: 10/31 5:00 – 7:30pm

Waunakee: 10/31 5:00 – 7:00pm

Dane: 10/31 5:00-8:00pm

Boo-Bash (annual Business Trick-or-Treat): Waunakee

Wednesday 10/14 3:00-6:00pm

Halloween on the Farm: Schumacher Farm Park,

Saturday 10/17 starting at 4:00pm

Windsor Trunk or Treat: Windsor Fireman's Park,

Wednesday 10/28 4:00-6:00pm

The Great Pumpkin Event: Fireman's Park, DeForest

Tuesday 10/13 at 3:30pm

Lodi Business Trick or Treat: Friday 10/30 3:30-5:30pm

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers" – Anne Shirley, Anne of Green Gables

**Town of Vienna Board Minutes
Tuesday September 8, 2026**

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Gary Endres, Sherri Meinholz, Jenny Sweatt, and Treasurer Lori Breiwa were present. Also present were residents Nancy Caldwell and Tim Hoege. Supervisor Amanda Nickel was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: Tim Hoege is here in regard to the previous topic of hiring a constable/deputy for enforcement of ordinances. Lori explained that this isn't on the agenda today as Kathy was going to be out of town. However, we need to look into what our options are for being a part of a municipal court. That is required to be able to have someone write tickets for ordinance enforcement. Lori is going to contact the Village of Dane to see what they pay monthly for their part of municipal court.

Approve or amend the minutes of the August 17, 2026, town board meeting:

MOTION (Endres, Meinholz); motion carried by roll call vote of (4-0) to approve the minutes of the August 17th town board meeting as presented.

Discussion and possible action on Bank Proposals for Town Funds – Town Treasurer Breiwa explained that two different banks (One Community Bank and Lake Ridge Bank, both of Waunakee) have approached us wanting to give proposals for being our banking provider. She has been happy with the service from our current bank, DMB, but wanted to give the board members the information that the other two banks provided. Breiwa also explained to the board that she spoke with our auditor, Johnson Block, about the possibility of combining a few of the savings accounts into a "pooled" account so that there would not be so many accounts to reconcile on a monthly basis. JB agreed that this is a good time to do that, and that the accounting software will take care of knowing what balance is designated for each purpose. The utility accounts, cemetery fund and developers accounts would still all remain separate. The board members reviewed the proposals along with what we are currently receiving from DMB. Discussion was held.

MOTION (Endres, Sweatt); motion carried by roll call vote of (4-0) to approve moving all town funds to Lake Ridge Bank from DMB bank and combining some of the savings accounts into one as discussed.

Operator's License – none

Treasurer's Report: Breiwa provides a month-to-month report of all bank accounts. Discussion was held on possibly paying down the Oak Lane loan. Breiwa suggested waiting until next month after we pay for our current road project and fire district billings. We will then have a more accurate look at what our balances are.

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Sweatt said that the Waunakee EMS meeting is this coming Thursday. Supervisor Meinholz stated that there was nothing new to report on the Dane-Vienna Fire board meeting. Supervisor Endres spoke about the Waunakee Fire District and that Westport and Waunakee are still in talks about taking over the district. They are getting valuations now. The plan is that Vienna and Springfield would have contracts for services with them.

Town Clerk's Report: There is an HR meeting scheduled for September 15th for employee evaluations and to begin the budget process for 2027. November Town Board meeting dates will be changed due to the election. Town Board will meet: November 9th and 23rd and Plan Commission will meet on November 16th.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$66,754.61; Payroll \$12,119.18; Town Bills \$; Utility 1 \$465.58 and Utility 2 \$133.56. Motion carried (4-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz, to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Prepared by: Lori Breiwa, Treasurer

The BRUSH SITE will be open the following October dates:

Saturday the 3rd and 17th 9:00am to 2:00pm and Wednesday the 7th and 21st 4:00pm to 7:00pm

In addition, you can stop by and pick up the brush site key during office hours (8:00am to 4:00pm Mon-Fri).

**Town of Vienna Board Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2026**

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Gary Endres, Amanda Nickel, Sherri Meinholz, Jenny Sweatt (called in) and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present was Public Works Supervisor Scott Benson, Lodi School Representatives, Vince Breunig, Terry Haag, Adam Steinberg and Jill Lincoln. Also present was residents Nancy Caldwell, Rhonda Meinholz and Nancy Roth.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: Nancy Roth asked the board to support a petition to stop the 765 High Wire lines proposed to run along the area. Roth stated this will cause a 40% increase in energy costs, it will cost over 2 billion dollars and they haven't proven the need yet. This is for the data centers that need the extra power to operate. The Town of Vienna is not impacted but Roth requested the town consider writing a resolution of support to stop the project. Discussion followed.

Approve or amend the minutes of the September 8, 2026, town board meeting: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve the minutes of September 8, 2026, town board meeting. Motion carried (4-0)

Presentation by Lodi School District Superintendent Vince Breunig on proposed Referendum: Breunig presented a slideshow with a timeline of how Lodi School District surveyed the community for what type of referendum the residents would vote to approve and what limit. An involved process that provided approval of several alternatives for seeking funds. They have a positive attitude about the proposed referendum based on survey results and improvements proposed. Discussion followed.

Jenny Sweatt joined meeting by phone at 7:10PM

Discussion and possible action on Rezone application for Pulvermacher-Parcel#0909-354-0181-0: This rezone was submitted to split a vacant lot, owned by Pulvermacher. It is located between the next neighbor property owned by Mallon. The two parties decided to split the less than one-acre lot and each take a half to add to their current lot. The rezone was necessary for correcting Pulvermacher current zoning for this property. The Plan Commission reviewed this at their last meeting and recommended approval. Motion by Meinholz, second Nickel to approve rezone application for Pulvermacher and Mallon to correct the zoning district and divide the vacant lot. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Signature Cards Approval for Lake Ridge Bank: Clark explained that Lake Ridge Bank would like the town board to appoint the officials for signing checks. Motion by Meinholz, second by Nickel to approve the following officials to sign signature cards for Lake Ridge Bank; Lori Breiwa, Kathy Clark, Jerry Marx and Gary Endres. Motion carried (5-0)

Update of Ordinance Enforcement Options available: Clark informed the board that Dane County is not ready to contract a deputy for town enforcement of speed limits and ordinances. Without county support, the town will need to consider a contract with a municipality that holds municipal court. Clark is looking into that as an option.

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Nickel meeting with Cornerstone Community Center was held Tuesday, September 8th. The center is still waiting on organizational structure approval. Supervisor Sweatt meeting with Waunakee EMS was held Thursday, September 10th. They are working on 2027 budget. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, September 28th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28th.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark invited the board to attend the pre-screening premiere of Discover Wisconsin due to air statewide on Sunday, October 4th. This project was a collaboration between Vienna and Windsor Tourism Commissions and the Village of Deforest. The show covers all three areas with attractions for tourists to seek out.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$95,314.36; Payroll \$5,920.32; Town Bills \$88,479.63; Utility 1 \$684.34 and Utility 2 \$230.07. Motion carried (5-0)

Convene in Closed Session to Review Municipal Boundary Agreement with Village of Deforest: Motion by Endres, second by Nickel to convene in closed session. Motion by Roll call vote: Nickel, yes, Sweatt, yes, Marx, yes, Meinholz, yes, Endres, yes. Convened to closed session at 7:53pm

Reconvene in Open Session: Motion by Nickel, second by Meinholz to reconvene in open session. Motion carried (5-0) Reconvened at 8:15pm

Action taken in Closed Session: Motion by Endres, second by Nickel to direct the clerk to notify Village of Deforest that the town is no longer interested in pursuing this particular proposal. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Nickel, second by Meinholz to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These are draft minutes to be approved at the October 5, 2026, town board meeting.

Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 5, 2026
Draft

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, October 5, 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 September 21, 2026, Town board meetings
- Discussion and possible action on Appointment of Town Supervisor I Vacancy
- Discussion and possible action on Digester Agreement with Demeter Ag-Grid
- Discussion and possible action on County Farmland Preservation Ord. Amendment 2026 OA-15
- Operator's License
- Town Supervisor Reports
- Town Clerk's Report
 - Update on Budget Process for 2027
 - October 19th Board Meeting subject to change
- Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses
- Adjourn