VIENNA VIEWS

WWW.VIENNAWI.GOV PHONE: (608) 846-3800

November, 2026

2027 Annual Electors Budget Public Hearing Meeting

The Annual Town Budget Public Hearing Meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2026 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall. The town board Electors meeting will immediately follow, including budget items for review and approval. A copy of the approved 2027 budget will be available on our website or at the Town Hall.

Town Hall Closed

Town Hall and shop will be closed on Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Brush Site Hours

The brush site will be open from 9:00am to 2:00pm the following Saturdays in November: 7th and 21st (weather permitting).
The key for access to the brush site is available year-round during regular office hours and can be checked out for overnight or weekend use as well.

Annexed Land to Waunakee

The land annexed by the Village of Waunakee (N. Madison and Easy Street area) will start to see development soon. Erosion control & grading are set to start in December, with public utilities, curb, gutter and sidewalks to follow in the Spring of 2027. When completed, it will be composed of 114 single-story rental homes, 36 two-story rental townhomes and 50 single-family lots.

Change in Town Hall Office Hours

Town Hall Office hours will be changing in 2027.
Effective January 1st, Town Hall will be open:
Monday – Thursdays: 8:00am – 4:00pm
Fridays: 8:00am – 12:00pm

General Election – 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.

Discover All the Waunakee Senior Center Has to Offer

The Waunakee Senior Center helps older adults stay healthy, active, connected, and independent by offering a wide range of programs and services for older adults. Our regular business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Services include:

- Case management, information, and referrals
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Home-delivered meals
- Congregate meals with monthly entertainment
- Health and wellness programs, including fitness and educational classes
- Social and enrichment activities such as card games, book clubs, day trips, extended trips and special events

Whether you need assistance navigating community resources, a ride to an appointment, a nutritious meal, or simply a place to connect with others, the Senior Center is here to help.

To learn more or get involved, contact the Waunakee Senior Center at 608-849-8385 or visit www.waunakee.gov/seniorcenter.

New participants are always welcome!

"May your November be filled from beginning to end with all your favorite people, places and things"

Town of Vienna Board Minutes
Monday October 19, 2026

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Monday October 19, 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 Donna Marx as well as members of the Waunakee School District and school board. Supervisor Joe Henry was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited
Public Comment: None

Presentation by Waunakee School District Superintendent on proposed Referendum – Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown spoke regarding the two referendum questions on the upcoming November 3rd election. The first is an Operational Budget request of $10.5 million over the course of 4 years and the second is a Capital referendum request of $97.5 million. The Capital referendum would pay for renovation and new construction at the High School, renovations at the South Campus and outdoor athletic fields and facilities improvements. The school district is investing in people (operational referendum) and places (capital referendum). Discussion was held.

Approve or amend the minutes of the October 5, 2026, town board meeting:
MOTION (Meinholz, Sweatt); motion carried by roll call vote of (4-0) to approve the minutes of the October 5th town board meeting as presented.

Discussion and possible action on Proposed 2027 Town Hall Clerk & Friday office hours change- Town office staff is requesting to change the hours that Town Hall is open to Monday-Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm and Fridays 8:00am – 12:00pm. Lori and Kathy would then switch off working on Fridays. The cost savings of this would be approximately $14,000 annually in wages and benefits. Discussion was held.
MOTION (Endres, Meinholz); motion carried by roll call vote of (4-0) to approve changing the town hall office hours as presented effective January 1, 2027.

Discussion and possible action on Public Works request to keep summer hours year-round – The public works department currently works Monday -Thursday 6:00am – 3:00pm and Fridays 6:00am – 10:00am from April 15-November 2026. During the remaining months their hours are 6:00am – 2:00pm Monday-Friday. They are requesting to keep the hours worked during the summer year-round. Discussion was held. Tabled further discussion until Scott and/or Billy are in attendance at the board meeting to discuss.

Discussion and possible action on joining Northeast Community Court effective 2027- In order to write municipal citations, the town needs to have our own municipal court or belong to a municipal court. Breiwa provided the board with information about joining the Northeast Community Court (currently made up of the Towns of: Blooming Grove, Burke, Bristol, Springfield, Sun Prairie, Westport and the Village of Dane). The cost would be $1,200 annually (plus any additional attorney fees). Discussion was held
MOTION (Meinholz, Sweatt); motion carried by (4-0) roll call vote to approve joining the Northeast Community Court in 2027 and budgeting enough money to join and cover extra attorney costs.

Discussion and possible action on budget for speed board purchase in 2027: Breiwa provided the board members with estimates on speed boards from Kustom Signals (a company that Dane County recommended). Discussion was held. Board is requesting a quote that includes the ability for traffic data collection. Breiwa will request that from the company. Table further discussion until public works employees are at the meeting to discuss.

Treasurer's Report: Breiwa provides a month-to-month report of all bank accounts. She also informed the board that she has begun the process of moving some bank accounts from DMB to Lake Ridge Bank.

Operator's License – none

Town Supervisor Reports: Meinholz: Dane/Vienna fire district meeting is scheduled for next week.
Endres: Waunakee Fire is moving ahead with the Waunakee/Westport Fire District. Vienna and Springfield would then contract for services from them.
Sweatt: The budget for Waunakee EMS was pass, there is a resolution that Vienna should place on the next board agenda regarding this.

Town Clerk's Report: Reminder that the November board meetings are moved back a week due to the General Election. The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday November 9th and the Budget Public Hearing will be on Monday November 23rd at 6:30pm.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Endres, second by Sweatt to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of $12,339.11; Payroll $6,914.25; Town Bills $4,731.86; Utility 1 $558.94 and Utility 2 $134.06. Motion carried (4-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz, to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.

Prepared by: Lori Breiwa, Treasurer
Note: These are draft minutes to be approved at the November 9, 2026, town board meeting.

2026 Property Tax Bills

At this time of year, we start getting questions about when property tax bills will be mailed out. This year the deadline for mailing out property tax bills is Monday December 21st. However, we anticipate them being ready the week prior.
*Reminder all homeowners who are Wisconsin residents are eligible for a lottery credit on your tax bill (on your primary residence). If you are unsure if you are getting this credit, you can check online at accessdane.danecounty.gov or contact Town Hall at 608-846-3800.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes
Monday, October 5, 2026

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Gary Endres, Sherri Meinholz, Jenny Sweatt, Joe Henry and Clerk, Kathy Clark were present. Also present were residents Nancy Caldwell and Shawn Haney.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: None

Approve or amend the minutes of the September 21, 2026, town board meeting: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve the minutes of September 21, 2026, town board meeting. Motion carried (4-0)

Discussion and possible action on Appointment of Town Supervisor I Vacancy: At the September 21, meeting, the clerk received a letter of resignation from Amanda Nickel. Joe Henry, Plan Commissioner, was willing to fill this seat by appointment for the remainder of the term. A roll call vote (includes Clerk) was taken to approve the appointment of Joe Henry. Clerk, yes, Sweatt, yes, Marx, yes, Meinholz, yes, and Endres, yes. Motion carried (5-0) Joe was sworn in.

Discussion and possible action on Appointment of Vienna Tourism Commission Chair: Karl Anderson was Manager of Holiday Inn and Chair of the Vienna Tourism Commission. Now that he has taken a job at a different hotel business in Madison, it was time to have the owner, Mike Patel, take on the position. Motion by Sweat, second by Meinholz to recommend appointment of Mike Patel as Chair, Vienna Tourism Commission. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Lake Ridge Bank Visa Card-Limit Amount/Authorized Cardholders: Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to authorize 5 credit cards for staff: S. Benson, K. Clark, B. Newman, L. Breiwa and a town hall card, each with $3,000 limit and a total credit limit of $15,000 for the town collectively. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Digester Agreement with Demeter Ag-Grid LLC: This summer the Digester was sold, and new owners Demeter Ag-Grid LLC proposed a new agreement. After review and revisions by the town attorney and board, the contract is ready to sign. Motion by Endres, second by Sweatt to approve the new contract as presented. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on County Farmland Preservation Ord. Amendment 2026: Dane County is updating the Farmland Preservation Map from 2024. An email was sent out asking all municipalities to review their territory for any updates to be had. Discussion followed.

Operator's License: One application was submitted by J. Henry Farms. Applicant had a full background check with no issues and completed the seller's course. Motion by Endres, second by Meinholz to approve Emma Follendorf application for an Operator License. Motion carried (4-0, Henry abstained)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Breiwa provides a month-to-month report of all bank accounts at the second meeting each month.

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Sweatt said that the Waunakee EMS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th. They are working on the 2027 budget. Supervisor Meinholz stated that the Dane-Vienna Fire board meeting was held Monday, September 28th. Supervisor Endres meeting was held Monday, September 28th. Waunakee and Westport are still working on a new Fire District.

Town Clerk's Report: Clerk provided a timeline for budgets. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19th. This would usually be the working budget meeting, but Clark will be out of town. The members agreed to meet on Monday, October 14th at 6pm, prior to the Plan Commission to discuss all budget items with a close look at employee compensation and road projects.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Meinholz, second by Sweatt to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of $32,426.26; Payroll $5,876.48; Town Bills $26,324.89 Utility 1 $224.89 and Utility 2 $0. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Sweatt, second by Meinholz, to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Clerk **Note:** These minutes were approved at the October 19, 2026, town board meeting.

The WisDOT is holding a virtual public meeting about the I-39/90/94 Corridor Project. It is scheduled for Tuesday November 10th at 5:30pm. Visit i399094project.wisconsindot.gov for more information on the project or to register to attend.

Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 9, 2026
DRAFT

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, November 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 October 19, 2026, Town board meeting
- Discussion and possible action on Public Works request to maintain summer hour schedule
- Discussion and possible action on 2027 Budget for speed board purchase
- Discussion and possible action on 2027 Dog License fees
- Discussion and possible action on Updated Election Security Contingency Plan for T. of Vienna
- Discussion and possible action on Intergovernmental Agreement for joining Municipal Court
- Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2026-03 – a Resolution to authorize a levy limit adjustment for charges assessed by Waunakee Area Emergency Medical Service
- Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2026-04 – Resolution opposing BECI 765kV Line
- Discussion and possible action on Endres Rezone Application to rezone property, purchase additional land from neighbor (Chancellor) and create a buildable lot-Parcel #0909-284-9380-0; 0909-284-9340-0 and other parcels included.
- Operator's License
- Town Supervisor Reports
- Town Clerk's Report
    - November Election Results
    - Road Maintenance Agreements with Neighboring municipalities
- Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses
- Adjourn