

Town of Bradford
Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Bradford Townhall
Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm. Present: David Moyer, Sharon Douglas, Loren Bobolz, Dan Huisheere, Ben Wellnitz, Jill Bier, and Marlina Jackson. Also present: Margaret Waite, John Ransom, Jeff Gehrde, William Churchill, Jimmy Churchill, Deputy Peterson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda but to move the Rock County officer behind item A (Dan Huisheere/Loren Bobolz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

4. Approval of the Minutes to the July 15th, 2025 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes to the July 15th meeting (Loren Bobolz/Sharon Douglas). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

5. New Business

A. Discussion and action on Joint Municipal Court

This past month there has been nothing. Dave states that we are still waiting on the state for the septic system update. Dave states the state will have a decision occurring by next month.

B. Discussion and Action on report by Fire District Representative

Chief states there was 58 calls for the month, making 348 year to date. 13 fire incidents. 1 structure fire at the Johnson apartments. Lots of applications have been received—10 in the last week. Construction is on going. Applied for Compeer Financial Grant. Had an academy day for house fire training..20 hours. Sharon states she saw they were practicing on Sunday. Loren asks if they are involved with the blasting at Braukhoff pit. Chief responds no that he was unaware of any blasting, but they need to be notified. Jimmy Churchill provides information about blasting at other quarries and the procedures they follow. Board discusses moving forward regarding upcoming blasting. Dave will contact Troy to let him know that fire and Ems as well as town need notification. Chief states that they are working on the new fire truck but at this time Clinton has not included it in their budget. Board thanks Chief for attending and updates.

C. Discussion and Action on Planning and Zoning Recommendation for Ransom Land Division and Rezone

Dave reads the P*Z recommendation and states it is not a rezone. He expresses his concerns about being non conforming. He states its kicking the can down the road if we allow for non conforming lots to continue. He states he understands the use is not changing which is why it is allowed to be nonconforming. The P&Z recommends the land division for Ransom property on Serl road. A motion to divide 8.09 acres from Parcel 6-3-86 (Loren Bobolz/Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

Sharon asks if we can return the zoning application fee of \$300 since the rezone did not occur. Jeff interjects that that is atypical as the board has expenses incurred from the application. Board discusses and states to make it fair to not return the fee.

D. Discussion and action on Schultz Communities/Shady Hill Mobile Home Park

Dave states he talked to Adam at the Health Department. The state is working through making a decision. Should have an answer prior to next months meeting. There still needs to be a decision on who is completing the work. Tree work in the park occurred today. Marlina requests the information regarding the garbage hauler.

E. Discussion and action on Rock Road Hauling

Dave states he needs to get ahold of Troy regarding blasting. Sharon reads the blasting ordinance to the board. It states notice shall be given in person or written. Loren asks if the ordinance includes Fire department. Dave states Troy sent out a letter. Marlina responds that the town did not receive a letter. Rock road will be shouldering the incoming roads all the way. Rick and Dave marked where the posts for speed limit signs will be placed. They state they also marked Milner road. Dave states he was supposed to pick up the signs. Margaret asks if she can say Thank you. Dave interjects and responds that she cannot speak. Mark again states she only wants to Thank the board. Dave states she cannot. He continues that they need to be discussing speed limits and will post it at 45 mph. DOT has to complete a speed study for it to be 35mph. Loren states trucks have been following speed limit and are doing better after their meeting. Marlina states trucks have been cutting again on Waite road and at times are tail gating. Dave responds that Troy did state that empties are more of an issue than the loaded trucks. Troy will help make sure trucks are obeying the haul route and abiding by the speed limit. Dan states that on Saturday they were hauling past 5pm. Hours are 7am to 6pm. Includes no Sunday but can operate all day Saturday....there may be a need to revisit that.

F. Discussion and Action on limited/closed culverts and County work estimates on culverts

Dave states he has some rough numbers from the county but will have more specific information after he meets with Nick Elmer. Sharon asks if Tarrant road is a 50/50 split with LaPrairie? Board states yes. Dave shares the cost for Trescher is around \$28788 and that includes materials and labor. The Carvers Rock culvert near Minkey is around \$16658. Dunn Rd around \$18815. Emerald Grove culverts \$22791. Jill asks how big? Dave responds that he does not have that information. He states there is no price on Tarrant road culvert but he is meeting with Nick on Thursday. Doing so many the county may result in reimbursement occurring next year. Dave states the ARIP culvert on Carvers Rock road is in discussion. Loren states that putting empty and full dairy trucks on Kemp road will be hazardous. Jill responds that they cannot go both ways as the road is too narrow and hilly. Dan says a special meeting may be needed after Dave gets more information. Dan states silage will be starting soon and we need to have a solution.

G. Discussion and action on Zoning Officer Report

Char shared her report. Loren and Jan Bobolz have a permit and Keith Zweifel.

H. Discussion and action on Invenergy Road Assessment

Marlina emailed the Invenergy Road Assessment to the board. Many members struggled to open it. Marlina emailed Batterman to provide a hard copy of the report. Sharon requests we ask them to attend next months meeting to explain.

I. Discussion and action on township accounts receivables collection process and terms policies

Dave states that this came up as we have an individual in the township who owes money from over 2 years ago. States we need to have a process in place and have a monthly check of the outstanding invoices. Marlina and Jill respond that we do not frequently invoice and this is not a common occurrence. Dave states interest needs to be included and that 1 of the 2 parties paid immediately. Dave states he wants to see it brought up to the board every month. Dan states we need to include due upon receipt and invoices are needed. Marlina and Jill send invoices. Sharon states if not paid by certain dates we need to include interest. Dave states the payments need to be due upon receipt and after 30 days a 1.5% interest needs to be added. Sharon asks if we would like to send a letter? Dave states he does not want to give the individual til the end of the year and they have had plenty of time to pay. Board discusses and agrees interest will begin if payment is not received by October 1st. A motion to add a 1.5% interest charge to outstanding balances and for a monthly update of outstanding accounts. (Dan Huisheere/Ben Wellnitz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

J. Discussion and action on Supervisors' evaluation of their sections of roads

Ben states the road are very busy with 140 being closed. Dan states tree limbs need to be cleaned up from the August weather events. May need to consider hiring someone. Dave states he is going to contact the county for damage.

K. Discussion and action on roadwork, including but not limited to tree trimming, culvert repair and replacement, crack filling, ditching, shouldering, maintenance including replacement of signs and posts, paver repair, pot hole filling

Working on culvert situation. Jill asks when is Scotts returning for chip sealing? 1st week of September. County got backed off till the 1st part of September but work will continue. Marlina and Jill state that they have had inquiries from Wyman Rye Residents and just wanted to know what to tell them.

Ben states he fixed the sign coming into Bradford from LaPrairie. Dave stets that there are many roads without a posted speed limit. Avalon had to get a speed study. 45 mph signs are around different areas of the township. RR bridge on Emerald grove is 25mph...but is that to the end? There needs to be consistency.

L. Discussion and action on Town Hall & Building 2 Repair Committee Report

Marlina states office door is sticking terribly. Dave states we need to run the ac as its from the humidity. Marlina states we need to have the handicap symbol painted on the ground and it needs to be done before the next election. Dave states he needs to mow again.

M. Discussion and action on approval of Driveway Permit Applications

Driveway application received from Randy Bobolz for a driveway on Milner road. A motion to approve (Dan Huisheere/Sharon Douglas). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

N. Discussion and action on Utility Permit Applications

Pearce submitted an application but payment has not been received. No action.

O. Discussion of 2025 Budget preparation

Preliminary budget needs to be done. Need to consider election equipment, salary increases, and roadwork.

P. Discussion of 2025 Equalized Value Report

2026 is a revaluation year.

Q. Discussion and action on Approved Veteran's Service Lists for Mt. Philip Cemetery

Mt Philips submitted veterans service list. 1 addition from last year. A motion to approve the Mt Philips Veterans List (Sharon Douglas/Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

6. Citizen Participation

Dave states Marge may speak now. Marge states she would like to thank the board for listening to the concerns regarding the Braukhoff pit. Compared to what it was it is more tolerable. She states that when she sees them back to back on Townline road she does not think its intentional but from having to wait at 140 for additional traffic. She states trucks have been moving over on to the shoulder. And the boards meeting has made a big impact and again just wanted to reiterate her thanks. Dave states that they met with Rock Road and had a good interaction.

7. Announcements and Reports

A. The September Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall

Ben states he will not be present at the September meeting.

B. Rock County Sheriff's Report

Deputy Peterson reports that there have been 10 traffic stops in Bradford this last month. Deputy asks for any concerns. Loren states that the speed and extra traffic on Emerald Grove and Creek Road as well as Maple Lane are concerning. Roads are posted at 45 mph but traffic is going much faster. Deputy responds that he will make a note for extra patrol. Board thanks Deputy Peterson for attending.

C. The Demographic Services Center's preliminary estimate of the January 1, 2025 population for the Town of Bradford in Rock County is 1,003. This represents a change of -10 persons (-0.99%) since the 2020 Census. Wisconsin's total population is estimated at 6,033,500 which is a change of 139,782 persons and 2.37%.

D. On August 20th The Town of Bradford should be receiving \$113,179.67 for 2024 tax settlement.

8. Treasurer's Report

Jill shares treasurers report. Motion to approve the Treasurers Report (Dan Huisheere/Sharon Douglas). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

9. Bills for Approval

Marlina shares the August bills with the board. Motion to approve the August Bills (Ben Wellnitz/Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Loren Bobolz/Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.