

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from 01/23/2026

Meeting Attendees: Wayne, Lori, Fred, Travis, Kat, Dale

Absent: Prescott

Additional Attendees: Eric Eckhoff, Andrew Kieter, Larry Knutson, Lowell Faldz, Darren Radkey, Logan Radkey, Frank Duriag, Herbert Bennett, Fred Lehmann

Meeting called to order 6:05pm

Meeting was properly noticed

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting 11/21/25: Motion made-Kat and second by Fred. All approved.

Discussion:

- Discussion concerning the creation of a road ordinance
 - Need to look at doing something to protect against damage to town roads when multiple trucks are hauling 80,000lbs of waste on the roads and damaging roads that have recently been sealed or repaved.
 - Potential around having the landowners responsible for the damage that is caused by the truck drivers.
 - Other issues can cause road damage, including but not limited to age of the roads, other trucks (logging) etc.
 - Need to get everyone involved with agreeing that we currently have a road damage issue and to allow it to continue with impact what we can do with our roads year over year.
 - Further discussion was on how we would even enforce a road ordinance
- Need to first align on a baseline
 - Have all of the roads inspected by an engineer to determine the state of all of the roads within our control.
 - From there we can agree on things that can either accelerate the damage to the roads or what roads will need the most work regardless
 - Trucks can also be creating “hidden” damage. This is something that the engineer should be able to help educate what that would look like and the impacts of that damage over time.
- Ordinances can be difficult to understand and need to ensure that they are impacting the people we are trying to align should pay the bill for the damage
 - Continued discussion on the landowners being ultimately responsible.
 - Perhaps a collaboration with the farming community (present at the meeting) could help establish an ordinance that they too could help enforce.
 - Ordinance isn’t meant to impact farmers or truckers (in our community) in a negative way
 - Ordinance is to protect our roads as we have limited resources to ensure we can maintain our roads and contracted haulers that don’t live within the area don’t understand the impact they are having on our rural community.

- Perhaps an ordinance that would “ask for permission” up front or find a way to “track” who is spreading and on what fields.
- More work and open discussion needs to continue with the community to find a resolution that will work for everyone.
- Planning Committee will work in the next working meeting with the Town Board on how best to tackle this ordinance.

Set next meeting date: Working meeting with Town Board 2/17/2026 6-8pm

Planning Committee meeting 2/24/2026 6-7pm

Agenda for next Planning meeting:

- Discuss actions and discussion from working meeting with Town Board
- Continue the road ordinance discussion
- Establish cadence for meetings moving through 2026

Motion by Travis to Adjourn seconded by Dale-all approved 7:10pm.