

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2026

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on February 16, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. Town board members that were present were Sharon Spahr, Kevin Duch, Mike Oslie, Matt Andersen and Sue Henderson the Clerk-Treasurer was also present. Others present were Kevin Evenson, Bobby Smith, Mark Carlson, Ken Congdon, Deb Congdon, Jason Lee and James Larson.

Sue Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The open meeting law requirements had been met by posting and publication.

Matt Andersen made a motion to appoint Mike Oslie to chair the meeting. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under specific matters for discussion which was agenda item four:

Bobby Smith has requested a rezone change from Ag2 to R20. His original lot size was 3.4 acres and he purchased .91 acres from Ken Congdon. He would like to build an additional house on his 4 acres. The lot would be split into two and have a shared driveway. The only way he can build an additional house is to ask for the R20 zoning. Rural residential is not an option in his case because of the size of the parcel. There was discussion on the matter. Letters were read from adjoining landowners; James Larson and family and also Ken and Deb Congdon that were not in favor of the rezone. Matt Andersen made a motion to deny a recommendation for the rezone request to R20. Sharon Spahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Last month there was approval from the board for internet and land line at the meeting room and land line only at the shop. Kevin Duch made a motion to add the internet at the town shop. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The operator license application for Randy Marx who works at Dollar General was presented. Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the operator license for Randy Marx. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under citizen appearances there were none.

Under the machinery report it was reported that Kevin's truck went to DeBauche for brakes and Randy's truck went to Universal for electrical issues.

For the road report it was reported that they have been plowing, sanding and trimming trees that are leaning over the road.

Under correspondence it was presented that the Blue Angels has requested to annex 6.82 acres into the City from the Town of Gale. This is land next to what was Industrial Toolcrafters.

There were not building or driveway permits.
No Lake District meeting to report on.

An update was given on the WTA unit meeting. The new sheriff Erica Koxlien spoke. The DARE program has been replaced by the BADGES program. Ross Huson spoke on cyber exploitation of children. Nick Gamroth spoke on the new tax collection software. Steve Dickinson spoke on the scholarship program. The next unit meeting will be April 27th at the Town of Caledonia. Mike Oslie will attend the upcoming district meeting. Sue Hendreson and Matt Andersen will sign up for the virtual training.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve the financial report. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve checks #28291 through #28347. Matt Andersens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Duch made a motion to adjourn. Matt Andersen seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

