

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
August 18, 2026

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on August 18, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. Town board members that were present were Paul Halderson, Jim Larson, Kevin Duch, Mike Oslie, Matt Andersen and Sue Henderson the Clerk-Treasurer was also present along with Karl Geske, Aliaa Geske, Jesse McPherson, Jenna Hubbard, Deb Congdon and Randy Mickelson

Paul Halderson 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 approve the minutes as printed. Jim Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under specific matters for discussion which was agenda item four:

Jesse McPherson was present to request a reduced set back for a shed. Jesse would like to be able to build 30 feet from the edge of the road. He has a narrow lot. The proposed shed would be 40 x 40. This proposed shed would not obstruct view and would be elevated above the road. There was discussion on redoing the ditch so that the water does not run down the road. This proposed building would be 40 feet from the center line instead of 63 feet. Matt Andersen made a motion to table until the September meeting. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried. The board requested flags to mark out the proposed building to get a visual.

Alissa Geske was present to ask for an easement for N16995 Dick Lane. Alissa is planning to buy a portion of the property owned by her brother Karl Geske. Paul Halderson had talked to Mark Carlson and he feels it will be a tough sell at the county because there would not be 100 feet of road frontage for the property owners.

The salt shed progress was updated. The next step is for the arrival and installation of the hoop top. The apron in front of shed will also need to be fixed. There was discussion on the amount paid to Reedy Concrete and it was stated that the bill was for both the walls and the floor.

Sue presented three operator licenses for employees of Dollar General. Kevin Duch made a motion to approve the operator licenses as presented. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue presented the information on being able to take online payments through Deluxe. There is no cost to the town. The cost would fall on any taxpayers who used the payment system. Mike Oslie made a motion to approve the online payment option for the first half of property taxes. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under citizen appearances Deb Congdon was present to ask the town to only make one pass along each side of Silver Creek from the junction of Hwy 54 up to the culvert. She would like to preserve the natural habitat until a second cut would be made in the Fall. The normal cut times are June 1<sup>st</sup> and August. There was discussion about being able to see deer in the ditches. This request will be taken under consideration and the judgement of the town will be used.

Under the machinery report it was reported that the radiator on the mowing tractor was worked on as well as the airline in the grader. The window switch on the little truck was worked on as well.

For the road report it was reported that the paving by the county was done. Grant road is done and the chip sealing was finished last week.

The correspondence was a letter from the DNR regarding a mfl contract.

The building permits that have been issued since the last meeting were presented. Jason Olson for a shed, Thomas Morehouse for an addition and David Lebakken for a shed.

Mike Oslie gave an update on the WTA unit meeting. Candidates for the August primary were there. The fire association rep spoke, the emergency management director spoke as well as the hwy commissioner. Blowing grass on the road is not permitted. The county administrator talked about comprehensive planning. Steve Dickinson talked about dues. A copy of the atv/utv ordinance needs to be sent again to the Trempealeau County Sheriffs Department.

The Lake District update was given. A permit to dredge is being worked on as well as how to raise funds.

Mike Oslie made a motion to approve the financial report. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Duch made a motion to approve checks #284508 through #28569 Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the several of the bills to clarify the amount. Signs need to be placed on Trim Road to keep semis from going around the sharp curve by Stallmans.

Matt Andersen made a motion to adjourn. Jim Larson seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.