

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI
MINUTES OF THE BID OPENING FOR SCREENED GRANITE
June 8, 2026

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Dean Beck, Supervisors Susan Kurth and Mark Pingel.

3. Verification of Proper Posting

The Clerk verified that the meeting notice was properly posted in the Wausau Daily Herald on May 18th and 19th and on the Town website.

4. Open and read sealed bids received for the supply and/or placement of screened granite

Chairman Beck opened and read the sealed bids received as follows:

- Ron Christiansen Trucking – \$41,850 delivered; \$7.45 per yard pickup.
- Warden Enterprises – \$47,100 delivered; \$3.80 per ton pickup.
- Meverden Materials – \$41,790 delivered; \$8.00 per yard pickup.
- Pingel Brothers Trucking – Trucking services only; no material cost; \$125.00 per hour through December 31, 2026.

5. Review bid documents for completeness

The bid documents were reviewed for completeness. Beck stated that no decision regarding the bids would be made at the bid opening. He informed the bidders present that they would be contacted after the Town Board had taken action on the bids.

6. Refer bids to the Town Board for review and consideration

The bids were referred to the Town Board for review and consideration at the Regular Town Board Meeting.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Kurth, second by Pingel, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
June 8, 2026

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Dean Beck, Supervisors Susan Kurth and Mark Pingel.

Others Present: Clerk Sherry Weinkauff, Treasurer Melanie Neuendank, Public Works Employee Rob Weinkauff, Fire Chief Dusty Merriam, resident Mark Schlund, and four others.

3. Approval of May 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kurth, second by Pingel, to approve the May 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Public Comments

a. Mike Ritter, Marathon County ERC - Alternative Energy Project

Mike Ritter provided an update regarding wind energy, solar energy, battery energy storage systems, and data center proposals within Marathon County. Discussion included proposed ordinance updates, emergency response concerns, groundwater protection, road impacts, decommissioning requirements, property values, noise concerns, and a proposed moratorium on data centers while Marathon County develops regulations. Additional comments were received regarding the impacts of wind energy projects on neighboring properties.

5. New Business

a. July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, Class "B" Beer and Class C" Liquor (wine only) license for Tansy Hill Farm, 236851 Sunrise Rd, Wausau, WI 54403, submitted by Tansy Hill Farm LLC, Rebecca Teichroew, agent
Clerk Weinkauff reported publication requirements had been completed and background checks revealed no new issues.

Motion by Kurth, second by Pingel, to approve the license contingent upon payment of all fees and publication costs. Motion carried 3-0.

b. July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor license for:

1. The Corral on 52, 168925 State Highway 52, Aniwa, WI 54408, submitted by The Corral on 52 LLC, Sheila Schwartz, agent

Clerk Weinkauff reported background checks revealed no new issues and all fees had been paid.

Motion by Kurth, second by Pingel, to approve the license. Motion carried 3-0.

2. The Q & Z Expo Center, 234000 County Road Q, Ringle, WI 54471, submitted by The Q & Z Expo Center LLC, Nathan Schulz, agent

Clerk reported background checks revealed no new issues and all fees had been paid.

Motion by Kurth, second by Pingel, to approve the license. Motion carried 3-0.

c. July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027 Operator/Bartender License Applications

Clerk Weinkauff reviewed the operator/bartender license applications as presented.

Motion by Kurth, second by Pingel, to approve the operator/bartender license applications as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

d. Discussion and possible action on bid for Screened Granite Supply and/or Placement

Discussion was held regarding screened granite bids and hauling services.

Motion by Pingel, second by Kurth, to approve the Ron Christiansen Trucking screened granite bid in the amount of \$41,850 delivered and \$7.45 per yard for pickup. Motion carried 3-0.

e. Discussion and possible action on purchasing a new grader

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new grader. Discussion included equipment specifications, available options, whether certain parts and components would be included, trade-in value of the current grader, and the final purchase price.

During discussion, Pingel made a motion regarding the grader purchase. ***Following additional discussion, Pingel withdrew the motion.***

The Board determined that additional information was needed before taking action, including a demonstration of equipment and final pricing figures. The Board agreed to schedule a special meeting to further discuss the grader purchase and take possible action after receiving a firm final cost.

f. Discussion and possible action on adopting the New Chapter 17 Zoning Code with Marathon County

Motion by Pingel, second by Kurth, to adopt the New Chapter 17 Zoning Code with Marathon County. Motion carried 3-0.

g. Presentation of bills for approval

Motion by Kurth, second by Pingel, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Reports

a. Treasurer

Neuendank reviewed her Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2026.

b. Fire Department

Merriam reported that the Fire Department is applying for a DNR grant. He also provided an update on recent calls. Discussion was held regarding mutual assistance.

c. Clerk

Weinkauff reported that she is working with the Town Attorney on the Schedule of Fees and proposed ordinances and anticipates bringing the matter back to the Board in July for discussion and possible action. Weinkauff also reported that the Town Attorney is working on a solid waste ordinance.

d. Public Works

Rob Weinkauff reviewed his report, including road maintenance work.

7. Remarks from Supervisors

Pingel asked about the status of the generator project. Beck stated that he would make a call regarding the project.

8. Remarks from Chairman

a. Road projects update

Beck indicated the Highpoint Road LRIP Asphalt Project bid notice was completed and sent out. Clerk Weinkauff said the notice is scheduled to be published on June 10th and June 17th. She also provided this information to the

state as part of the grant requirement. It was also put up on the website. Beck also discussed Shared Revenue funding and the requirement that the funds be used during the year they are received.

b. Snowstorm disaster fund update

Beck reported that he submitted the Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) application. WEM has questions regarding the pay of call-in employees, which still need to be addressed. Beck reported that approximately \$17,000 was submitted for reimbursement and that the Town may receive approximately 70 percent reimbursement.

c. Board Meeting Etiquette

Beck requested that cell phones be silenced during Town Board meetings.

d. Continuing Education for Elected Officials and Appointed Employees

Beck encouraged Board members and appointed employees to participate in continuing education opportunities. He also suggested that the Town track continuing education completed by elected officials and appointed employees.

9. Additional Public Comments

No comments.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Pingel, second by Kurth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.