

The regular monthly meeting and reorganization for 2026 was held on Monday January 12, 2026 at the Town of French Creek Highway building.

Those present were David White, Town supervisor, Debbra Albright, town clerk and Brian Malecki, highway superintendent. Board members Cole Gleason, David McCray, Norvel Willink and Wayne Emory.

Mr. White called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened with prayer. The minutes were reviewed, and Mr. White motioned to approve them as is. Mr. Willink moved the motion, Mr. Emory 2nd, and 5 Ayes followed. Mr. Messenger was not present but passed along a paper for the board to review with the new fees he is suggesting for code and permit fees. He will present new fees for solar and wind projects next month. She asked the board to consider approving a 100% tax exemption for veterans that are 100% disabled and meet other requirements. The board all agreed to allow the Supervisor to pursue that.

Mr. White had 2 Justice reports to read from November and December. He then presented his monthly financial report. There were no concerns from the board. After a time for public comment, Mr. White told the board that the town of Ripley was asking them to consider joining them and other surrounding towns to apply for a State grant for a dog holding facility that all the towns would share. The board all agreed that since the town has already spent their own money to make their own holding pen, that we did not need to be a part of it.

The local laws that were passed last month for the moratorium on solar battery storage and wind facilities were approved and sent back from the state.

Mr. White gave the board his plan for the reorganization for 2026. He asked to change 2 meeting dates due to schedule conflicts. April will be changed from the 13th to the 6th and November will be on the 9th. Those changes will be posted in the official paper also.

Mr. Malecki gave his highway report. They have been busy with snow and ice on the roads this year. They have had to have more salt delivered, as they have used a lot of it lately.

The board thanked Mr. White and his wife Brenda for all the hard work they have put into doing the budget and the reorganization. We are all grateful for the time they put into it.

Mr. White presented the bills for payment in the amounts of \$17,414.14 for the general fund, \$45,547.67 for the highway fund and \$986.50 for special districts. Mr. White motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Emory moved the motion; Mr. Gleason 2nd and 5 Ayes followed.

Mr. White motioned to adjourn at 8:07pm. Mr. Willink 2nd and 5 ayes followed.