

Mr. Malecki gave the highway report. He has filed for the CHIPS reimbursement, and it should be back sometime next month. The #4 truck is still broken down, and they have one more big paving project to do, then it will be time to get ready for winter.

Mr. White entertained a motion for the board to approve to pay additional bills that will come in after the meeting through the 15th of this month. Mr. Emory moved it; Mr. Gleason 2nd and 5 Ayes followed. Mr. White presented the current bills in the amount of \$2,043.03 for the General fund and \$13,265.36 in the highway fund and \$667.04 in the special districts. Mr. White made the motion to pay the bills; Mr. Willink moved the motion. Mr. Gleason 2nd and 5 Ayes followed.

Mr. White made the motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. Mr. Gleason moved; Mr. McCray 2nd and 5 Ayes followed.

The regular monthly meeting of the town board of the town of French Creek was held on Monday August 10, 2026 at the town highway building. Those present were David White, town supervisor, Debra Albright, Town clerk and Brian Malecki, highway superintendent. Board members Norvel Willink, Wayne Emory, Cole Gleason and David McCray.

Mr. White called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened with prayer.

Mr. Messenger gave the code report for the last 2 months. There were 4 new permits issued and he completed several final inspections on previous projects. There is still no formal agreement with Peak n' Peak for repairs to damaged roads from snow equipment. He introduced Mr. Tom McNitch, who accompanied him to a home inspection in our district for verification purposes. Mr. McNitch is code officer for the town of Mina. Mr. Messenger expressed their interest in collaborating when needed for backup support or when there is an immediate need when one is on vacation. There would not be any changes to the way they are paid or how they do their jobs currently. The board agreed that that would be fine to do.

Karen Engstrom from the Chautauqua Energy watch group spoke to the board about some new updates she had concerning health issues that are happening near wind farms. Many people are becoming sick and there is a lot of concern for keeping our small communities safe. She left some reading materials for the board to review.

Mr. White gave an update on the dog holding facility. The supervisors haven't had a chance to meet again since last month, but things will still be moving forward. There has not been any progress in finding a place for the County EMS flycar to be housed yet either.

Mr. White reported that the sales tax check he received was enough to meet his projected budgeted amount for this last quarter, which was good news. The Civil War Veterans memorial marker is still expected to be dedicated on Sunday, September 6, 2026, at the Teft cemetery. Mr. Babcock is working on the ceremony details.

Mr. Cole Gleason formally announced his resignation from his seat as a town board member, effective after tonight's meeting. Mr. White made a motion to accept the resignation and Mr. McCray 2nd the motion. Mr. White asked for a show of hands, and all were raised. 5 Ayes followed.

Mr. White spoke briefly to the board about his concern for the coming years budget and explained there was no way to stay under the 2% tax cap with the increase in cost of all the necessary expenses. Insurance, utilities, pay raises and all combined will put us over.