

The regular monthly meeting of the town board of the town of French Creek was held on Monday May 11, 2026 at the town highway building.

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

Mr. White called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened with prayer. Last month's minutes were before the board, and they were reviewed and approved as is. Mr. White read the assessor's report to the board. The grievance day to dispute taxes is set for May 28th from 4-8pm at the Findley Lake community center. There was no Justice report. Mr. White presented the board with his monthly finance report, and there were no questions or changes.

Mr. Messinger gave his code report. There were 2 new permits issued. He and Mr. White presented the board with proposals for new fees for permits; they are proposing a new fee for agricultural permits of \$30.00. There has traditionally not been a fee, but they feel it should be done for our town protection so that the code officer can check to make sure the buildings are done to code. After reviewing all fees Mr. White made the motion to approve the fees. Mr. Willink moved the motion and 4 Ayes followed.

Mr. Mark Gusek, who lives in our area, spoke to let us know of a new project he will be working on. He acquired the property at 1650 RT 426 consisting of approximately 200 acres. He has a foundation by the name of The Lutheran Foundation for long term living. There are currently a large home and outbuildings on the property, and they are planning to move their offices from Erie to this property. Their main purpose is to foster partnerships with other non-profits. They may make a small conference room also. They have big plans that will evolve over the next few years.

Mr. White told the board that the sales tax revenue was \$28,000. Less than he budgeted for. Mr. White asked the board to consider re-joining the towns of Sherman, Mina, Clymer and Ripley in the construction of a joint dog holding facility since our current DCO cannot take them now. After discussion, Mr. White asked the board to motion to participate in the memorandum for understanding with the other towns. Mr. Emory made the motion, and 4 Ayes followed.

Mr. White presented the board with Resolution # 2/2026 to approve the collection of funds for voluntary donations to our local shelter. A new line item, #A2705, would be added to the abstract and paid to the shelter on an annual basis. He asked for a vote, all said Aye. The resolution was passed signed and recorded by the clerk.