

Mr. White presented the bills for payment in the amounts of \$3,746.81 for general fund, \$87,347.04 for the highway fund and \$654.10 in special districts. He made the motion to approve and pay the bills. Mr. Willink moved the motion; Mr. Emory 2nd and 4 Ayes followed.

Mr. White made the motion to adjourn at 8:22pm; Mr. Willink moved the motion and Mr. Ryan 2nd. 4 Ayes followed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town board of the town of French Creek was held on Monday September 14, 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, and Eric Ryan.

Mr. White opened the meeting at 7:04 pm with prayer. Mr. Messenger, code officer, gave his report from the previous month. He said there hasn't been much new activity. He will be attending a 3-day required continuing education later this week.

Mr. Emory joined the meeting at 7:13 pm. Mr. White introduced Mr. Eric Ryan as his appointed board member to replace Cole Gleason. He asked for a motion to approve the appointment. Mr. Emory made the motion; Mr. Willink 2nd and 3 Ayes followed.

Mr. White read the assessor's report to the board. Mr. Willink brought up concern of the Assessor's reduction in available hours and not being available to residents when needed. Mr. White said the area supervisors were planning a meeting to discuss that concern soon.

Mr. White read the Justice report and passed it for the board to look at it. He then presented the finance report from last month, and there were no major concerns.

Mr. White thanked Mr. Nate Babcock for the nice ceremony he put together for the War Memorial dedication at the Tefft cemetery that was held on Sunday September 6, 2026.

The dog housing project with the towns of Mina and Ripley is still ongoing. There's still a long way to go. Mr. White updated the fly car housing. Lictus Keystone has offered a space in one of the garages for the truck this winter, and the other vehicles should fit in the firehall.

Mr. White addressed concerns about the upcoming budget. He was informed that the retirement fund would increase by \$8000.00. That adds a considerable amount to the total he would need to stay under to meet the 2% tax cap. With the increase in Health insurance, utilities, wages, etc. It will be impossible to stay under the cap. He asked the board to do some thinking for recommendations to keep costs down.

Mr. Malecki gave the highway report. He said truck #4 is still out of commission, but they are working on it. There will be 1 more day of paving and that will be done for this year. He will have some CHIPS funds to carry over for next year to use for more projects. He brought up his concern for the rising cost of salt for winter roads and the possibility that they may need to travel further to get it, so he is trying to be very careful with spending to have enough.