

Garfield Town Board Meeting
June 10, 2025

Present: Chairman: Ed Gullickson
 Supervisor: Dave Nelson
 Supervisor: George Stroebel
 Clerk: Sue Knutson
 Treasurer: JoAnn Erickson

Residents/Citizens: 23

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Ed Gullickson, at 6:00 pm.

Public Comments: Karen Ohm stated that their family would like to donate a bench for the park in memory of their family history. Family will find information on where the current benches were made. Motion made and seconded to approve the bench donation for the Garfield Park. Carried-unanimously.

Liz Sieben inquired about the lighting at the Mixed Up Waterside. Board suggested that she check out the boat landings lighting.

Road Construction Update – Advertise for Blacktop for Sunrise Beach Section and 138th Street: The roads that will be blacktopped are ready to go. Sunrise Beach Drive needs more work done it. Blacktop bid ad will be placed this coming week for 138th Street. Blacktop patching needs to be done on Sunrise Beach and Duck Lake Road.

Sunrise Beach Landing Update: Parking lot old blacktop is removed, Monarch came in and shaped the parking lot and is ready for blacktop in a couple of weeks. Grant paperwork is ready to go.

Resolution to Vacate Platted Road in Plat of Big Lake Park: Resolution 2025-1 was submitted to the Board from approval. Motion made and seconded to approve Resolution 2025-1 to Vacate Platted Roadway. Carried-unanimously.

Liquor Licenses Approval: The Mix Up, Mixed Up Waterside, UW Wanderoos, and the Wanderoos Area Community Club have submitted their applications for their beer/liquor license renewals along with operator license applications. Sales description needs to be identified on the licenses. Sieben/Boyd stated that the Waterside owned by Brian and Theresa had a tikki bar on the patio. Sieben stated that the tikki bar was established prior to them purchasing the bar. Sieben/Boyd stated that the new tikki bar is movable, has wheels, and is not attached to the building. Sieben also stated that County stated that tikki bar is mobile and is okay. Board stated that it looked like it was attached to building. Sieben stated that it will be used to have food pickup. Boyd stated that County gave them 30 days to finish what they were doing to build the tikki bar with wheels and removable. Motion made and seconded to approve the liquor licenses and beer license for the establishments listed. Carried-unanimously.

Board inquired about the Mixed Up Waterside parking and board stated that is part of the requirement for a liquor license to have adequate parking for their patrons and roads must have adequate access for emergency vehicles. Liz Sieben stated that they put in a larger dock to accommodate more boats to help with that. Sieben stated that residents have been parking

on the road also. Chad Boyd stated that employees are parking in neighbors driveways to allow patrons to utilize the parking lot. Diane Kane stated that residences' families are parking on the road. Board will review parking this issue again in September.

Operator/Bartender Licenses Approval and Increase Cost of Operator/Bartender

Licenses: Operator license applications have been submitted with all background checks done with the condition to a couple needing their safe serve certificate. Motion made and seconded to approve the operator licenses that were submitted. Carried-unanimously.

Operator license fee will increase to \$30. Motion made and seconded to raise the operator license fee to \$30 starting next cycle year. Carried-unanimously.

Request for Road Sign: Julie Holly addressed the issue of traffic on County Road F and asked County to lower the speed limit and they met in the middle. Holly is asking for support of paying for a solar power speed sign. Board stated that she needs to approach County Highway Commissioner about putting up a sign but supports her efforts.

Big Lake Dam Concerns: Board received an email from Mike Reiter regarding the Big Lake Dam. The dam is not in Garfield and does not have any water rights.

Request from City of Amery: Board reviewed request. Board is not interested.

Other Business That May Come Before the Board: None.

Clerk's Report: Submitted and reviewed.

Approval of Vouchers: Submitted, signed and approved. Motion made and seconded to approve submitted vouchers. Carried-unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted and reviewed.

Approval of Monthly Board Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the June 10, 2025, Board minutes as submitted. Carried-unanimously.

Adjourn: Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting, 8:05 pm. Carried-unanimously.

Submitted by: Sue Knutson, Clerk