

Town of Niagara, Marinette County
Regular Town Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023 at Niagara Town Hall, W6889 US Hwy 8

Agenda of Town Board Meeting

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 - b. Present: Chairman Bob Butler, Supervisor Ron Neuens, Supervisor David Sanicki, Treasurer Debbie Emond, Clerk Sara Wentzel. Absent: None.
- 2) Approve / Amend agenda items for August 15, 2023.
 - a. M/S: Sanicki/Neuens to approve the agenda for August 15, 2023. Voice votes taken; no negative votes. Motion passed.
- 3) Approve / Amend minutes of July 18, 2023 Town Board Meeting.
 - a. M/S: Neuens/Sanicki to approve minutes of July 18, 2023, regular Town Board Meeting as presented. Voice votes taken; no negative votes. Motion passed.
- 4) Treasurer's Report as submitted/presented by Debbie Emond.
 - a. Income for July equaled \$68,808.84. Expenditures for July equaled \$77,432.57.
 - b. WI Shared Revenue: Town of Niagara will receive \$44,435 in 2024.
 - c. M/S: Neuens/Sanicki to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted/presented. Voice votes taken; no negative votes. Motion passed.
- 5) Public Comment; non-discussion from Board.
 - a. Clerk Wentzel provided update from WI DOT regarding Hwys 141/8 road improvement project, which began August 7 and is anticipated to be complete by October 21, 2023.
- 6) Discussion / Action Item: Road Inspection and 3-Year Road Plan including LRIP/TRIP project.
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20) Adjourn

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