

Town of Frankfort Annual Meeting

April 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 by Town Board Chair Brad Anderson. The meeting was held in the Frankfort Town Hall and on Zoom.

A roll call was taken-Board members present. Joshua Manor, Kurt Manore, Donna Juleff, Chris Jensen and Chair Brad Anderson.

Also in attendance were: Clerk-Debra Fisher, Deputy Clerk Maureen Manore, Planning Commission Chair-Don Gish and the following electors of Frankfort; Marie Berger, Bryce Black, Kathleen Plunket Black, Wylie Hoffman, Cynthia Lane and Sally Farrar

Pledge of Allegiance was said:

Official Depository: Motion made by Marie Berger, 2nd by Bryce Black to retain Security Financial Bank as the official depository. Unanimous voice vote.

Financial Report: The 2025 report as prepared by Clerks Fisher and Manore was presented. Questions were fielded in regards to fire calls, PILT and Pepin County Highway. Motion to approve financial report as presented by Marie Berger, 2nd by Cynthia Lane. Unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Concerns: Marie Berger asked about Gates Hill Road and had a concern over the cost of having a supervisors pickup following a road grader. The hill road is often taken care of by Maiden Rock-'whoever gets there first'.

6:47pm-Carolyn Carr joins the meeting via Zoom

Bryce Black encourages the public informational meeting on CAFO's and the possibility of a moratorium on manure spreading.

6:50pm-Marie Berger makes a motion to adjourn the annual meeting, 2nd by Kathleen Plunkett Black. Motion carries.

Debra Fisher Clerk

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The meeting convened immediately after the annual town meeting at 6:50 pm. Oaths of office were given to elected Supervisors Joshua Manor and Donna Juleff.

Sheriff Joel Wener was a guest at the meeting and addressed those present. He is seeking a 4th term and up for re-election in November. Wener visits each town every two years to speak about current issues within the county.

The two items that the Sheriff's Office typically works with in rural areas is stray animals and land disputes. "While a civil matter, we do a report."

The sheriff's office has two working k-9 units and after receiving a large anonymous donation partnered with the Fire District to purchase and outfit a 20+ foot command trailer.

Major issues for Pepin county continues to be the influx of methamphetamines and scams targeting the elderly.

Building Inspector Justin Stienmeyer was also a guest at the meeting. He would like more direction from the town board as to expectations and what is wanted in the way of building permits. New buildings, domiciles, any build over \$10,000 in value. Typcialy he only permits residential dwellings-no commercial buildings as the state has their own inspections. Accessory building could be required to have a permit, but it is really about safety and creating a record for the assessor. He asked how things worked in the past.

The zoning acknowledgement form (found on the website) should be filled out, sent to the clerk, then sent to Steinmeyer Inspections who addresses the build and send the form back to the clerk with any notes before being taken to the town board. Steinmeyer also presented a current fee schedule to the board.

Financial Report: Stood as submitted.

Minutes: Accepted as submitted.

Other Meetings: none

7:28-Annie Dumas joins the meeting via zoom.

Road Report: Town board members described their recent road tour with Dale Carothers from Pepin County Highway Department. They have made a list of minor improvements, maintenance and seal coating for this season. They are keeping an eye on the bridge on Glen Lane.

Approval of Beaver Slide Road Project: The \$93,922.00 project was approved with \$20,690.00 in LRIP funding and the Town of Frankfort responsible for \$72,740.00. Due to another project being completed in the area now is a good time to move forward as there will be less mobilization fees. Roll Call Vote: Brad Anderson-yes. Donna Juleff-Yes. Chris Jensen-Yes. Joshua Manor-Yes and Kurt Manore-Yes. Motion carried unanimously. The Town of Frankfort elects to have the county (Pepin) perform the project.

Discussion of Boyd Springs WIDOT mapping. Current mapping doesn't show the hill portion of Boyd Springs Road. Brad will contact WiDot. Tabled until next month when more information will be available.

Discussion River directional Change: Wiley Hoffman raised a concern about the possible direction change in Plum Creek (County Road D) north of Kalstrom road. Supervisor Kurt Manore called the highway department. Being that this is a DNR trout stream Pepin County Land Conservation office, NRCS will be informed.

Approval Bartenders License: April G. Ricanfrente for Twisted Sister. Background check completed. Motion made by Joshua Manor and 2nd by Kurt Manore. Unanimous voice vote- approved.

Cemetery: Motion made by Donna Juleff and second by Chris Jensen to approve Precision Lawn Groomers at \$215 per mowing to care for the Town hall and porcupine cemetery. Unanimous voice vote- approved.

Motion made by Donna Juleff and second by Joshua Manor to move the upcoming Porcupine CD due in May of \$1500 to the Town of Frankfort general cemetery fund to help pay for mowing this season. Unanimous voice vote-approved.

Motion made by Donna Juleff and seconded by Joshua Manor to approve the resolution to amend a 2018 cemetery ordinance to NOT allow any burials of any kind on private property. Resolution 2026-02 adopted by roll call vote with all members vote yeah.

Discussion on Manure Spreading Moratorium: Chair Anderson has been in contact with the WTA (Wisconsin towns association) the association advised not to put on a moratorium. To the best of Anderson's knowledge a permit for Ridge Breeze dairy to spread in Frankfort has not been approved.

The report that Ridge Breeze had been spreading this past Sunday was false. That manure was from a non-cafo farm. Anderson is concerned that there are regulations in place already, with required nutrient management plans, county wide manure storage and spreading plans and the Town of Frankforts current planning ordinances and road restrictions. How much money to fight this-do we drain our checkbook?

Don Gisch (Planning Commission Chair) reported that the DNR representative in our area said spreading would be limited to fall application as spring planting will be beginning soon. When allowed in the spring only on corn fields. So the 600 acres of privately owned land in question would only be supporting/planting about 1/3 of the acreage. Applications for spreading are handled in Madison.

Large CAFO's are being proactive by notifying towns in which they will be spreading. There is no intention to spread this spring.

Citizens want to step up the process and get ahead of the issue.

Special Town Meeting: Chair Anderson is calling for a special Town Board meeting to explore both sides of this issue. Thursday April 30th at 6:30 pm at the Arkansas Community Center was agreed on. Anderson will call and confirm meeting space. Citizens will be able to submit questions for consideration prior to the meeting.

Town Attorney: 2020 was the last year discussion about a town attorney was held. Curtis Law Firm. May look into an attorney with more municipal experience. Anderson will contact.

Appointments to Planning Commission: Salley Baeker (alternate), Debra Fisher and Donna Juleff were recommended to be re-appointed by Chair Anderson. Donna Juleff made the motion to approve. Seconded by Joshua Manor. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Baekers have a non-conforming property request that wants approval-should go before the planning commission.

8:51 Supervisor Jensen leaves the meeting. Date for the next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Bills were approved and paid.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.
Debra Fisher-Clerk

approved: 5-12-2026