

TOWN OF FRANKFORT

July 14, 2026-minutes

Accepted at August 4, 2026 meeting of the Town Board

The Town Board meeting was called to order by First Supervisor Bryce Black as Chair Brad Anderson was absent at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Kurt Manore, Joshua Manore, Donna Julef. Bryce Black in attendance; Don Gish, Attorney Brian Nodalf, Jacob Von Kevren, Steven Berger, Greg Bechel and Jason Haas. Via zoom (phone) was Craig Bowron who reported a problem with zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

1. Minutes: It was noted that minutes from the May meeting were accepted with corrections made. One spelling error on page 3 and the addition of the word 'application' under the Planning Commission Report was also noted. Minutes accepted with corrections
2. Financial report: The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk are in the habit of meeting together a week prior to the board meetings to resolve any errors in reporting. Report accepted as presented
3. Guests: Steve Berger-Rural Mutal Insurance
 - a. On hand to review coverage
 - b. Asked about 'volunteers' in the cemetery for work days
 - c. Adding Deputy Clerk to coverage
 - d. Checking on stopping coverage on personal truck and skit steer with Chair Anderson.
 - e. Does the board want to decrease coverage from \$5 million to \$3 million?
 - f. Reminder that any accident (no matter how small) should be reported.
4. Greg Bechel, Attorney Brian Nodolf and Jason Hass were present to request a transfer of the sand mine lease from Bechel to Hass. After the transfer Hass requested to go through things with the town board. (6:50PM-Chair Brad Anderson arrives and takes over meeting) Meetings have taken place with Pepin County, but as this is still a board decision, all channels and changes must be

approved by the town board. The trio seemed surprised to learn that the land owner (Randy Richardson) was pursuing the build of a data center with over 300 solar panels on or near the 43 acre sand mine.

A motion was made to transfer the lease but died on the table as the board ultimately decided to review the original lease agreement, reclamation and transfer clauses prior to any vote. This will be on the agenda for the August meeting.

5. Road report: Wash outs are being noticed at Gilbert Lane, Nippy Lane and on Goat Back.
6. Other Meetings attended: None
7. Cemetery Report: Sold 3 plots in Frankfort. Have vetted a local (Mondovi) monument repair service Alex Norby. IF he is hired to do work on headstones by any family, he is to notify the caretaker prior to work. Work days in the cemeteries will be held in September/October when it is cooler.
8. Citizens Concerns: Don Gish was suspect of the timing of the transfer of the sand mine as Richardson and Midwest Solar continue to try and circumvent current zoning ordinances to build a data center.
Richie Bignell wants to rezone some of his land -Gisch recommended he attend the Thursday night (July 16) meeting of the Planning Commission.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next meeting of the Town Board was scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Debra Fisher
Town Clerk