

Town of Frankfort

Minutes for May 12, 2026

(accepted at June 9th, 2026 meeting with 3 spelling errors)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brad Anderson at 6:32 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance was said roll call was taken: Donna Juleff-absent, Joshua Manor, Kurt Manore and Brad Anderson present. Attending on line were Ann Dumas and Carolyn Carr. Bryce Black, Cynthia Lane and Maureen Manore attended in person

A small change was made to the minutes to accommodate language requested by the DOT for a future road project. No other corrections. Minutes accepted

Financial report was accepted as given.

Special Meeting Report: It went well. Good information was given on both sides of the issue. Brad Anderson has been in contact with Ridge Breeze Dairy about a tour. Next steps in moving forward:

- a. Explain how they work with other towns.
- b. Trace out different state authority

Kurt Manore: We are not against them-just want to be notified about spreading. He had a concern about dead animals (carcasses). Would like to know where they can spread manure.

Joshua Manor: (serves on fire department) A lot of information. The fire department did a tour of a dairy by Rock Falls. Big question is where does the water come from to fight a large scale fire on an industrial dairy farm?

Planning Commission Report: Given by Maureen Manore in the absence of Don Gisch. Will be looking in on Data Center restrictions under the current scope of the written ordinances. Bryce Black (commission member) shared he had called Brad Ristow (VP of Pierce Pepin Electric Cooperative). At the proposed location in Frankfort it would require upgrades to the substation to support a small data center. There is a data center in the Hagar City area, which pulls only 50% of its power from PPCS. Water use is said to be small and in a closed loop environment, likened to the radiator of a car.

Second on the list is CAFO ordinances. Do we need one that supersedes the existing ordinances? Beef up the CUP permit process as an extra immediate layer of protection.

Currently in Ag/RES district limited to 300 animals (CAFO-500 units) and only in Ag Districts (green on the map) would a CUP be needed. The question then becomes what about

adjoining properties-what happens with multiple species owned by small farmers. Zoning should review definitions

Cemetery report accepted as written. 2 Savings bonds found in the Porcupine Cemetery safety deposit box (\$500 each) will be sent to the treasury department for cashing in .

Road Report: Plumer road will be seal coated. Beaver Slide will cost \$70,000. By next meeting the decision must be made on all roads for seal coating. Cost is about \$23,000 per mile. Town Clerk spent time with Maria Nelson at the Government center to make sure appropriate paperwork was filed with the state to collect blizzard funds. Around \$3,000 no time frame for funding was given.

Kurt Manore made the motion to accept the resignation of Supervisor Chris Jensen as he has moved out of the town. Second by Josh Manor. Passed with a yeah voice vote.

Citizens Concerns:

Bryce Black: Would like maps of possible town roads used for hauling manure by CAFO's outside of our town. Stockholm adopted an intense hauling road ordinance. As water quality is important, he thought it would be an excellent ideal to have a well testing program to get a baseline of water quality in the town.

Cynthia Lane-asking to find some type of middle ground between single farmers and the giants. "There must be a sweet spot without putting constraints on small local farmers." Also asking for a study group.

She was surprised how little people are getting paid to serve on the town board. Chair Brad Anderson reminded her that this should be brought up at the annual meeting in April or the budget meeting in November.

Ann Dumas (via Zoom) Get protection in place before a fire, water, dead animal or water event. What out for wear and tear on roads. Anticipate the problem and get details so outsiders can't come in and exploit the town. Asked for a study group.

Carolyn Carr: Would like to understand the mechanics of the system. What protections do we have? Get at some of these specifics. Would like someone really knowledgeable to review our ordinances.

Motion was made by Josh Manor to pay the bills and adjourn. Brad Anderson seconded.

Planning Commission will meet Thursday, May 28, at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm