



Town of Wheatland
34315 Geneva Rd. New Munster, WI 53105
Clerk Katie Sweatman

Date: January 15, 2026

Special Town Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

The Wheatland Town Board met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Wheatland Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call

Chairmen: Jeff Butler

Supervisor #1: Kyle Madsen

Supervisor #2: Kelly Wilson

Also in attendance were Katie Sweatman, Clerk, Mary and Michael Fenske, Wayne and Mary Kaddatz, Jenny and Jaxon Morehouse, Steve Sleider, Justin Ball, Denise and Tom Brehm, Bryan Brieman, Traci Murphy, Suzy Masini, Scott Miles, Bill Jay and Kristina Klabunde, Deb and Any Lois, Tamara Kauppila, Traci and Lou Denko, Josh Fisher, Ann Iverson, Chrissy Mok, Rachael Daniels, Mary and Rob Peterson, Kayla Crichton, Bob and Michelle Durkin and Paul Ehr.

Verification of Public Notice

Public notice for this meeting and the associated public hearing was properly posted and published on December 9th and 12th in the Kenosha News and all required posting locations.

Presentation of Letter from Robin Energy Storage LLC

Town Clerk Katie Sweatman read a letter submitted by Robin Energy Storage LLC, notifying the Town that:

The company is withdrawing its land use and zoning permit applications, originally submitted November 13, 2025.

Despite working with the Town and County on safety, engineering standards, and a joint development agreement for \$8.6 million in payments, the company states the Plan Commission recommended denial based on concerns they claim were unsupported by evidence.

The company believes the project will not receive an objective evaluation locally.

Robin Energy intends to seek other paths forward for the project, including possible action at the state level.

The letter was submitted by Jan Provosnik, Director of Project Development

Public Comments

Rachael Daniels asked about the Town Attorney being available to proceed to seek counsel. Chairmen Butler stated that he talked to Samantha Kerkman regarding this letter. Our next steps will



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be to lobby with the State. Mrs. Daniels also asked if Samantha recommended anything for the community members to do in order for their voices to be heard? Chairmen Butler stated because we don't know what they are going to do for sure, the best bet is to write letters. Mrs. Daniels also asked who do we have to talk to at Kenosha County? Chairmen Butler replied, Samantha Kerkman our County Executive.

Supervisor Madsen states that he will be contacting Samantha Kerkman. Everything is unknown and our next best option is to reach out for guidance to Samantha.

Supervisor Wilson also included Erin Decker to contact and Amanda Nedweski our state representative.

Denise Brehm commented that with the agenda item that got approved with a favorable mention what happens with that now that we have this letter? Chairmen Butler stated that we will be getting to the formal withdraw of those items from the agenda.

Scott Brehm stated that he appreciates the conduct of the Town Board and how everything was handled with the Public Hearing last night. This does make him want to be more involved in the events of the meeting and the community. He would suggest looking more into be a village instead of a town for multiple reasons.

Rachael Daniels would like to know if after talking to the attorney is that information going to be public knowledge and how do we get this information. The clerk reiterated that the town hall is always available for information and to reach out.

The letter of withdrawal will be posted as soon as possible on our website by the clerk.

Scott Brehm asked if we could get Samantha Kerkman here for a follow-up meeting. Chairmen Butler said that she limited availability and we will see if we need to when we get more information.

Mike Clark spoke about the new bald eagles that are now present in the area, housing market and ground water he is concerned with society changing that it could effect our peaceful community.

Lou Denko spoke about the towns people made their suggestions to the plan commission and the Town Board. Now we closed the Joint Development Agreement, shared revenue is \$130k but the county will get \$280k. Now the reality of our town is that we are a small town that is barely able to get by with small budget going against a high lawyer (Michael Best & Friedrich LLC). Resources will be used to fight this battle. How much the town's people would like to fight this is up to them however, it's going to go through and the lawyers will justify putting this in our town and we will get nothing.



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Withdrawal of Applications

Due to the company's withdrawal, the Town Board acted to formally withdraw the following items from consideration: Items #6, # 7, 8, and #9 related to the Robin Energy battery storage project.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson to withdraw items 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson to adjourn the meeting seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.

Katie L. Sweatman
Town Clerk, Town of Wheatland