TOWN OF EMPIRE

Monthly Meeting

September 9th, 2026

Chairman Richard Julka called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 9th,2026, at the Empire town hall. Notice and agenda of this meeting was sent to the Town's official newspaper, the Reporter, and a copy is on file with the Town Clerk.

Present at the meeting were Richard Julka Chairman Scott Schnettler and Ted Halbur, Supervisors, Nicole Pierquet, Town Clerk, Gail Schindelholz, Treasurer,Mike Morgan Deputy Clerk,Peter Becker, Tom Schindelholz,Bill Gessell,Brett Gessell, Luke Loehr and other town residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Chairman Richard Julka announced that a quorum was present and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Supervisor Schnettler identified a correction which clerk Pierquet will make. Supervisor Halbur made a motion to approve the August 2026 minutes with the correction. Supervisor Schnettler 2nd the motion all in favor,the August 2026 monthly meeting minutes were approved.

First on the agenda, Brett Gessell to discuss plans for his property at N6579 County Rd K. The board had previously okay'd his plans to build an outbuilding/Garage on his property first then start on the house. The current board asked that before they start building they come in and update them on any new plans. Mr Gessell let the board know that he planned to put a new outbuilding/Garage up, move items to that out building and begin building his house within a year. The board approved of his plans, no motion needed.

Next on the agenda was to Discuss/Act on complaints of people living in an RV at W4748 Hwy 23 for longer than 90 days. Clerk Pierquet reported she had received complaints about people living in an RV for longer than 90days the people are also allowing their dog to poop in the neighbors yard;they are generally very disruptive and combative when they have approached them. Supervisor Schnettler motioned that Clerk Pierquet send a letter along with the ordinance found on page 28 Line 7 addressing living in a camper to the homeowner. Supervisor Halbur 2nd the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Next on the agenda: Steve and Leo Goebel to discuss leveling a ditch on 4th St and 7 hills. The board discussed with the Goebel's what they would like to do. The board agreed that with the plans, no motion needed.

Next on the agenda: Discuss/Act On a one day picnic license for Ledge Games held on 10/3/2026 at Ledge Rock. Supervisor Halbur made a motion to approve the one day picnic license for Ledge Games. Supervisor Schnettler 2nd the motion all in favor motion passed.

Next on the agenda: Appoint John Lloyd to the Plan Commission replacing Bryce Retzer. Supervisor Halbur made a motion to appoint John Lloyd to the Plan Commission, Supervisor Schnettler 2nd the motion all in favor motion passed.

Next on the agenda: Update on Farmland Preservation. Clerk Pierquet mentioned that it's in its final approval stages, the last correspondence said it would take a few weeks for the final approval once we get that we can hold a meeting to adopt it.

Discuss on Mt Calvary EMS contract. Chairman Julka updated the board that it's moving forward and we should have final contracts soon.

Next on the agenda: Discuss any Grant updates. We didn't get the cyber security grant, however they are opening the grant back up again and Kolten Fettig would like us to reapply. Kolten said the first round went to bigger municipalities. The board said since applying cost us nothing that it would be worth reapplying. No motion needed Clerk Pierquet will let Kolten know to please resubmit our application.

Next on the agenda: Discuss/Act on Luke Loehr accepting the permit issuer position. Luke Loehr accepted the position to take over for retiring Peter Becker. Pete and Luke will work together over the next few months to get Luke trained, for right now we will keep Pete as the permit issuer with a goal of January for Luke to take over.

Next on the agenda: Discuss/Act on raising fees for Plan Commission and Board of Appeals. Clerk Pierquet sent an email to other municipalities asking them to share what they charge. Clerk Pierquet shared the range she received from others the board discussed and decided that Plan Commission cost would be $550 and $450 for the Appeals meeting. Chairs of the meeting receiving $75 per meeting and board members $50 per meeting. If we need to get the lawyer involved that cost would be in addition to the meeting cost. Clerk Pierquet will change the cost and add the information on additional cost to the Applications and final approval/motion will take place after that.

Last on the agenda: Discuss the emergency response plan. The board did a lot of discussion about this and didn't get it finished. We will add it to the October agenda.

Report on Town Correspondence

Both permit issuer Pete Becker and Supervisor Schnettler talked about making companies more aware that they need a ROW (right of way)permit for any boring under roads.

Public comments.

Butch Immel asked questions about his Daughter and son in law living in a house while building a new one on the property. The board advised that they would need something in writing that once the new house is built they would tear the old house down within a certain period of time. They also advised the Immel's to check with the county on the septic and things. They also said to come back with a general sketch showing where they would want to build the new house and keep talking with the board at meetings. Open communication is important.

Bills were approved and paid.

A motion was made to adjoin by Supervisor Schnettler, seconded by Supervisor Halbur, all in favor, the September 9th, 2026 meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.

Nicole Pierquet

Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on September 9th, 2026, and entered in this record book on this 14th day of October 2026.

Nicole Pierquet

Town Clerk