

# **Morgan Town Special Meeting**

## **Tuesday October 7, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**

### **Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM, by the Town Chair, Lori Witthuhn

*Attendance:* Town Chair-Lori Witthuhn, Supervisor-Jeff Folts, Supervisor-Supervisor- Joe Brusky, Clerk- Erin Mooers, Treasurer- Lorie Wiese- **absent**

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. Motion made by Supervisor Folts to accept the agenda as written. Second by Supervisor Brusky; M/C
3. Chair Witthuhn opened the meeting by letting residents know that NextEra Energy Group canceled their appearance at the meeting on Friday October 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM. NextEra stated threats were made towards them and they could not attend, despite still attending their Coffee and Bar meeting on Monday October 6 in the neighboring town of Oconto Falls. Threats were made from a different township, not Morgan.
  - a. Chair Witthuhn stated she wanted to keep the meeting to assist with gathering residents' needs on what should be included in the Joint Development Agreement (JDA).
4. Chair Witthuhn introduced members from the County.
5. Letters were received from Representative Elijah Behenke and Eric Wimberger.
6. Chair Witthuhn opened the floor to Pat Virtues to discuss the Farm Preservation Plan.
  - a. Pat noted that a town could do their own Farm Preservation Plan.
7. Richard Heath was introduced; Mr. Heath mentioned that the County was advised by their insurance agent to have their own JDA.
  - a. The floor was open to questions and discussions were held.
  - b. Supervisor Barkhaus noted that the sample JDA's holds a clause stating nothing negative can be said about the project.
8. Supervisor Behrend noted that he has contacted various insurance agencies about coverage should there be a disaster with the solar panels or Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). None of the agents could guarantee coverage in the event of such disaster.
9. Many residents shared concern that the project paperwork states "up to 100 MW"
10. Residents brought up concerns about a data center coming to the town, asking the town officials to get more in place to protect our farming community.

11. Lithium-Ion batteries usage was confirmed by NextEra with Oconto County Emergency Management (OCEM). About 4 months passed before the documents were received from NextEra.
  - a. OCEM is currently working on a Hazard Mitigation Plan, Chair Witthuhn has joined the committee.
12. Supervisor Folts asked about a Resolution County Supervisor Barkhaus was working on.
  - a. County Chair Sleeter noted it will be on the October agenda.
13. Clerk Mooers read an email from a resident that could not attend in person.
14. Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 PM
15. Copy of questions asked throughout the meeting attached.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Mooers

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lori Witthuhn, Chairperson

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Jeff Folts, Supervisor

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Joe Brusky, Supervisor

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Erin Mooers, Town Clerk