

Town of Metaline Falls
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2026 - 7:00pm

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 S, McAnerin.
Council Members – B. McAnerin, S. McGeorge, F. Maxwell, M. Lockwood; T. Maxwell
Maintenance Director Rice and Clerk Estrada.

- II. A. POC Sheriff Blakeslee – Reports 5 reported incidents. Pointed out Sheriff’s Office
will be stepping back from civil Issues. For the year 2025 Metaline Falls had 147
calls for service, equaling 2.6 percent of total North County calls. Legislative
activities: as a community away from Olympia please review bills particularly who
can run for sheriff, and gun bills. Asked that we participate in the process.

B. POC Commissioner Smiley – Absent.

C. FD2 Assistant Chief McAnerin – Reports 153 total Fire District 2 calls for service 5
in Metaline Falls. For the year 2,358 calls, which is the highest to date.

D. Bill Bisson – Co-Chair of the Bigfoot Festival wanted to introduce himself and to
feel free to contact him directly or the committee. S. McGeorge asked him to
please let the Council know if we can help in any way. The event will take place
Father’s Day Weekend

- III. Approval of the Previous Meetings:
 - A. December 9th, 2025, motioned by B. McAnerin, seconded by S. McGeorge.
Motioned approved.

- IV. Maintenance Report – M. Rice -
 - A. Confirmed there are two abandoned cars around the Pend Oreille
Apartments. Owner of the Apartments, Nick Cline, stated the cars are on
town’s property and wants them to be moved. B. McAnerin explained that
the Sheriff’s Office would be contacted to run the plates and attempt to
contact the owners. With no response the vehicles will be flagged, and the
deputy will contact us to have them towed.

- V. Clerk/Treasurer Report – E. Estrada reported the bank reconciliation was
completed but no report was available due to computer issues.
 - A. Financial Report – unavailable same computer issues.

- B. Financial Report – June 2025,
 - *Claims/Warrants: (#15826 - #15938) = **\$21,037.35**
 - *Payroll Warrants: to Council members, EFT Employee pay, Employment Security Dept, WA Cares, Dept. of Retirements, and IRS totaling = **\$16,124.78**
 - *Claims EFT's & EBT's = Travel expense, = **\$104.41**
 - Total \$37,266.54**

VI. Council/Mayor Reports

- A. F. Maxwell, Position 1 - Nothing to report
- B. M. Lockwood, Position 2 – will make his presentation on the Town's website in New Business.
- C. S. McGeorge, Position 3 – Commented on the work done to remove Christmas decorations and the upkeep on the roads and park cleanliness.
- D. B. McAnerin, Position 4 – Reminded council the vote to merge Fire District 4 with Fire District 2 will be on February 10.
- E. T. Maxwell, Position 5 - Nothing to report

VII. Old Business

- A. Streetlights: T. Maxwell reports that customers near streetlights on county roads (Lehigh Hill) will be contacted by PUD and asks for a motion to remove those lights from our bill by the end of February. Additional lights around town may also be shut off, two on the George Town area, and on 5th and in the alley behind 5th. Council will flag the streetlights to be considered to inform the residents. Maintenance, M. Rice commented from a maintenance position that the light needs to be left on for plowing. A motion to approve the lights to be turned off on Lehigh Hill Road by F. Maxwell and seconded by M. Lockwood. Motioned approved.
- B. Passed due Wastewater accounts: We can send them to collection after being notified and abiding to town ordinances.
- C. M. Lockwood presentation on new Town website, plans to add important public records available, and set up Email addresses for council, mayor, and clerk's office. Council will need to vote on the cost of the website but M. Lockwood is looking for the most affordable and efficient plan, estimated to be between \$11.00 to \$20.00 a month. Needs Mayor to register with get.gov. May be up and running February or March.
- D. Amended signers on Wheatland Bank Money Market Account: B. McAnerin spoke with the bank Manager Kimberly Legarza who recommends we consider purchasing Certificate of Deposits to benefit from the interest rates. Town council approve signers Sam McGeorge, Fran Maxwell, and Blake

McAnerin on the Money Market Account. Motioned to approve new signers, B. McAnerin, seconded by S. McGeorge. Motioned approved.

VIII. New Business

- A. Fiscal sustainability of Wastewater: considering the pending loans an increase of wastewater fee to be considered for 2027. Future town hall meeting to discuss with the public.
- B. M. Lockwood gave a video presentation of the proposed website.

IX. Break for executive meeting Time: 8:30pm

Resumed second half of public meeting at 10:00pm

- A. B. McAnerin motioned to correct employee pay based on written and verbal contracts from former Mayor T. Leininger and employees M. Rice and E. Estrada Seconded S. McGeorge with the caveat increment payments be in line with the budget and the Clerk\treasurer needs more hours to complete the work and will be discussed as part of the budget amendment. Maintenance at \$26.78 Clerk\Treasurer \$22.50. M. Rice forgoes any arrears E. Estrada does not.

Meeting Adjourned

Time: 10:10pm

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: February 10, 2025 – 7:00pm

Sherice McAnerin Mayor

Attested:

Edward Estrada Clerk/Treasurer