

**Town of Metaline Falls**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 10, 2025 - 7:00pm**

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 F. Maxwell, Mayor Pro Tem.  
Council Members – B. McAnerin, S. McGeorge, M. Lockwood; T. Maxwell  
Maintenance Director M. Rice and Clerk/Treasurer E. Estrada.
  
- II. A. POC Sheriff Blakeslee – Reports 4 reported incidents 1 Civil, 1 juvenile Problem, 2 Suspicious Circumstance. While in Olympia Blakeslee spoke with our legislatures, Shelly Shore and Hunter Abel, who asked him to remind the citizens of Pend Oreille County to continue to weigh in on all the bills and to be effective in our States government. Voting program has run into a snag; registration fees for boats or vessels from 1/3 to 1/4, will be the only funding available this year. There is a conflict with federal funding of Parks and recreation. Leaving only the \$6,000 to \$8,000 in boat registration to pay for services on the lakes and rivers. There will be a significant loss in services. Hoping issue will be resolved by 2027.  
  
B. FD2 Assistant Chief McAnerin – Reports 179 total Fire District 2 calls for service 9 EMS calls in Metaline Falls. Last January we had 16 calls for service. Reminds all today is the last day to vote for Fire District 4 to join with FD 2.  
  
C. Commissioner Rosencrants who service on the Rural Resources Board and Chairs the Finance Committee is speaking on the issue of the Kaniksu Village. The board members did a heroic job keeping the Village going. Rural Resources did excellent job getting a grant from the Washington State Housing Trust Fund for the renovations. Pend Oreille County Commissioners twice voted on approving funds, which cost over \$50,000 for the feasibility studies. In two years Metaline Falls will have a brand new 22-unit apartment complex where he will be responsible for financial oversight. Rosencrants will continue to be available to Metaline Falls to answer any questions. He points out that nearly \$5,000,000 will be spent on the property and believes “money will follow money” giving Metaline Falls the opportunity to benefit from this growth. Commissioner Smiley is our local point of contact and intends to be fully engaged. T. Maxwell asked a question regarding the Transportation Benefit District. Rosencrants pointed out the TBD next step will be to get the interlocal agreements with the various town in PO Count to work out the revenue sharing agreements. The TBD once constituted will have three potential revenue sources; sales tax, property tax increase, and license tags. Commissioner Smiley is our area contact person.

- D. Don Gilbert from Pawsitive Outreach is hoping the American Legion will be able to host sometime in April and spay and neuter clinic.
- E. Dan Johnson – is asking to purchase the town’s property, 433921510186, south to his property, 433921510185, to be able to maintain his sewer lines, or if council has a procedure or suggestion to protect his underground sewer lines from town maintenance’s procedure.
- F. Sam McGeorge is speaking on behalf of John Kinney and himself regarding placing a Plaque, at no expense to the town, near the new Toldya-K Japanese Garden/Park in honor of the Kubota’s and the generous contribution of Rodger Aydelotte.

III. Approval of the Previous Meetings:

- A. January 13, 2026 minutes were read by all members, motioned by T. Maxwell, seconded by S. McGeorge. Motioned approved.

IV. Maintenance Report – M. Rice -

- A. Everything is good. No need for snow plowing currently.

- V. A. Clerk/Treasurer Report – E. Estrada reported the bank reconciliation had issues with the Quarterly Report, and end of 2025 year end reporting transaction needing more time to reconcile which was made additionally difficult not being able to log on to our Wheatland Bank Checking account to verify transactions. We have applied for a new USBank Credit Card and have heard back from the processor that the application is in review.
- B. T. Maxwell would like to schedule a budget workshop for February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to discuss the options and input the updates into Springbrook in order to come with an amendment soon after. B. McAnerin Seconded by M. Lockwood, T. Maxwell Seconded by B. McAnerin.
- C. Fiscal Sustainability Plan for the Wastewater Fund due to some of the loans we are taking on, and low beginning balance. Council member M. Lockwood will work on rate adjustments. M. Lockwood will need to work with M. Rice to evaluate the system and conditions of the main elements. We are getting an extension on one of the loans that require the sustainability plan, the project itself is extended. No firm due date. The sooner the better we can submit for the loan and discussion with the public on the increased rate.

- C. Financial Report – As of January 11, 2026,  
\*Claims/Warrants: (#15839 - #15840)/(#15843 - #18853) = **\$155,958.72**  
\*Payroll Warrants: to Council members, EFT Employee pay, Employment Security Dept, WA Cares, Dept. of Retirements, and IRS totaling = **\$8,775.69**  
\*Claims EFT's & EBT's = Laptop, Travel expense, Postage = **\$403.53**  
**Total \$165,137.94**  
\*Wastewater Payments: **\$11,198.95**  
\* Treasurer Receipts: **\$6,335.04**  
**Total \$17,533.99**

VI. Council/Mayor Reports

- A. Fran Maxwell, Position 1 – HR, Policy & Personnel Documents, Insurance and Benefits – Nothing to Report
- B. Mark Lockwood, Position 2 - Water, Electricity, Wastewater, Streets and Sidewalks – Regarding the previously mention loan M. Lockwood will be reaching out to Monte to approximate capital assets and costs to have them built into updating the wastewater bills and forecasting about to burrow.
- C. Sam McGeorge, Position 3 – Parks and Town Properties, Building and Structures - Nothing to Report
- D. Blake McAnerin, Position 4 – Fire and EMS, Code Enforcement - Nothing to Report
- E. Tess Maxwell, Position 5 – Finance, Budget, Ordinances and Policies – is working on utility tax ordinances that tie into the budget amendment hoping for April or sooner.

VII. Old Business

- A. Town's Website – There is a formalized application with "get.gov" to get "Metalinefalls.gov." M. Lockwood will continue to work on the town's email addresses and has trained Sherice McAnerin to edit the website for content. M. Lockwood will continue to volunteer to assist in the development. Treasurer E. Estrada gave M. Lockwood an email regarding the ".gov" registry from Christal at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. He will follow up.

VIII. New Business

- A. Tessin Maxwell - Resolution 2026-01 Authorizing transfer or loan from the General Fund to Wastewater Fund. To fund operation until revenue comes in this year. First option, we need an interfund transfer that will not need to be paid back and will allow transfer not to exceed \$80,000 for a 15-month period. Second possibility, an interfund loan also authorizes loans not to exceed \$80,000. It requires loan rate of interest like other Town loans 5 years at .06%, beginning April 2028. Both options are from the general fund. B. McAnerin motioned to approve discussion on the loan option, seconded by S. McGeorge and F. Maxwell.
- B. Discussion of budget amendment; scheduling of budget workshop Wastewater fiscal sustainability plan. See *above* (V. B and C) Scheduled February 15th, 6:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Time: 7:40pm

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

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Fran Maxwell Mayor Pro Tem

Attested:

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Edward Estrada Clerk/Treasurer