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Monthly Regular Board Meeting
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MEETING MINUTES
Town of Peshtigo Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6 p.m.

1) Call to order: Chairperson Friday called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2) Pledge of Allegiance
3) Roll call: All present
Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Coble, Supervisor Wortner, Supervisor Bergeson, Supervisor Ryder
4) Verification of proper notice: Chairperson Friday verified.
5) Approve agenda: Approved via unanimous consent.
6) Public comment (limited to 3 minutes per person with no time donations from others), please state your name/address: None heard.
7) Announcements:
a. Chairperson Friday attending WTA Workshop this Thursday in Green Bay.
8) Minute approval – Regular Board Meeting 8/18/2026: Approved via unanimous consent.
9) Reports
a. Fire Department: Chief Folgert gave report. 1994 fire engine sold for $11,000 ($9,900 after seller fee), Open House Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 10am-2pm.
b. Constable: Chairperson Friday gave report.
c. Building Inspector: Chairperson Friday gave report. 62 permits YTD.
d. Marinette County: None of the 4 Marinette County representative in attendance. Chairperson Friday gave an update on the lease between Marinette County and City of Marinette for Stephenson Library. UW campus had a survey about the future of the campus, with about a 1% completion rate for the county. Budget is the main talk of the county meetings at this time.
10) Treasurer Report/Investment Report/Budget YTD vs Actual/Budget Amendments: LRIP grant reimbursement of $28k+ was finally received from State of WI. Unanimous consent to approve Treasurer Report.
a. Approve vouchers & payment of bills: Motion to approve (Bergeson/Coble)- 5 yes.
b. Disposition of income from sale of 1994 fire engine: Chairperson Friday recommended allocating the $9,900 to the fire department's capital account. Motion to approve (Coble/Ryder)- 5 yes.
c. Approve Marinette County tax collection service: Motion to approve (Coble/Wortner)- 5 yes.
11) Reinstatement of Ordinance Sec. 2-399: Motion to approve (Friday/Wortner)- 5 yes.
12) Standing Committee updates:
a. Buildings & Grounds – Chairperson Wortner, Vice Chairperson Ryder: Supervisor Wortner updated that a pipe from HVAC was leaking in the hallway, but has since been fixed. Men's bathroom toilets will be installed soon.
i. Sale of garage door: Unable to get in contact with the original bid award, as phone number is incorrect and there was no response via letter. Motion to move onto the next highest bidder, even if lower than $1,500 (Coble/Ryder)- 2 yes, 3 no. Motion failed. Motion to relist at $1,500 first come, first serve, no bid required (Wortner/Bergeson)- Motion carried with 4 yes, 1 no (Coble).
ii. Thompson Park streetlight: Quote from WPS for a street light of $6,000 to prevent a history of vandalism, plus an estimate of $19/month for electricity. No action taken.

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b. Recycling Center – Chairperson Bergeson, Vice Chairperson Coble: Supervisor Bergeson has temporarily added a 2nd dumpster for cardboard/overflow garbage.

c. Roads & Ditches – Chairperson Wortner: Northeast Asphalt has been working on some major, large projects with a special mix of asphalt that cannot be used on our roads. Roosevelt Rd is expected to be completed next week. Grinding of Old Peshtigo Rd is expected to happen next, after Roosevelt Rd.

i. Approve paving quote for McFadden Rd, Lauren Ln, Eagle Nest Ln: Motion to approve Peshtigo Asphalt's quote of $24,182 for blacktopping these 3 roads, to be paid from the BCPL road work loan (Wortner/Bergeson)- 5 yes.

13) PFAS contamination updates: Chairperson Friday has been in contact with Rep. Behnke and Congressman Wied's office regarding the $1.667mil EPA grant and the use eligibility requirements.

a. DNR: Updates uploaded to website, under the water tab. Joint Committee on Finance approved the release of the nearly $10M from DOJ settlement vs. Tyco for this area. Residents in the extended site are expected to receive a letter later this month with further detailed information & items to return to DNR.

b. Tyco: No update.

c. EPA Superfund: Chairperson Friday emailed Erica Aultz of EPA with response "EPA & the WI DNR are working together to determine next steps for the JCI Tyco Fire Technology Center site."

d. Litigation: No update. Still in litigation.

14) Upcoming Meetings

a. Board of Review Meeting Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

b. Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 4 p.m.

c. Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6 p.m.

15) Adjourn: Unanimous consent to adjourn at 6:26pm.

Kayla Okins, Clerk
09/17/2026

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MEETING MINUTES
Town of Peshtigo Special Board Meeting / Budget Workshop
Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 4 p.m.

1) Call to order: Chairperson Friday called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
2) Pledge of Allegiance
3) Roll call: Chairperson Friday, Supervisor Wortner, Supervisor Bergeson, Supervisor Ryder
Supervisor Coble- not present (arrived at 4:27pm)
4) Verification of proper notice: Chairperson Friday verified.
5) Approve agenda: Unanimous consent to approve the agenda.
6) Public comment *(limited to 3 minutes per person with no time donations from others)*, please state your name/address: None heard.
7) Hiring of part-time / per diem Road / Tree / Ditch Worker: Motion to hire a part-time road worker at $20/hour (Friday/Bergeson)- 3 yes, Wortner abstain
8) Budget Workshop *(the following may be discussed / acted upon in no particular order)*
a. 2027 Employee Compensation:
1. Motion to increase Keith Swallow to $35/hour (Wortner/Bergeson)- 4 yes
2. Motion to increase Jeff Maney to $29/hour (Wortner/Bergeson)- 4 yes
3. Motion to increase Brendan Kaempf to $23/hour (Wortner/Bergeson)- 4 yes
4. Motion to give COLA to Kathy Brandt & remove PTO hours. (Friday/Ryder)- 4 yes
5. Motion to give COLA to Bob Eggener (Bergeson/Wortner)- 4 yes
6. Motion to increase Alan Irving, Wayne Kamka, and Aric Lund to $18/hour (Bergeson/Wortner)- 4 yes
7. Motion to increase Rebecca Archambault to $21/hour (Wortner/Bergeson)- 4 yes
8. Motion to increase all election inspectors to $15/hour (Friday/Ryder)- 4 yes
9. Motion to increase the following to $30 per member, per meeting: Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Fire Commission, and Plan Commission (Friday/Ryder)- 4 yes

b. 2027 Recycling Center Fee Schedule: No changes made.
c. 2027 User Fee Schedule: No changes made.
d. 2027 Town Attorney Fee Increase: No increase.

Supervisor Coble joined meeting at 4:27pm.

e. Robert E Lee Landfill Testing Contract for 2027: Motion to approve (Wortner/Ryder)- 5 yes.
f. Town Hall New Flooring: Motion to approve Berth and Rosenthal, Inc $24,888 for new flooring, to be finished in 2027 (Wortner/Ryder)- 5 yes
g. Tractor Replacement: Motion to approve purchase of tractor, not to exceed $200,000 to be paid out of LGIP Road account. Town's 2 other tractors will be sold/traded-in, with any income retuning into that same account (Wortner/Bergeson)- 5 yes
h. Equipment Storage Shed: Motion to approve purchase of shed, not to exceed $50,000 (Wortner/Bergeson)- 5 yes.
i. Recycling Center Road Repair Plan: Motion to patch & seal coat road leading into Recycling Center, not to exceed $13,000 to be paid out of LGIP Recycling account (Bergeson/Coble)- 5 yes
j. Road Maintenance Plan: Motion for all remaining BCPL loan money and accrued interest to be used on for road work in 2027- roads TBD (Friday/Bergeson)- 5 yes
k. Proposed 2027 Budget: No action. Board members and treasurer reviewed and edited the budget.

9) Plan for future budget discussion if needed
10) Adjourn: Unanimous consent to adjourn at 5:53pm.

Kayla Okins, Clerk
10/20/2026

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Town of Peshtigo Fire Department Report to the Town Board
October 20, 2026

8 Calls since the September 15th, 2026 Monthly Town Board meeting:

Sept. 16th	W3206 County X, Wagner, MABAS Structure Fire Assist
Sept. 23rd	N1144 Shore Drive, Water Rescue – Canceled Enroute
Sept. 30th	U.S. Hwy 41 at County T. Vehicle Crash
October 1st	N3823 Malinowski Rd., Tree Burning on Powelines
Oct. 2nd,	W1250 Madsen Rd., EMS Assist
Oct. 11th	U.S. Hwy 41 at County B Overpass, Vehicle Crash
Oct. 12th	W2538 County B, Lightning Strike with Downed Lines and Fire
Oct. 18th	N2799 Kozuzek Rd., Electrical Outlet Fire

Apparatus and Equipment Status:

- Pump testing was successfully completed for Engine 207.
- Brush 1 body work was completed that resulted from a deer collision.

Fire Prevention, Education and Community Involvement:

- A very successful open house was held on Saturday, October 3rd.
- Rides to school in a fire truck were provided to two lucky Peshtigo students during fire prevention week.

Training:

- Water tender and dry fire hydrant training was conducted on Sept. 21st for 12 firefighters.
- Chief Folgert attended a two- day MABAS annual conference in Stevens Point.
- Chief Folgert and Asst. Chief Seils attended Fall Fire Safety training conducted by DSPS.
- Vehicle extrication training was conducted on Monday, Oct. 19th. Thanks to 180 Auto towing for donating the vehicles to practice on.

Fund Raising & Donations:

- Accepted a $500 donation from Russ and Jean Martin.
- Accepted a $713 donation from The Windjammer resulting from their 9-11 tribute gun raffle.
- A limited supply of TOPFD Supporter T-Shirts are still available for $25 each.

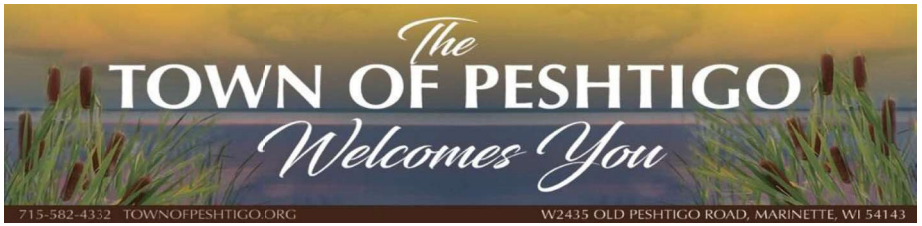
Personnel:

- **Ethan Mileski**, who resides in Menominee but works in Marinette, was hired as a probationary firefighter.
- One new firefighter hire is pending notification of successful pre-employment medical testing.
- Our roster currently stands at 22 volunteer firefighters. We are currently accepting applications.

Mike Folgert
Fire Chief

September 2026 Constable Report

09/01	Animal abuse
09/01	Dog problem with neighbors
09/04	Disturb the peace
09/06	Stray cat
09/07	Aggressive dogs at large
09/13	Found dog
09/18	Stray cats
09/21	Stray dog
09/21	Loose horse
09/29	Campaign signs
09/30	Trespass



TREASURER'S REPORT
October 2026

		Begin	Deposits/Interest	Withdrawals	Ending	Outstanding Receipts	Outstanding Deposits	Register Balance
BMO Checking Account	7013	52,052.26	749,558.65	(766,445.64)	35,165.27	(11,670.90)	-	23,494.37
BMO Payroll Checking	7734	5,298.87	18,515.00	(19,300.29)	4,513.58	-		4,513.58
BMO Plantinum MM	6811	384,583.42	28,937.95	(37,522.00)	375,999.37	1,024.66	-	377,024.03
BANK TOTALS		**441,934.55**	**797,011.60**	**(823,267.93)**	**415,678.22**	**(10,646.24)**	**-**	**405,031.98**
Change Fund		**215.00**	**-**	**-**	**215.00**	-	-	**215.00**
Fire Dept Equipment		290.60	0.91	-	291.51			291.51
Roads		221,913.95	695.15		222,609.10			222,609.10
Capital Outlay - Mach & Equip		58,607.13	183.59		58,790.72			58,790.72
Recycling		13,363.17	41.86		13,405.03			13,405.03
BCPL Loan		2,382,442.67	6,002.56	(699,337.54)	1,689,107.69			1,689,107.69
LGIP TOTAL		**2,676,617.52**	**6,924.07**	**(699,337.54)**	**1,984,204.05**	-	-	**1,984,204.05**
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS		**3,118,767.07**	**803,935.67**	**(1,522,605.47)**	**2,400,097.27**	**(10,646.24)**	**-**	**2,389,451.03**

Jodi Maney
Treasurer
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Outlook

Could you share a message about Great Lakes restoration funding with Rep. Wied?

From Andrew Werthmann <andrew@wiwf.org>
Date Tue 10/6/2026 3:46 PM
To Town of Peshtigo Chair <topchair@townofpeshtigo.wi.gov>

Hello Chairperson Friday,

I hope you're doing well. By way of introduction, I'm a 17-year city council member in Wisconsin. Outside my elected role, I work with the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation on Great Lakes restoration, helping local elected leaders share their perspectives and their communities' priorities for federal Great Lakes restoration funding. It's in that capacity that I'm writing today.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is a federal, multi-agency program that works with state, Tribal, local, and other partners to protect and restore the Great Lakes. It supports work such as cleaning up contaminated sites and sediment, preventing and controlling invasive species, reducing polluted runoff, restoring habitat and fisheries, and providing the monitoring and science needed to guide future restoration. In practical terms, those projects help protect clean water, fish and wildlife, recreation, and the communities and local economies connected to the lakes.

GLRI remains established in federal law, but its authorization of appropriations ran through fiscal year 2026, which ended September 30. The House and Senate have each passed GLRI reauthorization measures, but because the measures differ, Congress must still agree on identical language before reauthorization can become law. Rep. Wied cosponsored the House GLRI Act of 2025 and later voted for the American Water Stewardship Act when it passed the House; both measures include GLRI reauthorization.

In Wisconsin, this work helps protect Green Bay and Lake Michigan as part of the broader restoration effort across the Great Lakes. Clean water supports fisheries, boating, beaches, harbors, tourism, and quality of life throughout the Eighth District. The connection reaches inland communities as well, because residents use these waters and local economies are tied to the region's outdoor economy.

Would you be willing to send an email or a short letter to Rep. Wied's office sharing why Great Lakes restoration and clean water matter to your community? It could simply explain why continued federal support for GLRI and related clean-water programs matters and encourage Rep. Wied to keep prioritizing this work. If you'd like to take part, just reply and I'll put together a draft for you to review, along with the appropriate staff contact.

For a fuller look at GLRI's history and the bipartisan support behind it, I've included a recent article by Mike Shriberg of the University of Michigan below.

Thank you for considering this, and for all you do to serve your community.

Andrew

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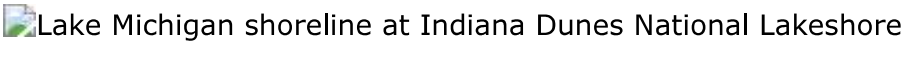
ARTICLE

Most Americans support conservation – here's how the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative got politicians from both parties on board too

Mike Shriberg, University of Michigan | July 20, 2026



Lake Michigan shoreline. Yinan Chen / Good Free Photos, Public Domain.

In a time of political polarization, it's easy to forget that the vast majority of Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs – 80% or more, depending on the poll – value environmental conservation. However, this support is not easily or often translated into successful, popular initiatives.

One success story is the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Since 2010, it has provided over US$5 billion to improve the quality of the region's environment, with an overarching goal of cleaning up the water in the Great Lakes watershed. And it has survived multiple attempts to reduce its funding or eliminate it altogether.

As a water policy and politics expert and a former leader in the Great Lakes advocacy community who has worked on and analyzed the initiative, I worked with environmental historian and Great Lakes expert Marc Gaden along with a team of graduate students to comprehensively assess the initiative and determine useful lessons learned for other projects in conservation and beyond.

A bit of background

The Great Lakes contain approximately 20% of the world's available surface freshwater, providing drinking water to over 40 million people in the U.S. and Canada and billions of dollars annually in economic activity and ecological productivity.

Throughout most of the 20th century, the ecosystem in and around the lakes was degraded and contaminated due to raw sewage, industrial waste, invasive species, loss of natural habitats and runoff pollution from development, among other issues.

Many problems remained even after the major environmental and Great Lakes laws of the late 20th century took effect. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has funded more than 8,000 specific projects, focusing on cleaning up especially toxic locations, controlling invasive species, restoring natural habitat and educating the next generation of leaders.

Government reports, public opinion polls, economic analysis and many other accounts suggest that the initiative has not only been successfully implemented and popular but has led to positive results for water quality, habitat restoration and wildlife while boosting the local and regional economy.

Invasive species, like these zebra mussels taken from Lake Michigan, are just one problem plaguing the Great Lakes region’s ecology. AP Photo/John L. Russell.

Deep connection

But these results didn’t happen by accident, and they weren’t inevitable. Our research team identified converging forces, some unique to the Great Lakes but many broadly applicable, that led to this success.

Underlying each force is the iconic status of the waters themselves. People in the region feel a deep attachment to the lakes and the quality of life they enable, with more than 50% of residents engaging in walking/hiking, swimming, boating or simply being with family and friends along the lakes. As U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga, Republican co-chair of the Great Lakes Congressional Task Force, said in mid-July 2026: “The Great Lakes aren’t a Republican issue or a Democratic issue. They’re an economic engine, a source of drinking water for millions of people, and part of our way of life here in Michigan. Protecting them is something we can all rally around.”

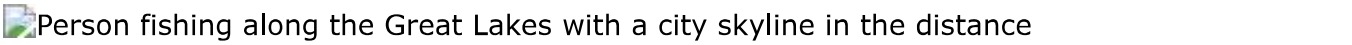
A 2024 poll of a random sample of more than 2,500 Americans and Canadians found 96% of the region’s residents think it’s important for governments to invest in protecting the Great Lakes – a level of near-unanimity unheard of for other issues.

A prominent launch

Shared identity and popular support are not enough to launch a major government effort without a spark and a plan.

In 2004, President George W. Bush – in part driven by the swing state electoral power of the Great Lakes region – signed an executive order declaring the Great Lakes to have “national significance” and launching the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy.

Developed over the course of a year through work groups involving more than 1,500 people combined with public input sessions, the strategy laid out common goals for restoration and prioritized a list of needs, such as funding to clean up toxic hot spots and sewage overflows, which was critical to securing congressional support for funding.



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Fishing, even in cold temperatures, is popular in the Great Lakes region. AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh.

Diverse allies

A plan for restoration – even for an iconic resource – will not garner billions of dollars in federal funding without significant bipartisan support from all levels of government and strong community support.

Those speaking up for the new program were "not simply one group or one voice. It was governors, mayors, the NGO community and tribes," David Naftzger, executive director of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers, which works with all the chief state and provincial executives across the region, told our research team.

Business leaders have been particularly crucial backers. They relay to lawmakers the economic value of restoration projects, providing political cover for a program that increases government spending.

The broad range of support continues today and has helped the initiative weather various efforts to reduce or eliminate its funding.

Most famously, in 2019, President Donald Trump proposed cutting the initiative's funding by 90%. Three weeks later, while traveling with Trump to a political rally in Michigan, three Michigan congressional Republicans explained how critical the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is to the region's identity and economy, and how popular it is.

At the rally, Trump reversed course and announced he would support keeping funding levels at US$300 million per year, promising to "make the Great Lakes great again."

At a Washington, D.C., event celebrating the Great Lakes in 2023, I saw JD Vance, then a Republican U.S. senator from Ohio, and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Michigan Democrat, proclaim that while they may not agree on much, they are united in their support for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

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Algae blooms, like this one in Lake Erie in 2014, have been common problems in the Great Lakes. AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari.

Clear communication

Our analysis found that initiative supporters have been organized and disciplined about how they talk about the program and the overall goals. State officials, local leaders, tribal nations, nonprofit groups and businesses all deliver a "coordinated, consistent kind of beating of the drum," Erika Jensen, executive director of the Great Lakes Commission, told our research team.

This includes not only the many positive stories of success but also the economic benefits. A University of Michigan study that showed the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative boosts the

region's economic output by more than $3 for every dollar of federal spending is used often to make this case.

These coordinated messages allow political leaders to tie the initiative into their priorities and build support across diverse audiences. One key reason for this kind of powerful communication is that the initiative funds work in every congressional district in the Great Lakes watershed, so every member of Congress in the region can say they brought home federal money to make significant improvements in their own districts.

'Secret sauce'

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative pays for community-based work on local lands and waterways – it does not regulate industries or tread into particularly controversial territory.

Everywhere has places that need help, cleanup and care. These ecosystems are relatively easy to build support for, and when connected with other projects across a wide region, these smaller efforts can make a significant difference in environmental quality and quality of life while building political and community support for even bigger undertakings.

I believe that many of the core lessons and converging forces that make up the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative's "secret sauce" can be applied not only to the future of the Great Lakes but to conservation initiatives across the U.S. and the world. And they may even be able to help restore bipartisanship to at least some parts of U.S. politics.

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October 20, 2026

The Honorable Tony Wied
1702 Scheuring Road, Suite B
De Pere, WI 54115

Subject: Supporting Great Lakes Restoration and Safe Drinking Water

Dear Congressman Wied,

On behalf of the Town of Peshtigo Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our strong support for your continued leadership in protecting Northeast Wisconsin's water resources. As a cosponsor of the GLRI Act of 2025 (H.R. 284), you have demonstrated a strong commitment to preserving our region's most precious natural asset. As Congress works to renew GLRI, we urge you to support the $500 million annual funding goal through Fiscal Year 2031 proposed in H.R. 284 and to provide that funding through annual spending bills. GLRI funding supports work to reduce polluted runoff and restore Great Lakes watersheds, complementing the broader clean-water efforts that rural communities need to protect drinking water.

Unlike communities with centralized municipal water systems, our residents rely entirely on private wells drawing directly from local aquifers. Because these wells draw from local groundwater, regional pollution, agricultural runoff, and watershed degradation present immediate, decentralized threats that individual property owners cannot mitigate alone.

While private wells are the responsibility of individual homeowners, our local government relies heavily on federal frameworks to protect our broader environmental health. Sustained federal clean-water support can help our regional partners and county conservation districts meet needs such as:

- Runoff & Watershed Protection: Implementing agricultural best practices, soil stabilization, and sediment reduction programs to reduce soil loss and limit pollutants reaching streams and groundwater.
- Groundwater Safeguards: Conducting professional water-table modeling and mapping to better understand local aquifer conditions and support long-term drinking water planning.
- Well Safety Support: Providing critical local public health outreach, baseline well-testing resources, and educational materials directly to our rural property owners.

We deeply appreciate your recent work supporting Northeast Wisconsin's environmental resiliency. For rural, well-dependent communities like ours, regional programs like the GLRI help protect shared waters and complement the broader effort to keep drinking water safe. We look forward to seeing this critical legislation advance to ensure our local waters remain safe, clean, and secure.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Friday
Town of Peshtigo Chairperson

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