



OFFICIAL NOTICE & AGENDA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING: Historic Preservation Commission
DATE/TIME: Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Board Room
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Blake Opal-Wahoske (C) Keene Winters
Christine Martens (VC) Jeffry Klapperich
Bruce Trueblood Brad Lenz
Dave Oberbeck (Ex Officio)
Patrick Bacher Bill Hebert
Aaron Griner (Ex Officio)

1 Discussion and possible action.

- a. Certificate of Appropriateness for the Egyptian Mausoleum located on 1701 Grand Ave, Wausau (Charles Peth and Krause Construction)
- b. Certificate of Appropriateness for 329 N 4th St, Wausau (Bread or Dead/The Pinery LLC)
- c. Certificate of Appropriateness for 903 Franklin St, Wausau (Blake Opal-Wahoske)

2 Adjournment.

Blake Opal-Wahoske, Chair

NOTICE POSTED AT CITY HALL (407 GRANT STREET) AND TRANSMITTED TO THE OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED NEWSPAPER

DATE: July 15, 2026
TIME: 5:00 pm
POSTED BY: Samantha Kulig

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APPLICATION TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Wausau, Wisconsin

for a

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Property Owner's Name: Charlie (Charles) Pet H

Property Owner's Home Address: 227211 Cliffside Ct. Wausau WI Zip 54401

Daytime Telephone No.: (cell) 715-551-8360

Address of Subject Property: 1701 Grand Ave. Wausau WI 54403 (Museum)

Name/Address/Phone Number of Applicant: _____ Zip _____
(if different from property owner)

Phone: _____

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17. Other (Specify): _____

(over)

DESCRIBE IN GENERAL TERMS THE NATURE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED (please print and attach additional sheets if necessary):

See attachment

(PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE)

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The mausoleum building was built in 1912 and contains approximately 300 individual crypts. The exterior of the building is reinforced concrete, granite and Bedford stone. There are two roof sections over the building. One portion is tile and the flat roof is copper (photo attached). Over the years I have had a number of different contractors do roof repairs on the 100 year old tile portion of the roof in hopes of trying to stop the water from leaking into the building without much success. Most recently I had Kulp do some fairly significant repair work and the roof is still leaking. I recently learned however of Krause Konstruktion who is currently doing major roof repairs to the slate roof on the Woodson History Center and I gave them a call. I met with Jason Krause, at the mausoleum, a few weeks ago and after a lengthy discussion we concluded that the only real fix is to replace this 100 + year old roof(s). On the tile roof portion Krause will remove the existing tiles, replace the material under the the tiles, put down ice and water shield and reinstall the original tiles. I believe on the flat copper portion of the roof we will be putting down a rubber membrane for the price of copper is now price prohibitive from again putting down copper. This portion of the roof however is not visible so it will not detract from the original appearance or the building. I have attached Krause Konstruktion's quote for your information.

013/26

P.O. BOX 355 Coon Valley, WI 54623

krauseko@mwt.net

We hereby submit specifications for: tile roof and flat roofs

1. Remove all roofing materials from entire roof.
2. Replace any missing or rotten wood.
3. Install synthetic high temp. Ice and water shield to entire sloped roof surfaces.
4. Install shop fabricated 16 oz. copper Flashings and trim.
5. Install 16 oz. copper valleys and counter flashings.
6. Reinstall tile using copper nails.
7. Install EPDM fully adhered rubber roofing on flat roofs.

Price: \$ 96,780.00

Tile roof \$63,320.00

2 Flat roofs \$33,460.00

Thank You

Jason Krause

**** Insured ****

**** Grounds cleaned daily ****

Payment to be made as follows:	Payable upon completion
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Wausau Pilot 5/07/1912

Mausoleum is Nearing Completion

New Structure to be a Fitting Resting Place For the Dead

Very few people in Wausau, perhaps, are aware of the fact that this city in a very short time will have a community or public mausoleum, a building erected and arranged for the purpose of putting to rest the bodies of our dead, and that Wausau is the first city in this state, in which a mausoleum of this stature has been erected. Several other cities have also adopted this plan of buryial, but it will be some time before the propsed buldings are finished and ready for use. That the burying of the dead in mausoleums is not a modern idea or latter day innovation is proven by history, the ancient Egyptians and other like civilized peoples did so even better than it is possible for our present civilization to do. Our own present day practice of earth burial has come down to us from the dark or middle ages, the grave being an evolvment of barbarism, that has been the only method of burial within the reach of people of limited means. Only the few very rich being able to entomb their dead. not many years ago the community mausoleum was perfected, which since then has come to be considered the only sanitary and humane method of burial, and is being adopted by communities all over the country. When considering the cost of an ordinary size lot in the cemetery, the digging of the grave, the coping and markers, finally the erection of a suitable monument and maintenance of the lot and the monument an interment in a

community mausoleum is easily within the reach of any person in moderate circumstances. These facts were the immediate cause why Wausau now has a mausoleum; a number of our citizens having been considerate enough to advance sufficient funds to insure the completion of the building, and give our citizens an opportunity to lay to rest their deceased relatives and friends in a mausoleum and no longer in the open grave.

The building which is nearing its completion is of a very imposing nature. It has been erected in the northeast corner of Pine Grove cemetery and is not visible from Grand avenue. The material used in its construction is Bedford sand stone and concrete. The interior is arranged in four rows of crypts or burial places, which face on the two aisles that run through the length of the building. There are three hundred and fifty of these crypts, there being five family compartments. The entire inside finish is of white marble, highly polished. The crypts are arranged in rows four high, and each is sealed with a marble slab on which the name and any desired inscription can be placed. A marble ledge runs the length of the aisle, in front of each row of crypts, wide enough and ample enough for the depositing of floral emblems. The aisles or corridors are very spacious and will easily hold the usual number of mourners or attendants at a funeral, this feature being of great importance through the fact that funerals held in winter and stormy weather need not be hurried and the services and final ceremonies over the body be made disagreeable and dismal. The work of placing the marble ledges and slabs is now nearing completion, a number of expert and highly skilled men being engaged in the same. Anyone visiting Pine Grove cemetery should not fail to take a look at the mausoleum. A. C. Schmidt, whose office is in the Ritter & Deutsch block, will be pleased to give any desired information

Wausau Sun 10/17/1912

Mausoleum Dedication

Next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock will take place the dedication of the Pine Grove Mausoleum, at Pine Grove cemetery, at which all of our citizens should take part. The Mausoleum has been built for the purpose of giving our deceased relatives and friends a Christian like burial at a very nominal cost, and our citizens should turn out in large numbers to attend the dedication services. An inspection of the building will take place immediately after the dedicatory services and the advantages of the mausoleum burial will be explained by authorities in the matter. The program for the services are as follows: (deleted from this transcript - see microfilm)

Wausau Sun 4/16/1910

A Mausoleum for Wausau

Local Business Men Promoting Plan for Building to Contain Three Hundred and Fifty Tombs

It is understood that a number of prominent business and professional men of the city have entered upon the promotion of the building of a community mausoleum to contain three hundred and fifty tombs. It is proposed that this tomb of tombs be built of re-inforced concrete with granite or Bedford stone exterior, interior of polished marble with mosaic floors and solid brass doors and window sills. There are but four or five hundred institutions of this kind in the United States and none in Wisconsin. The building is planned to be 66 x 75 feet and 20 feet high and if erected will stand in Pine Grove Cemetery. It will cost \$30,000 and will be the only institution of its kind in the state. An imposing and stately sepulchral monument such as is here outlined, would be an enduring credit to its founders and Wausau pride should see that it becomes a reality.

Source unknown 6/06/1911

For the Dead

F. H. Sievert, a contractor of Bloomville, O., arrived in the city the past week with several car loads of machinery, apparatus and material, which he will use in the construction of Pine Grove mausoleum. He expects to begin work at once, and to have the structure completed by Feb. 1, 1912. The construction of the building will be superintended by A. Parsons, a local architect. Plans for building this structure have been under way for at least a year. It was something new to our people and required time. It is being financed and carried out by home people entirely. It will be the first of its kind to be erected in Wisconsin - another instance of Wausau's progressiveness.

Mr. Sievert, the contractor, has just completed a similar building in Springfield, Ill., close to the Lincoln monument, and is an experienced man in this line of work.

The Wausau Mausoleum will be located in the northeastern part of Pine Grove cemetery, facing the park established in that part of the cemetery, and is a most desirable location. The plans call for a structure of tasty design, built of Monolithic reinforced concrete, faced with Marathon county granite and Bedford stone. The roof will be of glazed tile. The interior will be faced with polished marble, and the floor will be of Mosaic design. All exposed metal work will be of bronze.

The structure will contain 296 individual crypts and five compartments for families. Also a chapel, approximately 20 x 36 feet in size, and two corridors 11 feet wide. The outside dimensions of the building will be 60 x 81 feet. Pipes will lead from each crypt to receptacles which will contain disinfectants that will destroy any gases or other matter. Purchasers of crypts create a perpetual indowment fund, the interest of which is used for maintenance.

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Property Owner's Name: Kaylin Quella

Property Owner's Home Address: 237177 CTH-W Zip 54403

Daytime Telephone No.: 715.432.8309

Address of Subject Property: 329 N 4th Street Wausau WI 54403

Name/Address/Phone Number of Applicant: _____ Zip _____
(if different from property owner) _____ Phone: _____

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DESCRIBE IN GENERAL TERMS THE NATURE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED (please print and attach additional sheets if necessary):

The building will be refreshed with new paint, a tiled storefront and awnings, efficient European-style windows, and updated signage and lighting. These improvements honor the building's history while giving it new life, reflecting the materials and character found throughout downtown Wausau and visual Queue of being a place with good food and hospitality.

<https://accesswd.ca/products/windows/>

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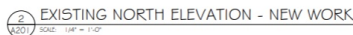
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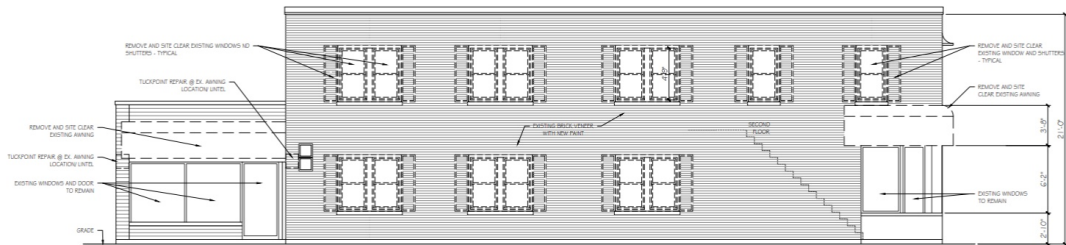
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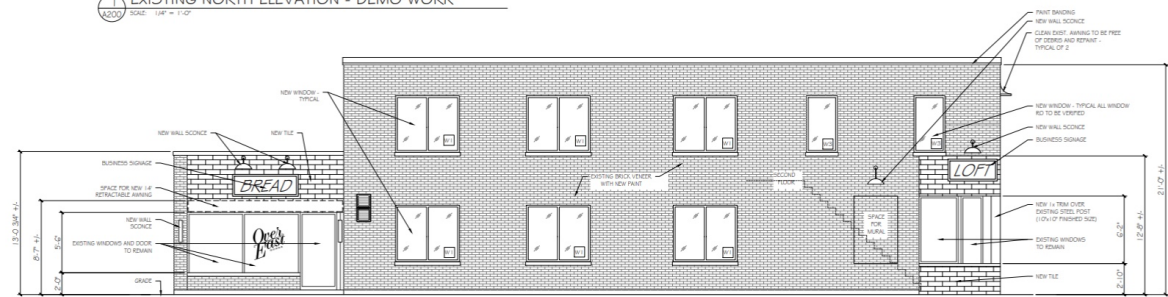
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- CLEAN ALL UNTELS TO BE FREE OF RUST AND DEBRIS, REPAINT AND ALL SEALANT TO PROTECT UNTEL.
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SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



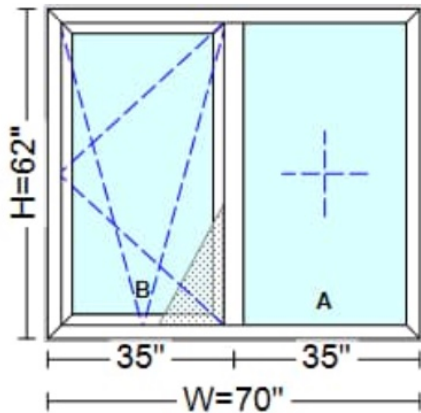
2 EXISTING NORTH ELEVATION - NEW WORK
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

CONTRACTOR NOTE:

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001 - Left First Dining 1

Size:	70" x 62"		
Insect screen:	Standard	Shutters:	
Profile System:	Artevo / White both sides		
Frame:	1555625-Frame 65		
Sash:	1555225-Sash Z64		
Fittings:	Roto NX Hardware - Rehau Artevo		
Glass:	IGU 3.9 A E272/16.0 FED/3.9 A/16.0 FED/3.9 A E180 Clear, 44 mm (1 3/4")		
Installation Holes:	No		
Low-e foil:	Yes		
Drainage Cap Color:	White		
Gear Type:	Roto NX		
Gear Backset:	15 mm		
Hinge:	Roto NX		
Hinge Cover Color:	White		
Handle:	Harmony - Window		
Handle Color:	White		
Restrictor/Brake-Stay:	Arrestable Brake-Stay		
TBT Tilt before Turn:	No		
Supply Shims:	Yes		



Technical Parameters

Surface	30 sq ft
Quantity	1 pcs
Mass (m)	150.09 lb



SW 9505
Frost Bite

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Replacement of existing window due to rot of the window and sill
with 2 window of the same style and look.

* note that the window being replaced is not original to the
house, after conducting research it dates to 1920-30. No photos
have been located of the original window.

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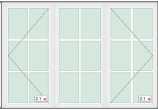
SALES AGREEMENT



Customer Name: Brett Opal Wahoske
Address: 903 Franklin Street,
City/State/Zip: Wausau, WI, 54403
Primary Phone: 7152045277
Secondary Phone: _____
Email Address: bwahoske@gmail.com

Contract Number: D26RW0016
Feldco agrees to provide products and installation
at the address listed.
Customer agrees to the following payment
breakdown:

Initial Deposit \$2,400.00
Upon Final Measurements _____
Upon Completion \$2,400.00
Total Contract Price \$4,800.00

Quantity	Item	Description
1	Other Provia Door 	Item: VINYL WINDOW Endure Window - EN600 Series 629 - 3-Lite Casement (1/3-1/3-1/3) Continuous Frame with T Mullion Construction White Exact Size: 59" x 40" ROTO Hardware White Lock-out Crank Handle INNERGY Thermal Sash Reinforcement Extruded Two Screens (White) with BetterVue Screen Mesh Graphite Foam Insulation Polyfoam Wrap (Four-sided) Sill Extender ComforTech DLA Double Strength Glass (1/8" per pane) 3/4" IG Thickness Colonial (Standard) SDL Grid - 1V x 2H White SDL Grids (External) *Notes:

Notice To Buyer: This order is subject to all of the items set forth on the face and reverse side. By executing this instrument, buyer agrees to all terms and conditions:

(Customer Signature)

(Contractor or Representative Signature)

Brett Opal Wahoske

(Customer Name)

Feldco Factory Direct, LLC

(Name of Contractor's Business)

06/12/2026

(Date)

06/12/2026

(Date)

The LaSalle–Stewart–Evans–Morehead House

903 Franklin Street, Wausau, Wisconsin

A Queen Anne Residence of Architectural, Civic, and Social Significance

Abstract

The residence at **903 Franklin Street** is a highly significant late-nineteenth-century **Queen Anne–style Victorian home with Eastlake influences**, distinguished by its architectural pedigree, early association with master builder **William LaSalle**, long clerical occupancy by **Reverend William Stewart**, and later use as the home of prominent lumbermen, physicians, civic leaders, and political figures. Drawing upon contemporaneous reporting from the *Wausau Daily Herald* and institutional documentation from the **Wisconsin Historical Society** and the **Marathon County Historical Society**, this paper presents a comprehensive, source-driven history of the property from its construction in 1883 through its recognition as a preserved historic home in the late twentieth century.

Introduction

Historic residences often serve as quiet witnesses to community evolution. The house at **903 Franklin Street**, however, stands out for the **extraordinary depth of documentation** associated with it. Over more than a century, the property appears consistently in newspapers, civic records, and institutional histories. Not merely as an address, but as a setting for **architectural innovation, religious leadership, political engagement, military service, social life, and preservation advocacy**.

Few homes in Wausau can be traced with such clarity across successive eras of the city's development.

Architectural Design and Construction (1883)

The house at 903 Franklin Street was **designed and built in 1883 by William LaSalle**, a well-known builder and contractor whose work helped shape Wausau's late-nineteenth-century residential landscape. LaSalle was responsible for numerous notable buildings in what is now recognized as Wausau's **Warren District**, and this residence reflects his command of the **Queen Anne style**, incorporating Eastlake-influenced detailing.

Architectural characteristics include:

- Asymmetrical massing
- Steeply pitched and varied rooflines
- Decorative woodwork consistent with Eastlake aesthetics
- A scale and layout suited to both formal entertaining and family life

Although LaSalle constructed the house **for himself and his family**, he lived there for only **two years**, establishing the property as both a personal residence and a showcase of his architectural approach.¹

Early Occupancy: The Stewart Clerical Era (1885–1900)

Following LaSalle's departure, the home entered one of its most formative periods under the occupancy of **Reverend William Stewart**, pastor of **First Presbyterian Church**, and his wife **Susan Stewart**.

The Stewart family resided at 903 Franklin Street from **1885 to 1900**, during a period when the home functioned as both a private residence and a center of religious and social life. Reverend Stewart brought his family to Wausau upon assuming leadership of the First Presbyterian Church. Although he **died in 1885 while visiting friends in Philadelphia**, his widow and family continued to reside in the house for another fifteen years. Mrs. Stewart remained in Wausau until her death in **1908**.²

The extended Stewart occupancy firmly established the house as a place associated with **community leadership, hospitality, and moral authority** during Wausau's formative years.

Transition and Prominent Ownership (Early–Mid 20th Century)

During the twentieth century, the house passed through the ownership of several individuals who were deeply connected to Wausau's economic and professional life. Institutional records identify residents and owners including:

- **Theophilus Smith**, lumberman
- **Benjamin D. Stone**, lumber businessman
- **W. Richard Stone**, lumber businessman
- **Gordon McEachren**, lumber businessman
- **Dr. G. F. Pileggi**, physician
- **Dr. Richard Morehead**, physician
- **Christian Schock**³

These owners reflect Wausau's economic base during the lumber era and its transition into a professionalized twentieth-century city.

Domestic Life, Social Use, and Rental History

Contemporaneous newspaper reporting from the *Wausau Daily Herald* reveals that throughout the early and mid-twentieth century, 903 Franklin Street was an **active and adaptable household**. Classified advertisements and society columns document:

- Furnished rooms offered for rent
- Employment of domestic help
- Sale of household furnishings
- Hosting of dinners, bridge parties, and club meetings
- Use of the home for church-related and civic gatherings⁴

These accounts indicate a large, well-appointed residence capable of accommodating extended family life, guests, and social functions—consistent with its Queen Anne design.

The Evans Family and Mid-Century Civic Life

One of the most visible chapters in the home's history occurred during the residency of **John E. Evans and his family** in the mid-twentieth century.

Political and Civic Engagement

John E. Evans, residing at 903 Franklin Street, was prominently involved in Wausau's civic and political life. Newspaper coverage identifies him as:

- A Democratic candidate for Congress
- A candidate for Mayor of Wausau
- An organizer and spokesperson for public initiatives
- A leader in organizations such as the March of Dimes and local educational efforts⁵

The house functioned as Evans's primary residence during his campaigns, tying the property directly to mid-century political discourse in Wausau.

Family Life and Fire Incident

Family life at the house is vividly illustrated in a widely reported incident in which **eight-year-old John E. Evans Jr. detected smoke and alerted his family**, allowing them to escape a potentially fatal fire. Firefighters later credited the child's actions with saving lives, noting significant smoke damage but no loss of life.⁶

This episode underscores both the lived-in nature of the home and its survival through adversity.

Military Service and National Context

The house is also associated with national history through **Pfc. John H. Treviranus Jr.**, a resident of 903 Franklin Street, who served in the Korean War. Newspaper reports document his receipt of a **Bronze Star Medal** and a **Distinguished Unit Citation** for heroism under artillery fire.⁷

Such accounts connect the domestic history of the house to broader twentieth-century American military service.

Preservation Recognition and Late Twentieth-Century Legacy

By the late twentieth century, 903 Franklin Street had become widely recognized as a **historic and architecturally significant property**. The home:

- Was included in historic home tours
- Appeared in preservation-focused newspaper features
- Received a **Historic Preservation Award** during Wausau's Beautification Week for architectural integrity, landscaping, and respect for historic context⁸

This recognition reflects a shift from private residence to acknowledged community landmark.

Conclusion

The house at **903 Franklin Street** represents an exceptional continuity of architectural integrity, civic relevance, and social life. From its construction by master builder **William LaSalle**, through its long clerical residency under the Stewarts, and into the twentieth century as home to lumbermen, physicians, political leaders, and decorated veterans, the property mirrors the evolving identity of Wausau itself.

Documented across more than a century by newspapers and institutional records, the LaSalle–Stewart–Evans–Morehead House stands as a rare example of a residence whose **architectural significance is matched by its richly documented human history**.

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