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A handmade sign marks the site of the lost Door County community of Salona.

Town aims to buy long-gone historic site

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An all-but-vanished community in southern Door County is the focus of an effort to create a historical property was discussed this month by the Clay Banks Town Board.

Supervisors voted to approach the heirs to the estate of Edgar A. Gregerson Jr. in an attempt to acquire a slightly more than one acre (1.05) parcel at the intersection of County U and Salona Road.

A handmade sign visible to northbound traffic

on County U marks the spot where Salona once stood. The sign indicated there was once a general store, a school, and a cheese factory. There was also a post office serving more than 100 homes. Lumber was also an important commodity in Salona in the 19th century.

The community lost residents throughout the 1900s. Today, only one set of buildings remains — a house and barn, along with the sign believed to have been erected by Gregerson.

Clay Banks Town Chairman Myron “Mike”

Johnson said he’s been told the property could also contain an unknown number of neglected graves.

Johnson said he’s discussed informally with the Gregerson family the possibility of acquiring the property and that the heirs are “interested in selling the land to the town.”

Johnson said the issue would likely be discussed at the town’s annual meeting, 6 p.m. April 19, at the town hall located in Vignes, at the intersection of County OO and Shiloh Road.