

Regular Town Board Meeting
December 08, 2025
7:00 p.m.
Lakewood Administrative Building

MEETING called to order by Mike M. at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. Notice of this meeting was posted on the noticeboard at the Administrative Building and the Town of Lakewood Website on December 04, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Mike Musil, Chairperson, Joanne Roy, Supervisor, Jamie Bostwick, Supervisor, Michelle Moczynski, Clerk, James Beno, Treasurer, absent.

Ten citizens attended the meeting.

PLEDGE TO FLAG.

Mike M. announced that the minutes reflect that there was a quorum of the Lakewood Plan Commission present at the meeting. Adrienne Bartels, Tim Barthels and Roger Gieger were present.

Motion by Mike M. to open the meeting to public comments on agenda items. Seconded by Jamie B. All Ayes Motion Carried.
No Comments.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve the Agenda and the Minutes from November 10, 2025. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike M.

- Fiber optics projects are also happening in Forest County. There are currently two companies involved but it will end up being multiple companies, the project that will last a long time, the contractors have accommodated complaints.
- Next year in the Spring and Summer will be going thru the revaluation process, so everyone is aware at that time, we will be paying two assessors at the same time for the same job, our elected assessor will basically not have a job while the contracted assessor is doing all the work, so they both will be paid at the same time, unless we do something about it. Peter basically refused to do the revaluation just so everyone knows, this is not the route the Board wanted to go, he wasn't physically able to do the work, he doesn't like walking and going through the snow or going up and down slippery driveways for assessing duties.
- There is a fire renovation that wants to combine the five fire departments in the towns of Lakewood, Townsend, Doty, Mountain and Riverview that would make a district, we would lose control of our vehicles, our firefighters and the building. Joanne mentioned that we don't want to give them any municipal building, it was never intended to give that building to any other entity. They have goals of doing recruiting, equipment updating, consolidating and reducing redundancies, there is a meeting in the Town of Riverview for the Chairpersons which Mike will attend, they have highlighted all the good things but not mentioned the bad things, some things are good, but not good to give away the building or fire trucks. It's a five-year contract so if we don't like it, we would have to roll everything back and try to re-establish a department again, which is scary. Joanne would like to see the documents. Steve H. reflected on when the concept was first discussed ten years ago and all the down sides of combining. Mike shared that the group is going after a grant to cover some costs involved, but the only way to receive the grant is if the district is established by January 1, 2026, which is only three weeks away.
- Munger Lake Rip-Rap Project permits have been signed; docks will be removed this week. Oconto County may do the project this winter.
- ATV/UTV use has already started on Highway 32, however please wait until the signs have been posted, the permit request is in with the DOT, we are still waiting for that.
- We had an additional meeting couple of weeks ago, we discussed the Community Center and possibly adding two office spaces and selling this building, we are getting a cost estimate to do the work. In April during the Annual meeting we would need elector approval to sell this building once that project is completed, the goal is cut all the utility prices in half and better use out of one space instead of two, have everything under one roof. Also

discussed was updating some ordinances such as no parking, solid waste to reflect current changes and the fee schedule.

Joanne R.

- Nothing currently.

Jamie B.

- The sand/salt pile was moved down to the dump, will be open during dump hours. People are still hiding and sneaking in bulk trash without purchasing tickets, which costs everyone. Please be patient with the snow plow crew, the first snow we had did ice up, he received a lot of calls but they did go out salt and sand but the heavy winds blew everything off, just be patient with the guys they are doing what they can, if you have any questions, call the Town garage and leave a message.

Michelle M.

- Oconto County Sheriff's Office monthly incident report.
- Community Ambulance Service minutes from November 12, 2025.
- Inspection report from Fairway Circle by Duff Leaver. Mike reviewed the property on Oconto County website for the estimated fair market value. The estimated repairs are more than half of fair market value, which is the trigger point for us to possibly request to either have it fixed or raised, he asked Joanne if the Town has ever had a building raised before, they have and this building has been a problem for many, many years already and now has gotten to point where it is worse with no sewer, water, heat, electric or anything, it's at a point where it needs to come down, the owner is currently unavailable, we should go through our attorney for all the legal work that needs to be filed.
- We received the 2012 Bucket truck; I registered it and Fire Truck: plates will be coming. The insurance company was also notified.

REPORTS:

Library: Joanne R.: The Library Board made a by-law change to a board member's three-year term begins on the date of their initial appointed approval by the Town Board. Hoffman Landscaping was the low bidder for snow removal; they will be hired for services this winter. They will be switching platforms they currently use from Carl to Polaris. Would like to Thank Don & Ora Lea Bartels Charity Golf Tournament for donating \$1,000.00 to purchase library books. Staff training was held with Oconto County Sheriff's Department on emergency protocols, procedures and policies. Check at the library for the Community Connections programs offered.

Ambulance: Steve H.: 15 calls last month, 2 in Townsend, 12 in Lakewood and 1 mutual aid to Silvercliff. Ran a class called "Surveying the Streets" which he will run again in the Spring. Friday, they had a violent call, he was struck and had to defend himself, this is happening all with high numbers all over the Country, numbers are growing with violence. Discussion followed with how the calls are handled with the Fire Department and how both would like to see the way the County calls out each department change. He implemented the second crew plan; hopes it will work well. They are going to have a turnover with people retiring, they will be looking for younger people at that time.

Fire Department: Brain K.: 4 calls for service, Chimney fire with Nicolet Fire District, gas leak in Lakewood and 2 structure fires/mutual aid with Wabeno Fire Department. Association paid \$6,000.00 for 4-inch supply hose. New tender has been utilized on two fire calls. New equipment was donated by DePere Fire Department which included a \$3500.00 monitor and new \$300.00 jackets for everyone. New hose, nozzles, valve replacements and 4-inch fittings were ordered for new tender. They are ordering next year's supplies now to beat the 2026 price increases and looking at options for winter fundraisers. Mike inquired about the Dry Hydrants, there is not a lot of road access to the lakes close enough for piping, so only have the two. He also questioned the snow mobile/ATV trails, Brian and Steve both expressed concerns on the multiple accidents that have occurred between Rugg Rd and the bridge, the side of the trail is too soft, they would like to see it repaired, trees cut, rocks removed the other side and maybe some guard rails installed. Sue B. from Paul Bunion was present and will bring the issue back to the club for them to address the problem.

Garage: Michelle M gave report: Work included preparing for snow plowing. Plowing, sanding and equipment maintenance. Would like to Thank the board for the new 2012 Ford Bucket Truck, which is in really good shape, it was formally in California, has lots of compartments for them to utilize and will be great for the safety of the employees when hanging decorations, signs, trimming trees, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEMS: The following items were discussed, and possible action taken. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Plan Commission: **New Business:** None. Short discussion was held on Oconto County Zoning meeting held. **Old Business:** None..
- b. Appointment of the following poll workers for a two-year term starting January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2027: Sharon Flynn, Mary Gardebrecht, Georgia Humphreys, Denise Jackett, Mary Ellen Keller, Jan Liebsch, Nancy Ollendorf, Joyce Stastny, Ginger Szykowny and Tim Warrner.

Motion by Joanne R. to approve the poll workers. Seconded by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

- c. Local Emergency Management Ordinance 11.1400. Gives the Town the ability to determine the state of emergency, authorizing to put people where needed, funds to preserve life and property and establish communications directed by the plan.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve Ordinance 11.1400. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

- d. Resolution 2025-5 Town of Lakewood Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion by Joanne R. to approve and sign the Emergency Operations Plan. Second by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

- e. Alcohol, Beverage Licenses Ordinance 5.2400. Includes all changes from Act 73.

Motion by Joanne R. to adopt 5.2400 Alcohol, Beverage Licenses Ordinance. Seconded by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

FINANCES:

James Beno, Treasurer: Absent. Clerk gave verbal balances as of 12/08/25,

Motion by Jamie B. to pay vouchers. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

Motion by Mike M. to open the meeting to public comments on other matters. Seconded by Jaime B. All ayes motion carried.

Sue B. Would like to know who installed the fence cutting off the trail next the Presbyterian Church. Oconto County closed it off. The State Highway access permit was issued for gravel only due to a flooding problem. The State DOT shut off because no other access permit was issued to cross Highway 32, they looked back at their records, but no permits were found. Mike will give Sue B. some contact information.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jamie B. Seconded by Joanne R. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Moczynski, Clerk.